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WELCOME HOME

SUMMER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER #4

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As we begin week number four of the summer program, we reflect on another fantastic 4th of July celebration in the park. The weather could not have been better. We had a great number of our campers join in on the float as well as walking in the parade. The entertainment for the evening was first rate as always. Then a robust fireworks display ended the evening and sent everyone home with a smile on their face. Week four brings more new and exciting field trips. Tuesday the younger pods will go to the Maine Wildlife park in Gray, ME. On Wednesday we will be going to Ft. Williams in Cape Elizabeth for the first time with the middle pods. Thursday the older pods will head to Pine Point in Scarbrough, ME for a day at the ocean.



The special event of the week is Tie Dye on Friday, July 18th. Please bring your own shirts to tie dye! As a quick reminder to all parents, Friday the 18th will also be an early release day for the rec. Camp will end at 2:00 p.m.

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This week at a glance:

Monday: Regular day of camp

Tuesday: **Maine Wildlife Park Field Trip**
(Younger Pods)

Wednesday: **Ft. Williams Field Trip** (Middle
Pods)

Thursday: **Ocean Field Trip** (Older Pods)

Friday: **Tie Dye Day!**

Also Friday is an Early Release day. 2:00 p.m.

Week #4 Trip Information

A reminder, we will not take sign-ups on the day of the trips!!!

Tuesday, July 15th

Black, Silver, Blue, Gray (pods)

***** Maine Wildlife Park/Ice Cream***** \$15

Departure 9:00 a.m. Return 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16th

Pink, Green, Teal, Lavender, Navy (pods)

***** Ft Williams/Ice Cream ***** \$10

Departure 9:00 a.m. Return 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 17th

Purple, Gold, Red, Orange (pods)

***** Ocean ***** \$10

Departure 9:00 a.m. Return 4:00 p.m.

Trip Notes for week #4

Tuesday, July 15th Maine Wildlife Park

The Maine Wildlife park does **NOT** have a concession stand to buy lunch from. Please make sure that your child has a lunch with them. Label all lunch boxes and water bottles. We will stop for ice cream on the way home, this cost is all ready in your trip registration fee. No additional funds are needed.

This is a walking tour so please remind your child to have comfortable footwear.

Wednesday, July 16th Ft. Williams St. Park.

On this trip your child must bring a lunch as Ft. Williams has no concession stand or restaurant to purchase food at. This day will be a field day event at the site. We will tour the Fort and surrounding grounds and then we will have field games for the entire group. We will stop for ice cream on the ride home and like the other trip, the cost of the ice cream is included in your registration fee. No additional money is needed.

Thursday, July 17th Ocean (Pine Point)

There is a snack shack at Pine Point where they can buy lunch, however it can be expensive. We recommend that you pack a lunch if at all possible. Also the beach makes for a sandy ride home so a change of dry shirt or clothes is not a bad idea.

We hope all these tips help in making your child's field trip a good one.

TIE DYE Day
Friday, July 18th



If your child would like to participate in this Friday's Tie Dye day they need to bring their own white T-Shirt. We will not have shirts for the campers, you must bring your own.

We will supply all the items needed for this event i.e. bottles, dyes, rubber bands, and baggies to bring the shirts home.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures.

This summer, due to on campus construction, drop-off will be a little different. You will now enter at the Mountainside/SAU 9 office entrance and proceed by the elementary school and loop around the propane tanks at the end of the parking lot. Mike and Todd will do daily check in at the Football Tower area each day. Once checked in you will proceed to the side entrance to drop your child off. (Same spot as last year). Please be aware that this is still a two way road and cars will be entering as well. **We recommend, if at all possible, that your child or children exit your car on the passenger side next to the sidewalk!!!** Obviously, to try and keep the entering lane clear.

Pick-up will be the same as last year, you will proceed out behind the Mountainside school where you will meet a staff member who will call for your child. Please stop and ask for your child so that we may learn names and faces of whom is getting picked up. Then you continue along the playground fence down to where your child will be dismissed off the playground. Please stay in your vehicle so that we can expedite this process. Our staff will be more than happy to help your child into the car. You will then circle the parking lot and exit at the same spot where you dropped off.

Please make every attempt to pick-up your child during the dismissal time slot. We do understand that there will be exceptions such as appointments etc. If you pick up prior to dismissal time, please contact the office. This should be done at least fifteen minutes prior to when you are picking up your child. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

On trip days, we will post the time of return on our social media pages. If you arrive before the trip has returned, please park in the lot and once the bus has returned. Please stay in your car, and we will bring your child to you.

As it happens every year, our lost and found pile grows by the day. After the first week we may spread those items out in the parking lot so please take a look after you have picked up your child. **Please label everything they bring to camp. Shirts, towels, lunch boxes, and especially water bottles and sun screen bottles.**

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with these procedures.

Trip Policies/Day Camp Policies

Dear Parents, as stated in the camper handbook, we remind you that there should be no cell phones or electronic devices brought to camp. This also carries over to our weekly field trips. For reasons of safety and chances of loss or theft, we require that these devices be left at home.

We also want to remind campers NOT to bring any personal toys or items to camp. They become a distraction, not only to the camper but to those around them as well. As stated in the handbook, we are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Trip Registrations

Each week in the newsletter we will post the destination, cost, and departure time of the next week's upcoming trips. Sign-ups begin the Friday before and you must register online. Some of our trips are number sensitive so we will not take sign-ups on the day of the trips. There are different payment options, but registration is the first and most important part of this process. You may only register a week in advance for a trip, we do not accept a blanket registration for the summer. Please make sure you register for the correct trip, with the correct POD color your child is in.

Also on trip day, please note the departure time of the trip, we will not wait as our arrival at each trip location is time sensitive. Your child must wear their camp t-shirt (2025 version). This is for their safety and this is not an option. Your child's shirt remains on the camper at all time on the trips, even in the water so that we may find them at a moments notice. No shirt, no trip. We do not have extras for sale or for rent on a trip. Again, this is for your child's safety and we will hold firm on this policy!!!

If your child has any issues with car or motion sickness, please give us a heads up so that we may have them sit in the front of the bus to help ease this issue. In the event we go to a water park please let us know if your child is not a strong swimmer. We will make sure that they have a float device from either the park itself or one we bring from the Rec. Dept. We ask that you communicate anything that can help make their experience better.

Make sure your child has all the necessary items for each particular trip; swimsuit, sun screen, and towel for water trips. Also an extra dry shirt for the ride home.

Home lunch or money for lunch on every trip. Labeled lunch boxes and water bottles.

The amount of money a child should bring is up to you, however, keep this in mind. There is no need for money other than the purchase of the child's own lunch. We have a camp policy to avoid gift shops at all parks we attend. So there is no need to send money for that.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 TRIP SCHEDULE

****Campers will find out which color pod they are in on the first day of Camp****

Black, Blue, Silver, Grey *(K-1st)		Teal, Green, Pink, Lavender, Navy *(2nd-4th)	
♦ Tuesday (7/1) Story Land -----	\$35	♦ Wednesday(7/2) Story Land -----	\$35
♦ Tuesday (7/8) Polar Caves & Ice Cream --	\$20	♦ Wednesday(7/9) Aquaboggan -----	\$27
♦ Tuesday (7/15) Maine Wildlife Park -----	\$15	♦ Wednesday(7/16) Ft. Williams -----	\$10
♦ Tuesday (7/22) Clark's Bears -----	\$28	♦ Wednesday (7/23) Fisher Cats-----	\$12
♦ Tuesday (7/29) Ft. Williams-----	\$10	♦ Wednesday (7/30) Ocean-----	\$10
♦ Tuesday (8/5) Storyland-----	\$35	♦ Wednesday (8/6) Aquaboggan-----	\$27

Orange, Purple, Red, Gold *(5th-7th)

♦ Thursday (7/3) Funtown-----	\$36
♦ Thursday (7/10) Aquaboggan-----	\$27
♦ Thursday (7/17) Ocean-----	\$10
♦ Thursday (7/24) Hilltop Fun Center -----	\$30
♦ Thursday (7/31) Portland Sea Dogs -----	\$10
♦ Thursday (8/7) Ocean-----	\$10

Pods are subject to change and may have variation in grade due to size and coverage.



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