"CAMP FRIENDS ARE FOREVER FRIENDS!"

YARMOUTH RECREATION

FLAX POND
SUMMER
CAMP
2022

FLAX CONTACT (June-August)
31 Dupont Ave
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REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY JANUARY 3RD.
YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.YARMOUTH.ACTIVITYREG.COM OR
IN PERSON AT THE RECREATION OFFICE. (424 Route 28, West Yarmouth).

2022 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS
#1—June 27th–July 1st
#2—July 4th–July 8th
#3—July 11th–July 15th
#4—July 18th–July 22nd
#5—July 25th–July 29th
#6—August 1st–August 5th
#7—August 8th–August 12th
#8—August 15th–19th

AGE GROUPS FOR CAMP PROGRAM
(Grade your child is going into in Fall 2022)
Pioneers: 1st & 2nd graders
Trail Blazers: 3rd & 4th graders
Quest Seekers: 5th & 6th graders
Explorers: 7th to 9th graders
*we can't honor special requests for groups*

RATES SUMMER 2022
REGULAR CAMP HRS: 8AM TO 4PM
Yarmouth Resident: $173
(Proof of Yarmouth Residency Required)
Non-Resident: $215

EXTENDED CARE RATES SUMMER 2022
(Must register for Extended Care by June 10th)
Before Care (7:30a–8:00a)– $18 per week
After Care (4:00p–5:00p)– $35 per week

SCHOLARSHIPS
LIMITED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
YARMOUTH RESIDENTS ONLY.
THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR ONE WEEK OF CAMP
FREE WITH PAYMENT OF SECOND WEEK.
(ONLY ONE FREE WEEK PER CHILD IS AVAILABLE)
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE
RECREATION OFFICE BY MARCH 31ST
APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

PAYMENT PLANS
PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE BY
CONTACTING THE RECREATION OFFICE. YOU
CAN PAY WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY, OR MONTHLY.
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REGISTRATION
IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL
REGISTRATION, CONSENT, AND
MEDICAL FORMS ARE COMPLETED
AND TURNED INTO REC OFFICE
Your child will arrive at 8:00AM (or 7:30AM if registered for Before Care). They will be greeted by counselors and escorted safely across the parking lot. All of the children will participate in Morning Assembly, which includes announcements of upcoming events, skits and songs. The children are then broken up into their Nations and asked to follow their counselors* to their meeting place. Once there, they will be introduced to his or her counselor for the week. *Your child’s counselor will change weekly

The schedules will vary by Nation. Each Nation will go swimming, to program areas and play games on the fields. There will be 2 snack periods a day, so please pack accordingly.

At the end of the day, the children meet around the parking lot to prepare for pick up. Announcements and permission slips will be passed out. Children signed up for After Care are then dismissed to their AC program area and regular pickup will begin.

(Subject to change due to Covid Policies)

DAILY PACKING LIST

Must Haves:
*Back Pack   *Snacks (2)  *Lunch  *Sweatshirt/Jacket
*Water Bottle     *Sun Block Spray/Bug Repellent
*Swim Suit, Towel, Change of Clothes
*Sneakers
(open toed shoes not appropriate for activities)
*Early Dismissal or Health Concern Notes
*Face Mask

**please clearly label your child’s name on all items**

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Flax Pond Program runs as scheduled when it is raining. The children are asked to bring jackets and be prepared to be outside. If there is thunder or lightning the children will be brought inside the buildings. No child will be allowed to leave the building for any reason until twenty minutes after the last thunder or lightning.

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP

- Pick-Up Tags are required for a child to be picked up. Tags must be picked up at the Rec Office before the first day of camp.
- Parents will not be allowed to park and escort children down to waterfront as visitors are restricted from property. If you have questions or concerns about your child transitioning to property as a new camper please reach out to us prior to their first day at flaxpond@yarmouth.ma.us so we can work with you on this.
- Late drop offs and early pick ups MUST be done at the nurse’s office window. Children must be signed in by a parent, DO NOT drop your child in the parking lot and send them down to sign themselves in. Please bring your placard to the window for early pick up or have a photo ID available. Please DO NOT cut the line for early pick ups, once a line is formed you will have to wait in the line until 4pm pick up starts. No Early pick-up is allowed after 3pm due to safety concerns.
- LATE FEES will be assessed if you are late picking up your child.

PROGRAM AREAS

*Archery  *Swim Arts & Crafts
*Sports  *STEM
*Boating  *Flaxtivities
*Initiatives

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF THE PROGRAM:

8:00a – Drop Off
Assembly
Attendance
Program Area
Snack Time (bring a snack)
Adventure Time
Swim
12:15-12:45 Lunch
Adventure Time
Program Area
Snack Time (bring a snack)
Swim
Dismissal Prep
4:00 Dismissal
DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES: The Recreation Department has developed a graduated discipline policy for our programs. It is our hope that by involving the parents in the process we will be able to curtail the negative behavior before a one day suspension or ultimate expulsion is necessary. The Town will not be refunding any unused portion of the registration fee.

BEHAVIORAL INFRACTIONS

1. Forbidden Articles: Cell phones, knives, hatchets, cutting implements, child-owned water pistols, energy drinks, tape players, radios, MP3 players, and the like, portable electronic games, playing cards, roller blades and skateboards or any other similar articles not previously identified are strictly prohibited and will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

2. Cell Phones: Cell Phones are not allowed on camp property. If your child is caught with a cell phone, whether actively using it or not, will be cause for suspension and/or removal from camp. If you would like your child to have access to their cell phone during camp, you can sign in their cell phone with our Nurse each morning and they will be supervised by staff during any usage.

3. Leaving Property Unexcused: The child is required to remain on the grounds until their dismissal time unless another arrangement has been coordinated through the Office by his/her parent or guardian.

4. Unauthorized Areas During the Day: All children are required to stay with their assigned group at all times.

5. Insubordination to Authorities: Mutual respect of all staff and participants is the foundation of the Flax Pond Program.

6. Verbal Abuse/Inappropriate Language: Cursing, swearing, and aggressive verbal attacks toward others will not be tolerated.

7. Destruction to Property: Willful destruction of the natural environment as well as property and buildings will be cause for suspension/expulsion from the program.

8. Fighting and/or Actions Dangerous to the Physical Welfare of Others: Immediate suspension/expulsion will be implemented based on a thorough investigation.

9. Harassment/Hazing: Our goal is to teach children from all socio-economic, religious, and national backgrounds to blend into a cohesive group. We will be stressing acceptance of all members of our program and we will not allow put-downs, threats, or taunting of others.

10. Theft of Property and/or Other’s Belongings: Taking property that does not belong to you will not be tolerated.

11. Smoking/Vaping/Alcohol/Drugs: There is a ZERO tolerance policy for any use or possession of these on camp property and will be grounds for immediate expulsion from camp.

*Any other infractions deemed inappropriate by Camp Staff**

BULLYING POLICY

"Bullying" is defined as the REPEATED use of written, verbal or electronic expression (including cyber-bullying) or a physical act directed at another that:

*Causes physical or emotional harm or damage to the other’s property.

*Causes reasonable fear of harm to the other individual or their property.

*Creates a hostile environment in which the bullying causes the program to be permeated with intimidation, ridicule or insult that is sufficiently severe or pervasive to alter or inhibit the individual’s participation

*Materally and substantially disrupts the operation of the program

*Serves to retaliate against those who report or witness incidences of bullying.

Bullying, as defined above, is strictly prohibited by the Yarmouth Recreation Department. Incidences of bullying that are reported to the staff will be fully addressed in a timely manner with consequences following the established participant discipline policy. In dealing with issues of bullying the staff will seek to employ conflict resolution, mediation, parent conferences, and other related tools to facilitate the best outcome for all participants involved.

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE PLAN

Step One: Counselors are trained to set clear boundaries and reinforce those boundaries with the children in their group. If a child continues to test those boundaries the counselors are instructed to bring the child to the office. There they will meet with one of the Flax Pond Administrators who will reinforce appropriate behavior standards and file a written note regarding the incident. Parent/Guardians are spoken too at drop off about the infraction.

Step Two: The Flax Pond Administrator will meet with child and parents/guardian to develop a behavioral contract with clear consequences for future positive and negative behaviors. It is at this point that we discuss the history of the incidents and develop a plan of action together for the future. It should be clearly understood that if the child continues to act out, suspension and or expulsion from the program will be the next step. The Recreation Director, Flax Pond Administrator, and the Parent/Guardian will all sign the contract.

Step Three: If your child is brought once more to the office for inappropriate behavior then you will be called at work or home and asked to come and remove your child from the program immediately. That removal may be for one day or permanently based on the incidents in question. The Recreation Director or representative will be present at the meeting to discuss the history with you as well as any future plan of action. Any appeal for a modified action plan can be made at this time. The decisions made mutually between all adult parties involved will be the final plan of action for this child.

Administration reserves the right to make the final determination based on the seriousness of the infraction.
**CHILD’S INFORMATION:**

Name: ______________________________________________                Grade Entering in FALL 2022 ________ Date of Birth: __________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

Name: ___________________________________________Relationship: _________________________

Parent/Guardian email: ______________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: _______________________________ Cell Phone: ______________________________

Emergency Contact information (other than above):

1st Name: ________________________________ Relation: _______________ Cell:_______________________

2nd Name: ________________________________ Relation: _______________ Cell:_______________________

Additional Names of people who can pick up your child (vehicle picking child up must have placard on windshield)

1. ________________________________________________________Relation: _______________________

2. ________________________________________________________Relation: _______________________

3. ________________________________________________________Relation: _______________________

**If someone not on the above list is picking up your child, a written note must be sent with your child to camp and given to the Nurse and a photo ID will be required upon pick-up**

**MEDICAL INFORMATION REQUIRED:**

Copy of child’s most recent medical examination is required for ALL children and must be within one year of start date of camp (please have it faxed to 508-790-9152)

Does your child need an Epi Pen or Inhaler:    Y  or   N  – (if yes please bring to camp nurse on the first day)

Does your child have any allergies:   Y   or   N - (if yes, please list) ______________________________________

Any past history of a concussion:   Y    or    N  - (if yes, please give us date) _________________________________

I consent to the below medications being administered to my child if necessary:  Required Signature: __________________________

Please circle all you consent to: Tylenol       Advil       Benadryl       Neosporin       Insect Wipes      Antacid/ Tums      Hand Sanitizer

Does your child have any medical, special needs, or behavioral concerns we need to be aware of and assist with, Please Explain:
_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

**Prescribed Medications:** Please fill out a Medication Form provided by Recreation office or at camp office on the first day. I give my permission for Flax Pond to administer my child’s prescribed medications to him/her while at camp

Signature _____________________________ Name of Medication: ______________________________

I authorize transport and treatment of my child, in the event of an extreme emergency where medical attention is needed and a guardian cannot be reached. Required Signature ___________________________
Consent & Release Form (Required):

I, __________________________________________________________ (parent/grandparent) of: (list all children) hereby consent to my child’s participation in voluntary athletic or recreation programs of the Town of Yarmouth. I also agree to forever release the Town of Yarmouth, Board of Selectmen, and all their employees, agents, board members, volunteers and any and all individuals and organizations assisting or participating in voluntary athletic or recreation programs of the Town (“the Releases”) from any and all claims, rights of action and causes of action that may have arisen in the past, or may arise in the future, directly or indirectly, from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child’s participation in the Town voluntary athletic or recreation programs.

I also promise, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Releases against any and all legal claims and proceedings of any description that may have been asserted in the past, or may be asserted in the future, directly or indirectly, arising from personal injuries to my child or property damage resulting from my child’s participation in the Town of Yarmouth voluntary athletic or recreation programs.

I further affirm that I have read this Consent and Release Form and that I understand the contents of this Form. I understand that my child’s participation in these programs is voluntary and that my child and I are free to choose not to participate in said programs. By signing this Form, I affirm that I have decided to allow my child to participate in the Town recreation programs with full knowledge that the Releasee will not be liable to anyone for personal injuries and property damage my child or I may suffer in voluntary Town recreation programs.

Consent Release Signature ______________________________________ Date: ____________

Refund/Credit Policy (Required):

1. No refund will be given if your child is removed from the program due to disciplinary problems.
2. Refunds will be given for medical reasons ONLY with a Doctor’s note submitted within one week of Doctor’s appointment.
3. Recreation Account Credits will ONLY be given up to 1 week prior to start of the Program.

Refund Policy Signature _______________________________________ Date: ____________

Behavioral /Discipline/Bullying Sign off (Required):

I, the parent/guardian, have received, read, and understand the attached disciplinary guidelines and bullying policy. I agree to follow the procedures set forth by the Yarmouth Recreation Division in regards to my child’s behavior.

Behavioral/Discipline Signature ________________________________ Date: ____________

Media Release: (Optional)

There will be times when pictures will be taken by staff for our newsletter, website and marketing purposes. Please indicate if you would allow your child(s) likeness and name be used in any capacity by the Yarmouth Recreation Division by signing below:

Media Release Signature _______________________________________ Date: ____________