

2024

Covered Bridge Summer Camp

~ Welcome Packet ~

We have a great summer planned, and we look forward to spending the next six weeks with you!

We are excited to see those of you who are returning to camp, and we look forward to welcoming our new campers to the program. Camp hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. . **We are a fair-weather facility and do close camp in the event of rain or severe weather, which does include on occasion “Excessive Heat Warnings.”** Please be sure to sign up for **Remind** notifications for important camp news and updates such as camp closure or early dismissal due to inclement weather. (sign up instructions attached). Please read the enclosed calendars that list our activities each day to be sure your child is prepared for events. We want to encourage your children to experience new things this summer.

Safety

You **MUST** check your child “IN” and “OUT” with a counselor each day. We do require written parental permission for a camper to leave camp on his/her own or with an alternate driver. Please be sure that you filled out accurate emergency contact information in the event that there is an emergency during camp. Also, if your child needs to take medication, please provide it for us with specific instructions. If your child is allergic to anything, we need to know that information as well. **We strongly encourage hats, socks and sneakers for your child due to our wooded setting.** We also recommend applying sunblock on your child before coming to camp each day. Please help us keep your child/children safe. Phones are permitted but children are not to be on them during the camp day.

Labels

Please label all articles of clothing, water bottles, lunch containers, athletic equipment, medications, gaming gear or anything else that your child brings to camp. We **DO NOT** recommend your child bring anything of great value to camp due to the possibility of it getting lost. There will be certain gaming days built into our schedule and we will notify the children of these days ahead of time. Please label all games and system during these days and talk to you child about loaning or trading games. A lost and found basket will be kept in the office.

Lunch

This year Covered Bridge Camp is offering the option for your child/children to buy lunch on a daily basis from Nico’s Pizzeria. If your child wishes to buy lunch, his/her order will be taken at “Check In”. Payment is required at the time he/she places the order. You can only order for that day. No orders will be taken in advance. **There is NO refrigerator space for children who pack a lunch so pack accordingly.** Lunches will be handed out at 12:00 pm so everyone can eat at the same time and will end at 12:30 pm. Snacks and water bottles should be packed separately.

Concerns

Please contact the camp director, Julia Lawson at 215-908-9983, regarding any concerns you may have. Your child is important to us and your child’s safety and happiness are top priority. We anticipate an exciting and fun filled summer experience and thank you for choosing to join us at the Covered Bridge Camp Program.

New Britain Civic Association

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Covered Bridge Summer Camp Program

Dear Parents,

Thank you for enrolling your child/children in our Covered Bridge Summer Camp Program. To help ensure your child/children have an enjoyable and safe summer at camp, we ask that you read the following guidelines with them. This information will also be given to them at camp. Please be sure to leave your work contact numbers and to have an accurate emergency plan in place for your child/children in case of an emergency.

1. The pond, creek, and covered bridge are OFF LIMITS except for an organized activity with staff supervision.
2. The woods, back soccer field, and beyond are OFF LIMITS unless there is a supervised activity with staff supervision.
3. The park office is OFF LIMITS unless children are supervised by an adult staff member.
4. Child/children are NOT permitted to leave camp unless there is parental permission either verbally or in writing.
5. Please remind child/children to be careful when using box hockey sticks. Sticks are not to be raised above the knee or used for other hockey games.
6. Please mark all lunches clearly with first and last name on the outside of the bag or lunch box.
NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!
7. Child/children should report any stealing, vandalism, bullying, or misconduct to a staff member.
8. For child/children riding bikes to and from camp, safety should be stressed. Riding double, riding at high speeds or clowning around is not allowed.
9. Bikes must be locked to the bike rack. Bikes are NOT to be brought or ridden in the playground area or in the woods.
10. For important messages or emergencies only, you may contact your child/children while at camp using REMIND. The child/children are not permitted to use the phone during the camp day unless a staff member has given them permission.
11. If there are medical conditions with your child/children which we should know about, please be sure to inform us on the registration form. All medications must be clearly labeled and in the original container. Medication is to be distributed by staff only.
12. Your child/children should **not be left at camp past 3:00 p.m.** as there is no adult supervision after that time. Parents will be charged \$15.00/15 minutes after they have received an initial warning.
13. In the event of rain, camp will close. Parents need to pick child/children up immediately. If you are unsure of camp closing, please check the REMIND app. You must sign up for text notifications of camp closings, etc. (instructions included in this packet)
14. Child/children will be expected to help keep the park neat and clean.
15. The surrounding neighborhood has requested that parents are cautious when entering and exiting the camp and that they observe traffic safety.

These rules are for the safety and well-being of your child/children. Any violation of these rules may result in you being notified to pick up your child/children. If the violation is considered serious, the camp director will decide if and when the child/children will be permitted to return to camp.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to a safe and fun summer!

The Covered Bridge Camp Staff

Remind Set-up Instructions for Important Camp News and Updates

Any adult who could be picking your child up this summer should be added to this group. Your information will not be shared with anyone. You will receive information about camp events, if camp is closed or if we must close early due to weather.

Tell people to take out their phones.

