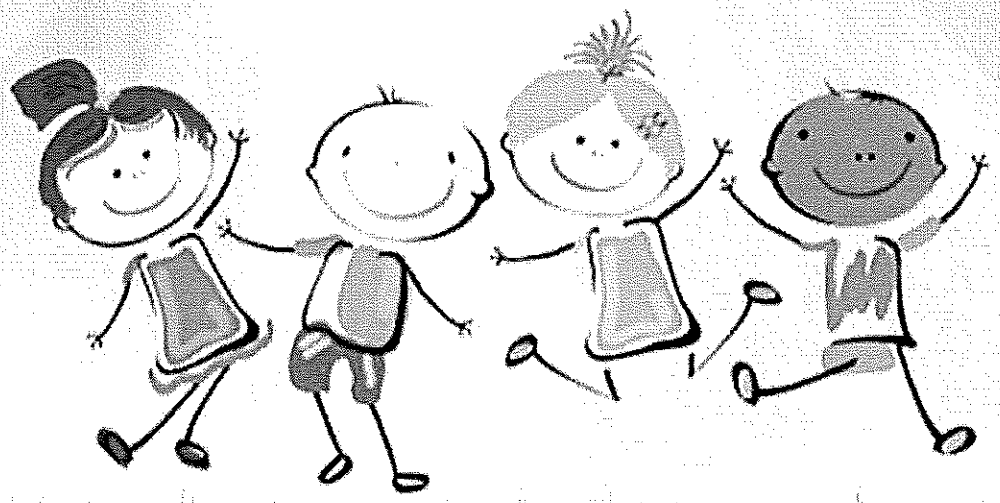
Camp Handbook

Benner Township

Summer Park & Recreation

"Summer Fun Has Just Begun!"



Summer Park & Rec. 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 24	25 First Day of Camp 9-12	26 Ben Salinas Magician Visits Camp 9-12	27 *Bowling @ Bellefonte Lanes 9-12	28 9-12	29 Water Day 9-12	30
JULY 1	2 9-12	3 Camp at Buffalo Run Community Park 9-12**	4 NO CAMP HAPPY 4TH	5 Field trip to Black Moshannon State Park 8:30 – 4	6 Water Day 9-12	7
8	9 9-12	10 American Philatelic Visits Camp 9-12	11 9-12	12 Field trip to Bald Eagle State Park 8:30 - 4	13 Water Day 9-12	14
15	16 9-12	17 Centre Co. Recycles Visits Camp *Bring an old T-Shirt 9-12	18 *Bowling @ Bellefonte Lanes 9-12	19 9-12	20 Water Day 9-12	21
22	23 Bring a T-shirt to Tie-Dye (Rubberband Day) 9-12	24 Swartz Puppet Show with workshops @ Camp 9-3	25 Tie Dye Day 9-12	26 Camp at Buffalo Run Community Park 9-12**	27 Water Day 9-12	28
29	30 9-12	31 9-12	**AUGUST** 1 *Bowling @ Bellefonte Lanes 9-12	2 Field Trip to Benezette 8:30 - 5	3 Water Day 9-12 Last Day of Camp	4

*DROP OFF AND PICK UP IS AT BELLEFONTE LANES.

**DROP OFF AND PICK UP IS AT BUFFALO RUN COMMUNITY PARK

SUMMER PARK & RECREATION INFORMATION

1. Camp begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 12:00 PM. Please DO NOT drop your child off early or pick them up late. There will be no adults available to watch your child before or after camp times and campers MAY NOT be at the facility unattended.
   PLEASE NOTE: Any child who is picked up at least 15 minutes late twice will be dismissed from the program. There will be no refund of camp fees.

2. Due to safety reasons, PLEASE DO NOT drive around the township building to drop off or pick up your child. If you arrive to camp after camp staff has returned to the pavilion, please park and walk your child down to the pavilion to sign them in. Please DO NOT drive past the township building. This also applies if you must pick your camper up early. Please follow these guidelines to keep our campers as safe as possible: When entering the township grounds, please continue up the gravel road to the right, make the loop in the upper parking lot and continue back down the gravel road. A counselor will meet you at your vehicle to sign your camper in or out while other counselors will help your camper exit or enter the vehicle from the passenger's side.

3. PLEASE sign your child in and out every day. Please be prepared to show ID in case camp staff doesn't recognize you.

4. All staff will be called by Mr., Mrs, or Miss, NOT by their first names.

5. Campers must let a counselor know when they need to use the bathroom.

6. Campers may NOT go into the storage shed unless authorized by a counselor.

7. Please make sure your child's FIRST & LAST name is printed clearly on all belongings. Please limit the items(TOYS) that your child brings to camp. If a problem arises with toys they will no longer be allowed to bring anything but necessities.

8. Each child is responsible for his/her personal items brought to summer camp. PLEASE DO NOT send any electronic items – video games, IPod, etc. The summer park program WILL NOT be responsible if they are lost or damaged.

9. PLEASE remember to put sunscreen on your child before leaving home. Your child will be in the sun for at least two hours each day and camp personnel are not allowed to administer sunscreen.

10. All activities and field trips are subject to change.

11. In the event of severe weather prior to drop-off, please call Benner Township Building at (814) 355-1419 to find out if camp will be held for the day. If it occurs after drop-off, please have arrangements made for your child to be picked up in case of an early closure. Cancellations will not be rescheduled.

12. Water day will be on Friday and run from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. Campers should wear their bathing suits under their clothes, bring a towel and wear sunscreen. They may wear sandals, flip flops or water shoes for water day only.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SNACKS/LUNCHES

- Due to allergies, NO ITEMS CONTAINING PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER WILL BE ALLOWED AT CAMP.
- Each child MUST have a mid-morning snack every day of camp
- All children MUST bring a water bottle to fill with water to use throughout the day,
- Each child must bring a lunch and two snacks on field trip/extended days. Please keep in mind that the child must carry his own lunch on field trips. When packing lunches for field trips, please send items that the child can easily carry.

FIELD TRIPS

- ALL CAMPERS MUST DEPART AND RETURN ON THE BENNER TOWNSHIP PARK & RECREATION BUSSES FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS. NO CAMPER WILL BE PERMITTED TO BE PICKED UP AT THE FIELD TRIP DESTINATIONS FOR ANY REASON EXCEPT ILLNESS OR INJURY.
- If your child cannot attend, please let us know as soon as possible.
- Drop-off times on field trip days will change to 8:30 a.m. NO ONE will be added to the trip roster after 9:00 a.m. Trip rosters will be faxed at that time! No changes will be made.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are not permitted at camp. All camp personnel will have phones that the campers can use in an emergency. ANY camper caught with a cell phone at any time during camp WILL BE DISMISSED from the program WITHOUT ANY REFUND.

ILLNESSES AND MEDICATIONS

Children who are ill should not be sent to camp. If your child comes to camp ill or becomes ill during camp, you will be notified and expected to pick up your child as soon as possible. PLEASE have arrangements made in case your child needs to be picked up before the end of the camp day. The staff is NOT permitted to administer any type of medication. THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUNSCREEN.

REGISTRATION FORMS/MEDICAL INFORMATION

Copies of each camper's registration form and medical information, including emergency telephone numbers will be kept on site at all times and will be taken on all field trips in the event that a parent must be contacted.

PROPER CLOTHING

Please dress your child appropriately for the summer heat, in comfortable play clothes and sneakers. Sandals and flip-flops are permitted on water days only. Please have your child wear his swimming suit under his clothing on water days. The children will not be able to change their clothing.

CAMP RULES

Campers and staff will create a list of camp rules on the first day of camp.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Children are expected to display appropriate behavior at all times. To assure the maximum enjoyment of the program by all participants, please review the following guidelines with your child:

- Show respect to other participants and staff.
- Be pleasant to others and refrain from using foul language.
- Refrain from causing harm to self, other participants and staff.
- Use equipment, supplies and facilities properly.
- Always wear shoes.
- Stay with the group.

DISCIPLINE

If behavior problems arise, you will be contacted that day to discuss the nature of the problem. The following discipline techniques will be used for uncooperative children:

- **Verbal warning.**
- **Time out**: child is removed from the activity (but not the vicinity) for the duration of up to one minute for each year of age.
- **Parent involvement**: if the child has difficulty controlling himself, the parent will be contacted to handle the situation.
- **Removal from program**: if problems persist or the behavior is severe such as causing harm to others or persistent disruption of camp activities, the child will be removed from the program with NO refund.