



**Welcome to**  
**Barkhamsted Recreation**  
**Camp 2017**

The following information is intended for parents and campers, to help make the campers' experience a positive one and to help in understanding the importance of camp rules and safety.

**Camp Hours: Monday**  
**- Friday**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.-  
Full Day Camp  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-1/2 day camp

**PLEASE READ THE RAIN POLICY AT THE END OF THIS HANDOUT**



**WHAT TO BRING/WEAR TO CAMP EACH DAY**

- Sneakers and socks are required throughout the day for activities. During the swimming portion of the day, you may pack your child's backpack with crocs, aqua shoes or similar for your child's convenience. Children will be required to change back into socks and sneakers.
- On the First Morning-Please bring a brown paper grocery bag if possible. All of their craft items/projects will be brought home in their brown bag at the end of the week. Also if you have recycled-oatmeal canisters, paper towel rolls, newspaper-we will be using these for projects and could use extras! Children will also be decorating camp Olympic T-shirts. Please bring a White T-shirt on the first day of camp with their name on it.
- Bring or wear a bathing suit each day for swim time- (A one piece suit is recommended) and Towel
- Change of Clothes
- Bring lunch, snack and drink (extra water on hot days) in an insulated lunch bag with the child's name written on the bag. Please send your child with non-caffeinated drinks. Please send at least two drinks especially on hot days.

- Sunscreen, child must apply. Please also apply before camp!
- A Smile!
- Also please be sure to check the camp week activities letter as that will have some other information regarding needs at camp.

**If your child has food allergies please provide a few extra snacks as we will be having some treats at camp and we want to make sure everyone is included. Please label and include with your child's snack in their lunch bag. If your child requires an EPI-Pen, please be sure to turn in your Medical Authorization Paperwork to the Parks and Rec. Office by Monday, July 3. Epi-pens must be given to staff each morning and taken home daily by parents/guardians.**

**WHAT  
NOT  
TO  
BRING  
TO  
CAMP**

Gum, money, personal, valuable items, iPods, MP3, cell phones, electronic devices, trading cards, squirt guns, etc....

**CAMP RULES**

Children will stay with their group.

Children will follow instructions from staff.

Have respect for others.

Respect the environment and nature. Clean up after themselves and keep the park clean. No fighting, spitting, swearing, teasing or disrespect towards staff and other campers.

No bullying.

Children will be placed in groups accordingly by Parks & Recreation Department according to grade/age. All rules will encompass a safe and courteous lifestyle.

**WATERFRONT**

**SAFETY**

Adhere to Buddy Checks.  
Swim in designated area only.

Adhere to instructions from  
Waterfront Staff. No  
Horseplay of any kind.  
Adhere to all other general waterfront rules.

***For the safety of all participants, if any rules are broken by a camper, the situation will be dealt with immediately. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken, such as: Parent notification, Dismissal, Expulsion. No refunds will be given.***

### **END OF DAY PROCEDURE**

All parents must complete a Parent Pickup Verification Form/Emergency Card  
Camp staff will verify the individual who **must present a license or photo I.D.** Pick up is promptly before 3:00 p.m. at EAST or West Beach. Please begin picking up children 2:45 at the Beach for the Full Day Camp and at 11:45 a.m. at the People's Forest Pavilion for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  day program. We encourage parents to talk to their child's counselor about their day.

**Parents/Guardians PLEASE CHECK OUT with your child's counselor each day. Counselors are not allowed to send children into cars. Parents must walk to the group and sign their child out daily. When picking up your child at the Gate at West or East Beach, please let the MDC guard know that you are picking up your child from Barkhamsted Recreation Camp and will not be charged a fee.**

***PLEASE PARENTS, watch your speed limit on East River Road in the morning when you drop off your child to camp. Thanks!***

We look forward to having your child attend camp and have many fun activities planned!

### **RAIN POLICY:**

- If the forecast calls for steady heavy/severe rain all day, you will get a call or email from the camp staff that morning and let you know what the plan for the day is. More than likely we will be still having camp available and it will be held indoors at the Town Garage Community room where the children will play indoor games and watch movies.
- If we get a quick thunderstorm while we are at People's State Forest, we go under the pavilion or in the Squire's Tavern Red Barn.
- If we get a thunderstorm at West Beach between noon and 2:00, we bus the children to Barkhamsted Town Garage Community Room and the parents would be expected to pick the children up before 3 p.m..
- After 2:00 p.m., in case of rain at the Beach, parents please children up pick up **promptly** at East or West Beach.
- If it starts raining in the morning (after drop off) and does not look like it is letting up, we will bring the children to the Barkhamsted Town Garage Community Room-Please pick children up before 3 p.m.

**Camp staff will notify you before the start of camp whether we will be using East or West Beach and the details of pick up. We should know soon which waterfront we are using. Both are beautiful areas.**