

Oxford Parks and Recreation

Huskies Summer Camp Manual 2018

Welcome to our Huskie Summer Camp Program:

The Huskies are to go to Colonial Tavern on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Thursday will be the **Camp Trip Day** and campers are to be dropped off at Posypanko Park where they will be picked up by bus for their destination. We expect that all campers will be going on the scheduled trip. There will be no camp offered for those that choose not to go.

On **Huskie Trip Days**, (Thursdays) lunch may be included. Please check the week your child is registered for. If they need to bring a lunch, no large coolers please! There isn't enough room to store them all. On Colonial Tavern days, lunch is provided. Lunch is always at noon. On Colonial Tavern days, there will be a light snack and drink at about 2:00 which is included in your fees. **There will be no snack provided on trip days.** Campers are always welcome to bring their own water bottle, which can be refilled at camp.

Emergency Contact Info Form – needs to be filled out and brought with you on your child's 1st day of camp. It can be downloaded from our website on any camp page.

FAQ's:

Summer Camp Cancellation Policy:

*Cancellations the week that camp is scheduled for will not receive any refund.

*Cancellations made up to 8 calendar days before the start of camp will be charged a 25% penalty

*Cancellations made within 7 calendar days or less of the start of camp will be charged a 50% penalty

Counselors: Each year, we are blessed with mostly the same counselors who come back year after year. Many of our counselors have been trained in CPR, basic First Aid, Bloodborne Pathogens and Epi-Pen Administration. If your child needs to bring an Epi-Pen to camp, please see directions for that below.

Check In/Out: For the safety of your child, we ask that parents sign their child in and sign them out each day. Children will check in and out with their assigned counselor. Some of you participate in carpools – some pick up children of friends – some have grandma pick up their child, etc. If you want someone else to pick up your child, we ask that you notify the counselors in advance. If you are caught in traffic and want someone else to take your child home, feel free to call the facility where your child is and let the counselors know. The phone numbers for the facilities are listed on the last page. You may want to program them into your cell phone. Also, if you need to pick up your child early – or have other questions concerning your child, feel free to talk with the staff on check-in duty.

Epi-Pens: If your child needs to bring an Epi-Pen to camp, please follow these rules. Bring the Pen with you and take it home each day. Put it in a plastic zip lock bag that contains your child's name, address, phone number, emergency phone number and a picture of your child. Please give it to the **Head Counselor** on duty. Epi Pens will be stored in the Lifeguard office at Colonial Tavern. Epi-Pens will be brought on all camp trips. Should your child need to use it, our counselors will assist your child in administering the Epi-Pen. They will then call you for instruction unless the child needs to be rushed to the hospital in which case, they will call the ambulance.

What to Wear: We will give your child one or two official camp t-shirts, depending upon how many sessions s/he is registered for. Please make sure (s)he wears the camp t-shirt to the Colonial Tavern and while on **all** bus trips. Your child will be assigned to a color group. Each child and counselor in the group will wear the same color t-shirts to make both the campers and counselors easily identifiable. The Huskies do crafts that include paints and markers. While we try to get washable markers and paints, they're never truly washable. So, please don't send the kids in good clothes.

** We always have a limited number of extra T-Shirts leftover. They are available for purchase for \$5 each. They will be at the Town Hall (Parks and Rec office) after the start of camp. We will continue to sell them until they're gone. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please don't call to reserve them – they will be sold to those who have money in hand.

Swimming: There is a pool at Colonial Tavern. We will have lifeguards on duty along with CTs' own staff of guards. In addition, the counselors are also watching the pool and many of them are IN the pool with the campers. Our guards will test the kids on the first day to see what their ability is and will then advise your child as to their limitations in the pool. On oxfordrec.com Huskies page, you will find a Colonial Tavern account form to set up an account for your child. Please remember that this is between you and Colonial Tavern. Parks and Rec does **not** have any involvement with setting up, collecting money or any other administration of C.T. pool accounts.

Sunscreen: Please remember to slather your child up with sunscreen in the morning and then send some more to camp. Our counselors have been advised not to put sunscreen on the children but will regularly remind them to put it on themselves. Also, if you send the spray sunscreen, the counselors will spray it on your child for you. We will have **mandatory** sun screen breaks each day at Huskies camp; once each morning at 11:45am and once again each afternoon at 2:15. We will require all kids to get out of the pool and will remind them all to reapply their sunscreen. These breaks occur around lunch and snack times to allow time for the sunscreen to soak in before they jump back into the pool.

Rain policy: If it's just a drizzle or occasional showers – we will continue with our original schedule. If its horrendous storms, we may cancel camp all together (highly doubtful). Please check the Parks and Rec Info Line (check last page of this letter for the number) each morning for an update of changes to camp for that day. Jamie Yak will be leaving a message on there each day by 6:45am. So – to review – if it is raining – call the info line to check the status.

Remember, this is not day-care. It is summer camp. If you are using this as your day care, please be prepared with your back-up plan in case of serious rain. Thanks so much for your understanding. There are no refunds for missed days, sorry.

Sick: If your child is sick, please keep him/her home. It's not fair to the other children to expose them to the illness, and your child will not have fun either. We will have plenty of hand sanitizer on hand and will encourage the children to wash their hands often. Having said that, if a child complains of a sore throat, aches, fever, etc, we will contact you as quickly as we can. This is to protect all involved.

Trips: The Huskies have a trip scheduled each week. By registering your child for the Huskie camp, you are agreeing to allow your child to participate in the week's trip. A few items to emphasize – 1) Huskies trips are not optional. If your child does not want to go on a trip – there will be no camp offered for that day. 2) Your child must wear his/her camp t-shirt on the trip. 3) **If a child gets on a bus to go on a trip – they must return on that bus! No one will be allowed to go home from the trip with parents or friends.** 4) Children should be dropped off at Posypanko Park on Thursdays, Camp Trip Day. If it is raining on a Thursday, please call the info line to see whether your child should be dropped off at Colonial Tavern instead of Posypanko Park.
203-888-2543, press 3 then 1.

This and That: Regretfully, we cannot make any changes adding anyone to another session if they had not already signed up for it. The staff has been hired, shirts have been ordered, supplies have been stocked – all based upon the registrations we have received. **Please refer to the Summer Camp Cancellation Policy** located on the first page of this manual.

Cell Phones: Each year, more and more kids are bringing Cell Phones to camp. Please be aware that we do have phones at all facilities. If you feel your child needs to bring a cell to camp, please be aware that we are not responsible if it gets damaged, lost or stolen. We also will do our best to discourage them from sitting around talking and texting on their phone all day. Hopefully, we can keep them entertained enough so that they won't want to do that!

Valuables: Leave them home. It's not worth the risk of losing things like Electronic Games, Computer Games, etc. Not only could they be lost or stolen, they could easily be damaged and we will not be held responsible for them.

Tax ID: Some of you deduct your camp fees from next year's taxes. **Keep this number handy.** You'll need it when you file.

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Most of you know Jamie Yakushewich (Yak) from past years. Jamie is the Camp Director. Once camp begins, you may feel free to talk with him about any questions or concerns that may pop up. He will not be stationed at either of the campsites – he will be floating back and forth. If you don't find him at the camp, leave a message with any counselor and Jamie will get back to you. Of course, in the meantime, feel free to contact our office with any other questions or concerns. (203) 828-6505

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Important Phone Numbers:

Info Line: (203) 888-2543, select 3 then 1 (updated each day by 6:45am)
*** Call to hear announcements

Posypanko Park: (203) 888-7842

Colonial Tavern: (203) 264-8244 (restaurant)

