

MATAWAN BOROUGH 2021 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE
IN SEPTEMBER

HELD AT RAVINE DRIVE SCHOOL
JUNE 28TH – AUGUST 6TH

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9:00AM – 1:00PM

REGISTRATION

Each child: \$285.00

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Summer Rec t-shirt, backpack, individual supplies

CALENDAR WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO 1ST DAY

For more information or to register by appointment call
the Matawan Department of Recreation
(732) 566-3898 ext. 130

Registration Form Available at
matawanborough.com

Registration must be completed no later than
Thursday, June 10th , 2021

100 Maximum Registration

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Summer, 2021

The Summer Recreation Staff would like to welcome your child to the Matawan Summer Recreation Program to be held at Ravine Drive School. The program begins on Monday June 28th and ends on Friday, August 6th . The program meets Monday thru Friday from 9:00am until 1:00pm RAIN OR SHINE.

Please be aware that your child's attendance at Matawan Recreation Summer Program is conditional with the following rules and regulations:

- Children are to be dropped off to the designated area for their age group in the morning. It is very important that you notify your child's counselor if someone other than the designated persons will be picking up your child. If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than a parent, legal guardian, or someone designated by you on your child's registration form, we ask that you inform the counselor that morning. No child will be released or allowed to leave the program without prior written parental/legal guardian consent. It is imperative that all parents understand and comply with these rules in order to ensure the wellbeing and safety of your child.
- Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at 1:00pm. The cost of the program does not include paying counselors over time for picking your child up late. Additionally, many of our counselors have secondary jobs and other responsibilities that do not allow them to stay past 1:00pm. Therefore, all parents will be charged a \$20.00 late fee for picking your child up past 1:00pm, and an additional \$10.00 fee for every ½ hour that they are late. If a child's parents, legal guardian, or designated driver cannot be reached, and has not made an effort to contact Recreation Staff an hour after the program has ended, the Matawan Police Department and the Division of Youth and Family Services will be notified.
- **IMPORTANT** - If you have instructions regarding specific individuals who are NOT to come into contact with your child please notify the Program Director, Alanna Zeller.
- Due to heat and humidity, please send extra drinks with your child. We recommend freezing a water bottle so that the drink stays cool for a longer period of time. Please write your child's name on the bottle in permanent marker to avoid confusion.
- Please apply sunblock on your children every morning. We spend a lot of time outdoors and some children can get sunburned even on overcast days and we do not provide sunscreen at the program.
- We request parents send light paper bag lunches with your child's name and the grade they are going into. We do not have refrigeration available for lunch.
- All program participants will receive a T-shirt and backpack to keep individualized supplies in. These will be stored at Matawan Recreation in the child's designated room.
- Please do not allow your child to bring in treasured, expensive, or potentially dangerous toys or games to the program. Do not allow your child to bring electronics (i.e. cell phones, ipods, video games etc...) Please double check any backpacks, or bags that they bring to the program. Remind your child that any unauthorized items will be confiscated by staff and will be returned to the child's parent or legal guardian at the end of the day. We are not responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO NOT ALLOW YOUNG CHILDREN TO BRING A CELL PHONE TO THE PROGRAM.

WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN CELL PHONES.

Any child needing to make a phone call to a parent or guardian will be given access to a phone at the program.

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the program (closed sneakers, t-shirt, shorts). For your child's safety please make sure that your child does not wear platform/dress sandals, tube tops, halters, dresses, etc.
- The program will have a water sprinkler available to be used on hot days at the discretion of the Director. You will be notified if children should bring in a bathing suit. Bathing suits should be carried in a small plastic bag so they can be sent home when wet. If you do **NOT** want your child to get wet at the program please notify the Director.
- A routine day of the program will include rotating 45 minute modules that begin at 9:15am and end at 12:45pm. These modules include arts and crafts, board games, tabletop games, outdoor playground, snack/lunch, and indoor sports.
- In order to promote cooperation we will be implementing a demerit program as follows:
 1. First offence = Call Home
 2. Second offence = A trip/activity privilege will be taken away following a parent conference.
 3. Third offence = Expulsion from the program.
- Finally please reiterate to your child that no physical aggression or bullying will be tolerated. If a child is aggressive towards another child their parents will be called to pick up the child immediately. If the bullying behavior is severe, and/or repetitive in nature, the Summer Recreation Director reserves the right to expel a child from the program at the Recreation Commission's discretion. ****No refunds will be issued after the program has started.****
- Due to Covid-19, all children will have their temperature taken during arrival. Parents **MUST** fill out the Covid-19 questionnaire daily to ensure that their child is allowed to enter the building each morning. ****If the Covid-19 questionnaire is not filled out, the child may not enter the building.****
- Due to Covid- 19, masks **must** be worn inside the building **at all times**, and when social distancing is unable to be maintained. However, masks can be taken off while children are playing outdoors. **** Since the Covid-19 guidelines continue to change, we will adjust our policy accordingly. ****
- Due to Covid-19, we will not be taking any outside trips this summer.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation! We look forward to spending a safe and fun filled summer with you!

Sincerely,

Alanna Zeller

Matawan Summer Recreation Program Director