



2026
Parent Handbook

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WELCOME TO HPD SUMMER CAMP!

The summer day camp programs are for school-aged children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. The goal of the program is to provide young people with opportunities to learn and explore in a safe and supervised environment. This program is not licensed or regulated by DCFS.

We provide many hands-on activities, sports, and field trips. We take special care to make sure they are age-appropriate for the children. Flexibility is an essential element of the program. By combining unstructured and structured activities it provides the camper with an opportunity to adapt and explore.

All campers are asked to try new things and then make a choice about whether they like it or not. Children are not forced to participate in activities they do not wish to join. They will be provided with an alternative.

CAMP HOURS

Monday- Friday 8a-5p

Extended AM and PM Care is available at an additional fee.

AM- 7-8a PM- 5-6p

CAMP LOCATIONS

K- 2 nd Grades	HPD REC Center, 12015 Mill St. Entrance
3 rd - 5 th Grades	HPD REC Center, 12015 Mill St. Entrance
Teen Camp	Deicke Building, 11419 S. Rt. 47
CIT	HPD REC Center, 12015 Mill St. Entrance

If your camper is absent, please call or text your camp supervisor.

****On field trip days please call ASAP!**

The bus will leave as scheduled.

Summer Camp Contact Information

Registration Office

Phone: (847) 669-3180 ext. 1

Email: info@huntleyparks.org

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Program Manager

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Oversees: All Camps

Onsite Camp Supervisor Phones

Kindergarten-2nd Grades

(847) 652-0426

3rd - 5th Grades

(847) 514-6612

Teen Camp

(847) 344-0746

Swim Lessons Phone

224-760-8398

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY

Enrollment is open to any child entering Kindergarten through 8th grade provided the individual meets the eligibility requirements of the activity. Children must be potty-trained and must follow the rules of the program. Enrollment will be taken until 2 weeks prior to camp starting or until the program becomes full. Children must meet the appropriate age guidelines of the program and pay the regular fees associated with the program to attend.

WAITLIST

If the program is full, additional registrations will go on a waitlist. If space opens in the program, participants on the waitlist will be contacted in the order they have registered.

Because summer camp is used by many parents as childcare, if you are waitlisted, we strongly recommend that you make alternative arrangements, in case no space becomes available.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Information Updates

If at any time the participant or parent/guardian's contact or pick up information changes, you need to notify the Camp Supervisor or Recreation Manager. Also update this information on your ePACT portal. (see page 7 for details.)

Drop off and Pick Up Procedures

ALL participants must be signed in with a staff member. You cannot drop off at the curb without speaking with a staff member.

A designated drop-off and pick up area will be marked with signage along the sidewalk. For safety reasons please do not attempt to drop off or pick up outside of the designated area.

Drop off: 8-9a

Pick up: 330-5p (on non-field trip days, 4p on field trip days)

*If dropping off or picking up outside of these hours, please call or text your camp supervisor.

K-2nd and 3rd-5th Grade camps will drop off and pick up at the Mill St. Entrance.

Teen Camp will take place at the Deicke Building, drop-off and pick up will take place there.

Pick-up- Please have your car cards visible for staff to see.

AM Care- Drop off time is 7a-745a

*At 745a staff is preparing for the start of camp and swim lessons, please be respectful of all participants waiting in line to drop off at this time.

PM Care- Pick up is 5-6p.

Absentee Procedures

If your camper is absent, please call or text your camp supervisor.

Late Arrivals

Staff will be outside for drop off until 9am, after 9am, please call your specific camp phone when dropping your camper off late to find out where they are located. (*Camp Phone Numbers are on pg #3*)

- Parents/Guardians dropping off will be responsible to personally take your camper to the location of the camp. (Rec Center, Stingray Bay, Deicke Park are a few examples.)
- If your child will be late on days when a field trip is scheduled, please check your trip listing before bringing the child to camp. If your child's group has left on a field trip, you may be able to drop your child off at that specific location; otherwise, you will need to make other arrangements for your child that day.

Early Pick up

In cases when you may be picking up your camper early, please notify the specific camp. Contact the Camp Supervisor ahead of time, if possible.

Late Pick up

Camp hours end at 5:00pm. After 5:05pm, parents will be billed \$5 for the first 10 minutes and \$1.00 per minute after that. If your child is staying for Extended PM Care, they must be picked up no later than 6pm. After 6pm, charges will apply. You must be registered for extended care.

Participants whose parents are habitually late (more than 5 times) may be removed from the program. Huntley Police will be contacted if the parent is 30 minutes late and no communication has been received from parents. If you are going to be late, please call. You can call your camp supervisor phone, or the Huntley Park District Main Office at (847) 669-3180.

Parent Communication

All basic program information will be via email. The email used is the primary email on your household account. Monthly calendars will be provided. Camp supervisors will also keep parents up to date with weekly newsletters.

All photos will be shared through a free app called Class Dojo. This is a private app viewable by invites only. Invitations will be sent out prior to each session.

We appreciate open communication with parents to avoid any misunderstanding about the goals and expectations of our camp program. Feel free to contact staff with any questions and concerns.

Inclement Weather

Inclement weather is defined as: heavy rain, lightning, thunder, temperature above 92 degrees. We may still go outdoors when temperature is over 92 but only age and activity-appropriate activities will be done outdoors (such as water activities). There is no minimum temperature in which we will not go outside. Have your camper dressed for the weather each day. During inclement weather camp will be moved indoors at the REC Center or Deicke Park Community Room.

Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your camper before she/he arrives each day. Sunscreen is most effective 30 minutes after application. A recommended sunscreen of at least SPF 30 should be provided. Label the can with your camper's name. Children are instructed to apply sunscreen every 2 hours; all breaks are documented. *Staff will assist your child ONLY if asked, and with spray on sunscreen only. Staff WILL NOT apply lotion. Please provide your camper with SPRAY-on sunscreen.

Proper Attire for Camp

Dress to play! Campers will participate in a variety of activities, and they may get a little messy. Dress for the weather. Gym shoes, shorts, pants, and T-shirts are appropriate. Hiking and walking are a regular part of camp, so campers should wear comfortable gym shoes. Please, no sandals (sandals/flip flops okay while at Stingray Bay.) ***Please mark all items with child's name.**

A camp shirt will be provided. Campers are required to wear their camp shirt on field trips.

What to Bring to Camp Each Day

Please pack a sack lunch and a snack each day, lunches WILL NOT be refrigerated. Backpacks are advised to hold lunches, sunscreen, water bottle, insect repellent, etc. Comfortable clothing is a must. A swimsuit and towel should be brought each day for water activities. If your child is going on a field trip with money, we suggest a bag marked with their name and a smaller bag that is easy to carry. Counselors cannot hold onto campers' money. The Park District is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

- ❖ Kindergarten & 1ST graders- Please provide an extra set of clothes in case of an accident. Please put clothes in a large zip lock bag with their first and last name printed clearly.

Lunches/Afternoon Snack

We provide a snack every day at approximately 3pm. Feel free to pack extra snacks if you think your camper may need a little more.

Camp is not peanut free. If your child has any allergies please indicate that information on your ePACT account and complete an *Allergy Action Form*.

NO VENDING. Vending machines are available at the REC Center, this will be an incentive the campers can earn, but it will not be a weekly or daily occurrence.

What not To Bring to Camp

Toys are not permitted, and other personal belongings should remain at home as much as possible. Please ask the staff for directions if there is a specific item, you'd like your child to bring.

Personal Items and Electronic Devices

Children that have electronic devices such as tablets, cell phones, and gaming devices may bring them. There will be designated times the devices can ONLY be used. These items may not be shared. Children are responsible for keeping track of their own device.

If your camper is to bring such items, the following rules apply:

1. No chargers allowed. For the safety of the campers, we will not allow them to use electrical outlets during camp.
2. Campers' name should be on everything (device itself, plus games, accessories, cases, etc.)
3. All items must remain in campers' backpack when not in use.
4. Devices and games may not be shared with other campers.
5. If your child has a cell phone, he/she must keep it in their backpacks.
6. **Please do not reach out to your child on their devices during the camp day. If you need to reach your camper during the day, please contact the camp supervisor phone.**

If electronic devices start to cause disturbance, staff will evaluate the situation and staff may restrict the use of them for a specified length of time or indefinitely. Other personal items should not be brought to camp which include, but are not limited to the following: watches, skateboards, toys, sporting equipment, pets, or any weapon or violence-related item.

Occasionally, the camp will have special days when "special items" are allowed. During those days, campers are responsible for their own belongings. Campers will be required to put their personal belongings in their backpacks when not in use. Remind your child to NOT leave these items sitting out in the open. Please put your child's first and last name on everything.

The Huntley Park District and its staff are not responsible for lost, misplaced, damaged or stolen items.

Bathroom Facilities

Campers will be using the indoor and outdoor public restroom. Children will be sent to the restroom in pairs or groups with a staff member.

Photographs

Photos and video footage are periodically taken of people participating in Park District activities, attending a class or event, or using District facilities or property. Please be aware that by registering for an activity, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using District facilities or property, you authorize the District to use these photos and video footage for promotional purposes in District publications, advertising, marketing materials, brochures, event flyers, social media, and the District's website without additional prior notice or permission and without any compensation to you. All photos and videos are property of the District.

Fundraising

Parents are not permitted to solicit goods or services during program hours and/or on Park District property.

Visitors/Parents

Parents and/or visitors are not permitted to remain with their children during camp hours or on field trips. If you have a specific need or request, please speak with your Camp Supervisor.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND MEDICAL ACCOMMODATIONS

ePACT is a tool used by organizations and families to securely collect reliable and up-to-date information for all its members to access quickly and easily in case of an emergency. The Huntley Park District will be using ePact to gather medical information, emergency contact and alternate pick-up people, swimming ability, Camp sign-in/out and more! An email will be sent out after registration on behalf of the Park District to obtain information. ***Your camper cannot start camp without this information completed***

Firearms Prohibited

Huntley Park District is compliant with the Illinois State Law 430 ILCS 66/65 which prohibits firearms on park district and school district property and signs are posted at all entrances to the building indicating this.

First-Aid Procedures

In cases of minor injury, the staff will administer simple first-aid and document it. Parents will not be notified of all minor incidents that occur, staff will treat and resume activities; however, if you ever have any questions about first aid, please speak with your Camp Supervisor. A phone call will be made for all head injuries. Generally, parents will be notified of more serious injuries and illness that interfere with participation for an extended period of time. For more serious injuries requiring medical attention, the staff will call 911 and contact the parent(s) immediately. If neither parent can be reached, the staff will try to reach the emergency contact person specified on the camper's ePACT account.

***Be sure your information in ePACT is up to date.**

Sick Procedures

Please do not send your camper if they are sick. Parents will be called to come pick up their child if the child is vomiting, has a fever, or diarrhea. Your child cannot return until they are 24 hours, fever, vomit and/or diarrhea free. You must take your child home if they exhibit signs or symptoms of illness or when their needs require prolonged individual staff attention. The staff are required to report any cases of communicable diseases to the local board of health. Reports include the name and home address of any individual in the program known to have or suspected of having a communicable disease. **Please do not send a sick child to camp! If you are not sure, please keep your child at home and contact your child's physician for additional guidance.**

Medication Procedures

The Huntley Park District recognizes that participants may require the consumption or administration of both prescription and non-prescription medications to maintain health. We require you to fill out the *Permission to Dispense Medication Form* before any medication will be accepted. These forms should be completed before the start of camp and are available online or at the REC Center Front Desk. Medicine should be brought to the REC Center and given to a Camp Supervisor, Program Supervisor or Program Manager. **Do not** give medication to the camp counselors or your camper. Medication will be secured and administered by the camp staff daily. *A Permission to Dispense Medication Form* is REQUIRED. Children may not take medication without this form. **Do not send medication with your child, including inhalers, pain reliver, etc.** All medication must be dispensed by a staff member 21 years and older.

Allergies/Asthma

If your camper has a severe allergy (nuts, bee stings, etc.) and/or if there is a prescribed EpiPen, please complete an *Allergy Action Plan*. If your camper has Asthma and may need to use an inhaler at camp, please complete an *Asthma Action Plan*. These forms should be completed before the start of camp.

Inclusion Request Procedure

If your child may need additional support, when registering online you will be asked the question “Does the participant have a special need?” Accommodations will be determined after a conversation with the parents of the participant and a formal assessment by our partner agency, Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association.

A minimum of 2 weeks is required in order to best evaluate and accommodate your needs. All participants must meet the Essential Eligibility Guidelines explained on the previous pages. Our staff are trained to assist, redirect, refocus, and help individuals participate in the activities offered in the camp. Support available can be, but are not limited to a one-on-one aide, sign language interpreter, rule modification, or supply adaptation.

Our staff are not clinically licensed or certified, and accommodations are based on the abilities of our staff to work with the needs of the participant. We will work with parents in the initial evaluation and on an ongoing basis if there are concerns about appropriate care. Unfortunately, depending upon the level of personal care needed, our staff may not be the most qualified for your individual situation.

TRIP INFORMATION

Field Trips

A monthly calendar will be available for you. This will include camp activities and field trip info. For safety, **we require that your child wear their day camp T-shirt** on that day so that they will be highly visible. Some of the field trips include lunch and some do not. Most field trips are between the hours of 8:30a-4p. There may be an occasional trip that requires us to return late. Children should be dropped off no later than 15 minutes prior to the departure time.

NEW- If your child does not wear their camp shirt on a field trip day, they will receive a shirt onsite, and a \$10 fee will be added to your account.

*You can also purchase extra camp shirts for \$10 at the REC Center Registration Desk.

Swimming at Stingray Bay Family Aquatic Center

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN THEIR SWIMSUIT ON SWIM DAYS!

All campers will take a swim test with the Stingray Bay staff before being allowed to go past the shallow end in the pool. Campers will receive wristbands determining which areas of the pool they can swim.

- **GREEN** wristbands allow campers to swim in all areas, including the diving well and deep end.
- **BLUE** wristbands allow campers to go in zero depth (up to black line) and slides.
- **ORANGE** wristbands allow campers to swim in the zero depth through four feet.

Admittance on waterslides is based on height and swim test results.

Campers will change in/out of swimwear in the REC Center. Please remember to send a towel and sunscreen with your child. A hat is also advised. Please label all items with your child's name. If your child burns easily, you can send a white T-shirt. Non-swim days may include water activities.

Supervision at Stingray Bay

Camp counselors will be stationed at various locations throughout the facility while the summer day camp is onsite. Campers will be supervised at all times, including locker room usage. Campers will need to notify a counselor when a bathroom break is needed. The counselor will escort campers to and from the family bathroom and/or locker room facilities.

Swim Lessons at Stingray Bay

Summer Camp Participant swim lessons are scheduled from 8-8:30a. You must register for swim lessons separately. You will also need to complete a Camper Participant Transfer Permission Slip, <https://form.jotform.com/HuntleyParks/hpd-camp-participant-transfer-permi>

You MUST check in with a staff member if dropping off at SRB. The supervisor will be at the front entrance until 7:55a. After that you will need to walk your child into the pool area.

Camp Swim Days- Camp swim times are 10a-12p. All camps will swim M/T/W, and on non-field trip sessions, camps will swim on Thursdays.

Use of Playgrounds

Huntley Park District has a variety of playgrounds on site at Deicke Park. Campers will use the playgrounds while under the supervision of camp staff. Playgrounds are open to the public and campers will also interact with these children as well.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Code of Conduct

All participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior. The following guidelines have been developed to help make children's programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for specific programs as deemed necessary by staff. Any rules, directives, or orders from local, state or federal officials, implemented either temporarily or permanently, for the safety of participants and employees must be followed.

Huntley Park District insists that all participants comply with the following basic behavior code. All participants shall:

1. Show respect to all participants, staff, and volunteers.
2. Follow program rules and take direction from staff.
3. Refrain from using abusive or inappropriate language.
4. Refrain from threatening or causing bodily harm to self, other participants, or staff.
5. Show respect for equipment, supplies and facilities.
6. Not possess any weapons.

Discipline

A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Staff will review rules with participants during the program. If inappropriate behavior occurs, a prompt resolution will be sought specific to each situation. The Huntley Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers his or her own safety or the safety of others.

Procedures

Upon registration or entry into the program, the parent/guardian will be solicited for any information regarding special accommodations needed for the participant. If any of these special accommodations are behavior-related, the parent/guardian will be contacted for information about any behavior modification programs in place. Attempts should be made to utilize these in the program. Also, the inclusion coordinator from the Special Recreation Association (SRA) should be contacted for guidance. Documentation should be maintained regarding any problem behaviors, special accommodations, and behavior modification programs.

If any participant exhibits inappropriate actions, the following guidelines will be followed:

Program leaders should determine the severity of the action and immediately take steps to correct it. These may include but are not limited to:

- First occurrence: Verbal warning
- Second occurrence: Time-out. (Approximately one minute per age.)

- Third occurrence: Loss of Privilege. Conduct Report given. Parent/guardian notified.
- Fourth occurrence: A 3-day suspension or removal from the program.

NOTE Any violent, physical or threatening actions may receive an immediate conduct report and may result in a suspension or removal from the program. The Park District reserves the right to suspend/dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves or others, continues to violate program rules (intentionally or unintentionally) and/or if inappropriate behavior does not stop.

CAMP PAYMENT INFORMATION

Camp fees are for each one-week session. Fees are updated for the session that includes the 4th of July. A \$30 non-refundable deposit per session is due at the time of registration.

K-5 th Grade	\$260 Res/\$299 Non-Res
Teen	\$275 Res/\$316 Non-Res
CIT	\$390 Res/\$449 Non-Res

Registration Info	
<u>Registration Deadlines</u>	<u>Billing Schedule</u>
Thursdays	Tuesdays
Sessions 01 & 02 May 21	May 26
Sessions 03 & 04 June 4	June 9
Sessions 05 & 06 June 18	June 23
Sessions 07 & 08 July 2	July 7
Sessions 09 & 10 July 21	July 16
Session 11 July 23	August 4

Payment options are Pay in Full or Installment Billing.

- Installment Billing

If you choose an installment bill, a \$30.00 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration.

All program balances must be paid in full or the camper will not be allowed to attend camp.

Extended Care- AM and PM –

Camper must be registered to attend. Your camper must be registered the Tuesday prior to the Session start date. Registration is per day.

2205010	Extended AM Care- 7-8a	\$9/\$11 per day
2205020	Extended PM Care- 5-6p	\$9/\$11 per day

The total amount due must be paid upon registration.

Payments (credit card vs ACH)

Beginning Monday, January 5, 2026, all credit card service fees will be paid by the customer. These fees will appear during the checkout process at the time of payment. To avoid paying with credit card service fees, customers may choose to pay by cash or check in person at the Huntley Park District REC Center. If you participate in a program or membership type that has regular billing, setting up payment by ACH will also avoid credit card service fees. The credit card service fee is 3.00%. If refunding a purchase done by credit card, credit card service fees are not refunded.

An option to avoid the 3% service fee is to change your Installment Billing option from credit card to ACH. You can view those steps [HERE](#).

Camp Refunds

All cancellations must be made in writing. No verbal cancellations will be accepted. Billing will be stopped when the cancellations are made at least 2 weeks prior to session start date. (camp fee minus \$30 non-refundable deposit, and \$10 processing fee.)

No refunds will be issued after the start of each camp session unless accompanied by a medical note. No refunds or credits will be given for days your child does not attend camp. We are unable to prorate fees for days missed due to illness, vacation, behavior suspensions, etc.

Beyond the Bell and Summer Camp Tax Information

Beyond the Bell and Summer Camp Programs are recreation activities, but depending on your circumstances the cost of the program may qualify as childcare for a tax deduction. If you and your tax advisor decide you can use this, the tax ID number is 36-26-14811. Please retain your receipts for tax purposes. The Huntley Park District does NOT send out a tax statement. If you need a copy of your monthly receipts you may go online and view/print your payment history.

How do I login online? Go to <https://webtrac.huntleyparks.org/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>

1. Enter your Username & Password
2. Scroll over MY ACCOUNT near top of page and click on Childcare Statement (found under Reports)
3. You will see a column of Your Household Receipts with receipt numbers and dates, click to view and print individual receipts.

I do not have a Username or Password, how do I receive one?

- Contact the HPD Registration Office at 847/669-3180 ext. 1 and request to have a username and temporary password emailed to you.



SUMMER CAMP CHECKLIST

Please make sure your camper comes to camp with the following items:

- Backpack
- Beach Towel
- Change of Clothes in Ziploc Bag (Kindergarten & 1st Graders)
- Empty Ziploc/Grocery Bag for Wet Swimsuit on Pool Days
- Gym shoes
- Hat or Visor
- Insect Repellent
- Sack Lunch
- Sunscreen- Spray ONLY
- Sunscreen stick for their face (optional)
- Snack (some kids need that extra snack)
- Swimsuit- Please come dressed in swimsuits upon arrival to camp on swim days.
 - Bring daily for water activities.
- Travel size hand sanitizer (optional)
- Water Bottle
- White T-shirt for those who burn easily to wear over swimsuit on swim or water activity days.

**** Everything needs to be labeled with your child's first and last name on it. ****

Writing their name on masking/duct tape with a permanent marker seems to work better than writing the name directly on to the object (water bottle, sunscreen, etc.)