

# **Borough of Matawan**

## **2023 Summer Recreation Program**

For children entering kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in September 2023

Held at RAVINE DRIVE SCHOOL

**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**

CLOSED JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

\$350- Matawan Resident

\$400- Non-Matawan Resident

\$35.00 (Theatre option)

Monday- Friday 9:00AM- 1:00PM

(drop off as early as 8:30AM)

**IN PERSON REGISTRATION- check made payable to Borough of Matawan**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th 10:00AM-12:00PM

THURSDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM-7:00PM

On-line payment option – go to Matawan Borough website, click on-line-payments (left hand side of page), click Recreation

Or click on Borough Services, click Recreation

On-line registration for each participant, 3% charge of total payable to finance company

Email option – please email registration forms to [recreation@matawanborough.com](mailto:recreation@matawanborough.com)

Come to office at 201 Broad Street and drop off

**REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 2nd OR IF MAXIMUM IS REACHED**

For more information email [recreation@matawanborough.com](mailto:recreation@matawanborough.com)

Dear Parent and or Caregiver,

The Summer Recreation Staff would like to welcome your child to the 2023 Matawan Summer Recreation Program to be held at Ravine Drive School. The

program begins on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The program meets Monday thru Friday from 9:00am until 1:00pm RAIN OR SHINE and is closed for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Drop-off is as early as 8:30AM and pick-up is 1PM. We will be emailing all of you an introductory letter as well as weekly updates to keep you informed of the different activities that will be occurring during the week. Many of last year's counselors are returning and we anticipate a great time to be had by all. We did include more assemblies like a dinosaur assembly on July 10<sup>th</sup>, a dragons assembly on June 29<sup>th</sup> among others scheduled for this summer and we will be bringing back our super popular kickball tournament with a final game at Matawan's Toomer Field. Dance instruction by Studio B will be returning and we will dedicate 1 day (module period) per week for this fun activity. Additionally, we are including our Summer Theatre week which was received very well by our campers last year. Eligible campers for theater instruction must be 1<sup>st</sup> graders and older. This is optional to our campers and this year's production is "The Pied Piper's Wild West Show"; brought to us by "Better Than Broadway". It does cost an extra \$35.00 to participate; and we do need a minimum of 40 commitments for the show to go on. Theatre Week will be introduced in Week 5 with the Finale Show to be held at the school on Friday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup> - time to be announced closer to production. If we do not meet minimum, we will refund your \$35.00. For those campers that do not elect to participate in the summer theatre program, will have their usual camp activities. We are anticipating at least 5 camp trips which are included in the price of registration. Our camp calendar which can found on the Matawan Borough website does showcase all our adventures and is a work in progress at this point in time. We may be adding more assemblies and trips and the information will be updated to you in our weekly letters. Registration forms can be downloaded and scanned back to Recreation. We have included an on-line payment option as well. We hope that this will make registration a bit easier for those of you who cannot make it to the Borough to register. We look forward to a great summer program with your children.

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.

- **IMPORTANT** - If you have instructions regarding specific individuals who are **NOT** to come into contact with your child please notify the Program Director, Daria Dieterle at recreation @matawanborough.com,
- 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 sun block 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 for their snack time. Each group gets a snack time in their daily routine. We do not have refrigeration available for lunches.
- We will be taking several outside field trips. No child will be permitted to attend field trips without submitting a permission slip. If your child is not going on a field trip, there will be **NO PROGRAM** at the school for your child that day.
- All program participants will receive a T-shirt that **MUST** be worn on all field trips.
- We do take photos during camp time and we will post on Facebook. Please sign the photo submission form authorizing or not authorizing permission to post pictures on-line.
- 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.** Any child needing to make a phone call to a parent or guardian will be given access to a phone at the program.

**WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR STOLEN CELL PHONES, OR ANY ITEMS THAT WERE LOST.** We do have a lost and found; however we are not responsible for ANY items that children lose or do not bring home.

- 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 sandals, tube tops, halters, dresses, hee-lies 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 12:45pm. These modules include arts and crafts, board games, tabletop games, outdoor playground and indoor sports. Afterwards, the children will have a 15 minute window to get their belongings together, to make sure they bring home the items they brought to camp, and will be ready for camp dismissal at 1PM. This will give the counselors the opportunity to work with your children at the end of the day to make sure they have everything, and to check in with them regarding camp. So camp pick up will be at 1PM. If you need to pick up your camper earlier, please let the Summer Recreation Director know for arrangements to be made.

NO BULLYING, or PHYSICAL AGGRESSION will be tolerated. If a child is aggressive towards another child their parents/caregivers 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.

- In order to promote cooperation, we will be diligent with feedback regarding your child:
  1. First Offence = Call Home
  2. Second Offence = A trip privilege will be taken away following a parent conference.
  3. Third Offence = Expulsion from the program.
- **No refunds will be issued after the program has started.**

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation! We look forward to wonderful fun filled summer with your children!

Sincerely,

*Daria*

*Dieterle*

Matawan Summer Recreation Program Director

