

Parent's Guide to Play Pensacola's Summer Camps



WELCOME!

We would like to take the time to go over some essential information that will be beneficial in understanding what our expectations are for all campers and parents. Our number one goal for Summer Camp at all City facilities is to provide a safe and fun environment for school aged children. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with the supervisor at the location your child is attending.

PAYMENTS

- Payments can be made in the form of Visa, MasterCard, check, cash, money order, or cashier's check.
- Checks are to be made payable to: City of Pensacola
- Payments are due prior to services being rendered. We request all payments by Monday for the current week.
- For all camp cancellations and refunds there is a \$25 administrative fee assessed.
- Payments are later after the 2nd day of camp and a \$10 late fee will be assessed.
- If payment is not received within 10 days you child will no longer be accepted into the summer camp program until all fees are paid in full.

FIELD TRIPS

- All field trips will be posted and available for parent review in advance.
- Envelopes are provided for field trips and special events. Please turn in payment with all information completed on the front.
- We only accept cash for field trips. Payment is due before campers may attend field trips.
- Camp shirts are available for purchase for \$12 each, while supplies last. It is mandatory that campers wear the camp shirt on all field trips, with the exception of City pools and water park trips.
- Some field trips may have age restrictions or may be available to a limited number of children on a first come first serve basis. Be sure to pay attention to these trips, as they do fill up fast.

SWIMMING TRIPS AND WATER DAYS

- Please be sure to make a member of our staff aware if your child/children is not a swimmer. Children who cannot swim are not permitted in the big pools or on slides. They will be able to play in the zero entry pools at the City pools and water parks.
- Swimming at the City pools is a free activity.
- On swim and water days, bring a towel, flip flops, sunscreen, and change of clothes. Campers should wear their suits to camp under clothes and should have sunscreen applied before arriving to camp. There is always the opportunity to reapply sunscreen while at camp or the pools. Please provide your child/children with spray-on sunscreen so that staff are able to help the camper reapply.

DRESS CODE

Our activities will vary from day to day. Please have children dress in comfortable clothes that allow movement.

- Athletic shoes (closed toe) are a must.
- Dresses and skirts are discouraged but permissible if shorts are worn underneath.
- A camp shirt is required on all field trips, unless otherwise noted. If you do not bring a camp shirt, another shirt may be purchased. We do not have loaner shirts.

SNACKS AND LUNCH

We have a morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack daily.

- Breakfast and Lunch are provided for campers most days but campers will have to provide their own afternoon snack. Please check the camp schedule for details.
- Some field trips will include lunch, others will require a brown bag lunch. Be sure to look over your schedules.
- All facilities have vending machines available. We ask that campers refrain from all carbonated beverages and sweets while at camp.
Campers will not have access to the facilities refrigerator or microwave.
- The use of a refillable water bottle is highly encouraged. Be sure to label your water bottle.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES AND BASIC RULES

All children are entitled to a pleasant and safe environment while participating in our programs. The City of Pensacola's Parks and Recreation programs use positive guidance methods including reminders, distractions, redirection, and logical consequences. There are five (5) simple rules that are applied to all camp activities be safe, be commitment, be respectful, be responsible, and have fun.

If these general measures are not successful, your child may be temporarily removed from the group.

Child safety is the most important concern of our program; therefore, children whose behavior is dangerous or repeatedly disruptive must be immediately picked up from the program by a designated adult. Repeatedly disruptive or dangerous behavior will be discussed with the child's parent and will result in loss of privileges or activities, suspension, or termination from the program

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED

- Cell phones or similar devices. If a camper needs to use a phone, they must see office staff in order to do so.
- Electronic gaming devices or MP3 / IPODs of any kind.
- Items that are of value that you would not want to be lost, stolen, or broken.
- All items not permitted in public schools are not allowed in our camps.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We want to make sure all campers are safe and well cared for. In order to ensure that campers do not have medical issues while at camp, please fully complete the Medical Information section in the registration packet with any allergies, illnesses, or other medical issues that will affect your child participating in our programming. If medication is to be distributed, additional paperwork will be required.

