

What is Day Camp?

Day Camp for children grades K-6 runs from 10 AM - 2 PM at the Ocean Acres Community Center. This program offers games, craft projects, art, sports, free time, a fenced in playground area, organized activities, special guests and Wacky Wednesday theme days.

What is Trip Camp?

Trip Camp offers the ability each day for campers in grades K-6 to go on a variety of trips to places everywhere from the Cape May Zoo to Johnson's Farm peach picking, water parks, baseball games and everything in between. All trips leave on a bus from the Ocean Acres Community Center with the exception of trips within town in which parents drop off and pick up at that location.

When will camp run?

Day Camp and Trip Camp run for 7 weeks from July 5th - August 17th, Monday through Thursday. Day Camp is from 10 AM- 2 PM. Trip Camp times and prices vary from day to day depending on activity and distance away.

What is the background of the Camp Director & Supervisors?

We pride ourselves in having a well educated and experienced staff. Our director and supervisors have bachelor's and master's degrees in the education field. Twelve or more of our staff members are certified teachers and many teach locally in our school districts. Three of them have over 20 years of in classroom experience and many have more than 20 years working for Stafford Recreation. They are also certified in First Aid and CPR.

What are the ages of the counselors?

Staff must be at least 16 years old. Our staff continues to range in age from there with college students, teachers, moms, dads and even retired teachers.

May I send my child with a cell phone/electronic device?

No cell phones or electronic devices will be allowed for campers or counselors. Camp supervisors will carry a camp cell phone for emergency use. This policy will govern all camp activities including day and trip camp.

We understand your desire to make sure your child is having fun and being well taken care of, however, cell phones and electronic devices are prohibited. In emergencies campers can be reached by parents/guardians utilizing the site phone and/or the supervisors camp cell phone. Campers can make use of these same devices if a parent/guardian must be contacted. Disregarding this rule will result in confiscation of the device and it will be returned at the end of the day.

Not only are cell phones expensive and can be lost or stolen, usage can interfere with a child's

overall camp experience. Summer camp offers a great opportunity to learn about and navigate social situations while not being constantly connected and immersed within a digital world.

Do you have a refund policy?

Refunds will be given in the form of a voucher credit. The only exception to this rule will be if a program is cancelled by Stafford Recreation due to lack of enrollment or weather conditions. In that case parents will have the option to apply the money to other camp programs or receive a refund once a Purchase Order has been generated, signed and approved for payment by the governing body.

Voucher Credit criteria for cancellations made by a parent will remain the same and must be met in order to receive a voucher for camp credit. As always you must notify Stafford Recreation 1 week in advance of an absence or a child must miss a complete week of scheduled activities to be eligible for a refund credit. If these criteria are met, it is then the parent's responsibility to fill out a refund request form (available at camp) as always. Once approved by a camp supervisor a credit voucher will be issued to parents/guardians. You may then apply this towards any available camp programs within the remaining season. This policy will help continue our ability to bring you the best programs at an affordable price.

How do I register?

Registration and payment will take place on our Stafford Recreation Summer Camp online portal. You can access the online portal at <https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/staffordtownship>

What if I am not a resident of Stafford Township?

Out of town residents are welcome to register for any of our programs. A 10% surcharge will be added to the total of all programs registered for.

What is the counselor-to-camper ratio?

Typically our ratios are as follows: Day Camp 5 to 1, Trips 3 to 1, Specialty Camps(depends on the nature of the camp)

Is there extended care before or after camp?

No.

Is transportation provided to and from camp?

No.

How much does camp cost? Are there discounts and/or payment options?

Camp is offered a la carte. Day Camp is \$25 per day. Trips and Specialty Camps are all priced individually. No discounts will be offered. Your total will be calculated by adding up the cost of all programs registered for. A 50% deposit is due at registration. Stafford Recreation will then bill you for the remaining balance. All balances must be paid by the dates stated in your billing or you will forfeit your child's place in camp.

Does my child have to wear a camp shirt?

Campers are required to wear a camp shirt on trips. Every trip. No exceptions. One shirt is included in the cost of camp and provided. Additional shirts can be purchased from Stafford Recreation.

What is your mask policy?

Masks are optional for all campers, staff, and parents while at camp..

What time should my child arrive at camp?

Campers should arrive to Day and Specialty Camps at the designated start times. If your child is scheduled for a trip please arrive 15-20 minutes early for check in and group assignments. Busses will leave promptly at the time designated on the registration forms.

Can I request group/friend pairings on trips?

This is done as a courtesy not a policy and must be requested at the time of registration. Do not ask the trip supervisor for group changes the morning of the trip.

What if one of my children cannot attend a trip can my other child's friend come in their place?

No. The wait list and replacement of campers on a trip is the responsibility and discretion of Stafford Recreation. Do not bring a child that is not registered the morning of a trip and expect that they will be allowed to go.