



Monmouth County Park System

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center – Summer Camp Information Sheet

Welcome to Summer Camp at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center!

(Includes: Summertime Fun, Hunger Games, Hunger Games Resistance, Wizarding Games, Wizarding Games Resistance, Jedi vs Sith, Shark Tank Camp & Video Games Camp)



We are very excited to have your child spend time with us this summer, and we hope that they will leave with fond memories and new friendships. To ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for your child, below we've included some helpful information:

What to wear: Closed toe shoes (sneakers are great!), play clothes and swimsuit. Please no flip flops, except to wear at the pool. We are very active and just a bit messy! Activities are scheduled both inside and outside during the day. Your child may want to bring a sweatshirt for activities in our air conditioned classrooms.

What to bring: Snack, lunch, and a drink in a refillable bottle; a swimsuit (if not wearing under clothes) and towel; and sunscreen. Lunches will need a cold pack, and are kept in the children's lockers. Due to the increase in the number of individuals who have nut allergies, we are requesting that you please refrain from sending food or snacks with nuts, peanut oil or nut byproducts to camp.

What not to bring: valuables, electronics and favorite toys, as we cannot guarantee they will not get damaged or lost.

Pool time: The whole camp swims together in the mornings, except for Mondays when we swim after lunch. Lifeguards are on duty and counselors play and swim with the campers. We have a youth pool which is 18" deep, as well as our main pool which is 3'-5', with a lazy "L" that goes to 10'. Campers must pass a swim test to be allowed past the 3' section.



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Drop-off & pick-up: Drop off for camp begins at 8:45am, unless you are registered for before care. Pick up is no later than 4:15pm, unless you are registered for after care. Sign your child in and out at our games lobby desk. Campers will only be released to authorized adults, and must be picked up in person inside the rec center.

Arriving late/leaving early: While we understand there are days when your child cannot be here from 9:00am or remain until the end of the day, we remind parents that their child may miss out on some camp activities by coming late or leaving early. We do not offer make up time in such cases.

Daily Options: we are pleased that so many families take advantage of the option to send their child to camp on select days throughout the summer. Parents are free to switch the days they send their child; however, the days are not transferrable to another week. For example, if a child is registered for three days the week of July 8-12th, those days must be used within that week.

Lunch: our camp has two lunch periods, with groups assigned by age. Generally, the 6-8 year old groups eat together and the 9-12 year old groups eat together. Our kindergarten group eats together in their classroom. **Please note: we don't allow campers to go to the snack and soda machines during camp hours.**

Camp Groups: our campers are placed into groups based on their age at the start of the camp season. For the best experience for all of the campers, we do not take requests for children to be grouped together and we do not move them to another group during the season.

Camp Forms: Camp information forms are required for all camp participants. These forms will be available on our web site: www.monmouthcountyparks.com. A doctor's signature is only required for supplemental forms (food allergy form, asthma action plan, medication form). If you have registered children other than your own, copy these forms and provide them to the campers' parents. ****Forms should be submitted prior to the first day of camp. They must be received by the time you drop off your child.**** If your child takes medication at camp or has any medical concerns, our medical coordinator will need to speak to you briefly before you leave.

Fort Monmouth Summer Camp Staff:

Camp Counselors- Ranging in age from high school students to high school teachers our camp counselors must complete a background check and training before working on planning fun, safe, age-appropriate activities for our campers. We maintain a ratio of at least one counselor for every six campers.

Medical Coordinator- We have trained medical staff on site for the duration of every day of camp. Our Medical Coordinator handles first aid and any medications your child may need during the camp day.



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Lifeguards- Our lifeguards are trained, Red Cross certified guards. They will administer the swim test for all campers that wish to swim in the area of the pool that is deeper than 3 feet. Not all campers choose to take the swim test and those campers stay in the shallow part of the pool. Campers are allowed to bring in swim vests or other floatation devices but must be able to pass a swim test without wearing them before they will be allowed in the deeper parts of the pool.

Full Time Staff- Fort Monmouth Recreation Area full time staff will also be at on-site while camps are running. Full Time staff can assist with on-site registration, camp questions, and other Park System related inquiries:

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