Welcome to Lafayette Recreation's Summer Programs

Recreation Office Information:

Mailing Address: PO Box 900, Franconia, NH 03580
Phone: (603) 616-9547 (call or text)

Summer Camp Location:

Camp activities will base from the Lafayette Elementary School, Franconia, NH. We will leave a sign on the multi-purpose room entrance door regarding where we are when we are not in the building.

Program Eligibility and Hours:

2018 Summer camp will run June 25th - August 10th – *There will be no Rec. on **Wednesday July 4th***

- Summer Rec. is for children who are entering first – 7th grade

Any entering 7th grader may participate in BOTH Summer Rec. and Adventure Camp.

- Adventure Camp is on Tuesdays & Wednesdays for students who entering grades 7th-9th.
- All outstanding Lafayette Recreation fees must be paid before your child is eligible to enroll.

Very Important: Please understand that the Lafayette Recreation Department reserves the right to recommend that your child not attend camp if a serious problem occurs. The first week attendance at camp is a trial period for all campers.

Cancellation Policy:

If your child will not be able to attend the summer camp and you have already registered for the program, we will refund your fees if notified before the start of summer camp.

Sick Child Policy:

If your child is sick at camp, you will be responsible to come and get your child or send someone else to bring them home. We do not have a safe place for sick children at camp. If your child is not feeling well the day of a trip, please do not send them as we have no way to get sick children home once we are on a trip.

What should my camper wear to camp?

We will be doing a large variety of activities that will require relaxed play clothes. We recommend that you do not send your child in a skirt or dress as it will limit their participation in some activities. T-shirts and shorts are suggested. All campers will receive a Lafayette Summer Recreation T-shirt that **must be worn on all camp trips.** Please have your camper wear **sneaker type, secure shoes** including field trips unless otherwise noted by the Director. Additional shirts can be purchased for $10. Please do not allow your child to wear dress sandals, flip flops or any type of shoes that would be hazardous to run or bike in.

What should my camper bring to camp?

* **A backpack:** please pack all camp items into a labeled backpack so that campers can keep all their daily items and belongings organized in one bag.
* **Snacks and a lunch:** Please send your camper with a healthy lunch, snacks and water daily. No glass please. We do not have refrigerator space so please send a cooler if needed. Please bring a refillable water bottle daily.
* **Swimsuit & towel**: Swim lessons, swimming in the river, water games on the playground or a quick trip to the pool. Please send your camper with a swimsuit and towel daily.
* **Sunscreen**: Our camp policy asks that you apply sunscreen to your child **before** they come to camp. Please leave a bottle with your child's name on it in at Rec. for a second or third application after lunch and throughout the day. Staff members will remind and assist if necessary all groups to reapply sunscreen throughout the day. Hats are recommended on sunny days.
* **Extra Clothing/Rain Gear**: Since the weather here is always changing and camp goes on in rain or shine, hot or cold, extra clothing is a must. We recommend a sweatshirt or fleece, and extra change of clothing, bathing suit and a towel every day. It's necessary to **label everything** your camper brings to the program to prevent items being lost.

* **Bike & Helmet**: First and second grade group will bike at least one day per week. Third and fourth graders will bike at least 2 days per week. Our fifth through seventh graders will need a bike and helmet most days we are at the school for the summer rec. program for local biking trips. All bikers will typically need to carry a backpack containing their lunch, a swimsuit, a towel and a refillable water bottle.

What your camper should NOT bring to camp:

* Knives (or anything that could be construed as a weapon), candy, gum, glass bottles, any electronic devices (*cell phones, tablets, gaming devices or personal music devices*) or personal toys.
* **Money**: Your camper will NOT need spending money on any camp day – this includes all field trips. Please do not send your camper with money to spend.
* Other- any other objects you are unsure of, please ask camp staff or call Kris.

Morning Drop-Off Information:

Camp morning meeting starts at 9:10am. Children may be dropped off in the circle in front of the school. Anyone needing to park, must park in the side parking lot. **There is no parking in the circle.** Children riding a bike to camp are not allowed to ride on the sidewalk in front of the school. Please walk bikes in front of the school to the bike rack.

Afternoon Check Out

If your child will be walking or biking to or from camp, please send us a note that we may keep on file giving your permission for them to walk or bike. Walkers and bikers will leave camp when the majority of the vehicle traffic has cleared from the school parking lot, shortly after 3pm. If your child is going to be picked up by someone that is not listed, a written note is required from the parent before the child can be released and if we are unfamiliar with the person, we will ask for valid ID. Please advise your pick up person to be prepared to show their identification.

Rainy Day Policy:

Summer camp will be open rain or shine! Any outdoor field trips may be postponed on rainy days and every attempt will be made to continue all events regardless of weather. This means your child may GET WET!! **Please send extra labeled clothing on such questionable days**.

Summer Programs Philosophy

* To provide area youth an opportunity to participate in a well rounded recreation program.
* To develop a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
* To develop a feeling of confidence, self-esteem, and an awareness of proper attitude with relations to others.
* To provide campers with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of activities so that they might better enjoy those activities during camp and in the future.
* To develop in campers an appreciation of, and responsibility to, the natural environment and community that surrounds them.
* To provide campers with a staff that has outstanding humanity and leadership qualities who will serve as constant role models to the campers. The traits of fairness, compassion, tolerance, and patience are essential for a staff who works, plays and teaches young people.

Field Trips

Field trips to area attractions and events will be taken on Friday's. The cost of field trips is not included in the cost of registration. Payment for the field trip is due the Thursday morning before the trip. Children must sign up for the trip by Thursday morning so we can adequately arrange groups and notify our field trip location. Lafayette Summer Recreation T-shirts **must be worn on all field trips**. Children will not be permitted to go without a 2018 t-shirt, this is for the safety of the campers and help with keeping our group together. *Additional shirts can be purchased for $10 when available.* If your child is suspended from a field trip or chooses not attend the trip, you will have to make other arrangements for care as all of our staff go on the field trips. Inappropriate behavior on field trips will result in the loss of field trip privileges for the following field trip. Continuous behavior will result in the permanent loss of field trips privileges.

Discipline Policy

Please take a few moments to review the following discipline policy with your child(ren). Summer Programs are offered so that children can have fun in a safe environment. With that in mind, we expect your child and all children to respect our staff, each other and property of others. Good camper behavior allows all campers to have a positive summer program experience.

Parents: Please remember that the first week of camp is a trial week for all campers. We reserve the right to remove any child from camp if we feel we cannot adequately handle the behavioral needs of the child.

Unacceptable Behavior: includes, but is not limited to:

1. Pushing or swearing
2. Bullying
3. Fighting**
4. Verbal abuse of another camper or staff
5. Stealing or destruction of property
6. Difficulty following directions
7. Misbehavior on a field trip (see field trip policies)
8. Any other issue that detracts from a safe environment for all campers.

The Lafayette Recreation Department uses a 3 warnings system as a discipline policy. It is as follows:

1st warning: If after a verbal warning the behavior does not change, a Behavior Incident Report will be filled out and sent home. This form will need to be signed by a parent before the camper can return to camp.

2nd warning: If the same behavior occurs after the first written warning, a second written warning will be sent home which will also need to be signed before the camper may return to camp. The camper will also be asked to stay home the next day of camp after the incident.

3rd warning: If the same behavior occurs after the first and second written warnings, the child will be asked to leave camp for the summer.

** ***Fighting will not be tolerated. If fighting occurs, the child will be given a 2nd warning immediately and will be asked to stay home the following day.***

RULES AND PROCEDURES

AS A CAMPER I UNDERSTAND:

Rules:

1. Must treat everyone and everything with respect.
2. Campers must keep their hands to themselves.
3. Campers must stay with the group or make sure that their counselor knows where they are going.
4. No candy or chewing gum while at camp.
5. Campers are strongly encouraged to participate in all camp activities.
6. During lunchtime, campers should remain seated until dismissed. This is so that all trash is properly disposed of and all campers have time to finish their lunches.
7. Campers on field trips must wear Lafayette Recreation T-shirt and stay with their counselor at all times.
8. Campers agree to all aspects of the Discipline Policy.

Bus Rules:

1. Stay seated at all times, and refrain from disruptive noise.
2. No sticking anything out the window at anytime.
3. Campers must keep aisles clear at all times.

Bikers & Walkers:

1. If you want your child consistently walking or biking from the summer program you will need to send one note the first day stating that, as well as any specific time they should be dismissed.
2. At the end of the day, unless otherwise informed by note, all bikers and walkers will be allowed to leave shortly after 3:00pm.

3. All bikers should wear properly fitting helmets.
4. All bikers should know their safe biking rules, and should abide by these rules when riding to and from camp.

AS A PARENT I AGREE TO:

1. Not drop my child off before the pre-arranged time or pick them up after the arranged time.
2. Work with the program staff to give my child the best possible experience.
3. Register for all field trips, by the deadline, or understand that they will not be able to attend.