

# Williston Recreation & Parks Summer Camps

## Preparing for Camp & What to Bring and Pack

### Camp Registration

- Registration for camps close the Thursday prior to the start date of each camp/session.
- Fridays are for preparing lists for the next week of camps.
- Online Registration, with the online payment option of a credit card, will be open until midnight Thursday of each week, for the next week's camps.
- Registration with a check or cash, has to be done at the Rec. Office and will be open until 4:30pm Thursday of each week, for the next week's camps.
- Camp registrations have to be paid in full at the time of registration after the June deadline.

### First Day of Camps

- Check in on the first day is very important and we ask that parents escort their child to the check in.
- Check in for the camps located at Allen Brook School are on the west side of the building near the playground.
- Check in for the camps at Williston Central School is on the west side of the building near the "After Hours Entrance".

### Camp Times

- Campers must NOT to be dropped off early for camps.
- They must also be picked up promptly at the end of camps.
- Please be sure to make every effort to have your child in camp during the camp hours. If not, they will not receive the benefits and be part of the whole Camp Experience.

### Lunches & Snacks

- All lunches and snacks should be of a healthy nature and provide your child with the energy to be active.
- All food must be non-perishable, as there is no refrigeration. Lunch bags/boxes with ice containers work best.
- Be sure to label your child's food with their name.

### Nut Allergies

- Due to the high numbers and high risk of nut allergies, our camps are NUT FREE.
- Do not send any nut food products for snacks or lunch with your child. Help us provide everyone with a positive, safe camp experience.

### Parking

- Parking is only allowed in designated parking spaces.
- Do not park in front of the school or in bus lanes. They are still in use during the summer months.
- There is the possibility of being towed if you do.
- At ABS, do not drive or park on the road leading to the playground.

### Walking or Bike Riding

- If your child will be walking or riding their bike to and from any of the camps, you must provide a written note that gives them permission to do so and the times that they will be arriving and leaving.
- This note must be given to the check in person on your child's first day. This is for the safety of your child and for our staff to be aware of the coming and goings of campers.

### Ill Child & Absences

- We do not have the facilities to care for ill children.
- If your child seems ill in the morning, prior to coming to camp, you must consider alternative care.
- If they become sick at camp, parents will be notified and arrangements will need to be made to pick them up.
- If your child will not be attending a day of camp, for a planned absence, please notify the camp staff ahead of time.
- If your child is sick or will not be attending on a day, you must contact the camp directly.

### Medications

- Children should take medication at home if at all possible.
- Parents must fill out a **Medication Authorization Form** and follow the **Medication Policy** before any meds can be administered.
- All meds that are needed to be taken at camp will be kept with the camp staff.

### Sunscreen

- Sunscreen bottles must be labeled and can be left at camp for the week.
- See the **Sunscreen Policy** in the Camp Information Packets.
- Parents must apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to camp. This will help us to insure that everyone has it on and our staff will encourage children to reapply throughout the day.

## Labeling

- It is very important that all personal items and clothing be marked with your child's name with permanent ink or labels.
- The camps are not responsible for lost, misplaced, or stolen items.

## Lost & Found

- All lost and found items will be displayed at the end of each day and at the end of a camp session.
- Please be sure to check for lost and found items daily.
- At the end of the summer all lost and found items will be kept at the Recreation Department until the end of the Fall season, at that time all items are donated to a local charity.

## What Not to Bring: (Electronics or toys)

- Camps will work hard to organize fun and exciting activities, so please help us by making sure your child does not bring any type of electronic devices.
- All toys, games, and items of distraction must be left at home. Money and valuables must also remain at home.
- Cell phones should be off and left in backpacks for the day and only used during after-hours of camp.

## Updating your Contact Information & Keeping us Informed

- We need to be able to reach you whenever necessary. If at any time you will be at a different location or number for the day, inform the camp staff in the morning at check-in.
- If things change during the day, contact the Recreation Department and we will relay the message to the camp.
- Camps also need to be kept updated and informed on anything that could affect your child's behavior or attitude in camp. For example, if there are things upsetting your child about camp or if there are things outside of camp causing stress.

## What to Wear for Camp

- **Clothing for the Day-** Campers must dress in comfortable clothing that they can play and be active in. T-shirt, shorts, sweat or wind pants, and sneakers. On cooler days- a fleece or sweatshirt. Dress in layers.
- **Shoes-** Sneakers that tie or Velcro and will stay on their feet are required of all campers. No clogs, crocs, sandals, flip-flops, flats or other footwear that doesn't support, stay on securely, or protect the entire foot.
- **Labels-** All clothing must be marked with your child's name- Label, Label, and Label!

## What to Bring/Pack- Packing everything in a backpack is a must to keep your child's gear together

- **Food for the Day-** Camps do not provide any beverages or snacks, water will be available at all times.
- **All Day Camps-** Daily food should include a morning and afternoon snack and a lunch and beverage. All food must be non-perishable and no glass containers are allowed. Food and drinks should be packed in insulated thermoses or small coolers to prevent spoilage. Your child's name must be written clearly on all food containers, lunch bags, and coolers. We are a NUT FREE CAMP so please don't send your child to camp with nut products for snacks or lunch.
- **Water Bottle-** Please help us to keep our campers happy and well hydrated. All campers must have their own water bottle, clearly marked with their name.
- **Sun Protection-** All campers should have a hat and sunglasses for protection. Sunscreen must be applied at home prior to arriving at camp. Camps will remind campers to put on sunscreen throughout the day. All children must supply their own sunscreen and the bottle must be labeled with the child's name. Sprays are best and the easiest to apply.
- **Warm Clothing-** Campers should dress in layers or have extra layers to put on. Pack sweatpants and a sweatshirt for layering.
- **Extra Set of Clothing-** It is important to pack an extra set of clothing for your child. They need to be prepared for all types of weather and accidents. (An extra set of shorts, T-shirt, socks and underwear will ensure that your child is well prepared for the day).
- **Rain Gear-** must be packed daily. Camps may go outside during a light rain.
- **Bathing Suit & Towel-** Must be packed daily. On hot days camps may take the opportunity to cool campers.
- **Water Shoes-** Campers must wear foot protection while participating in water activities. Sandals or water shoes work best for this.
- **Personal Gear-** Pack any personal gear that your child will need during the camp.