



Monmouth County Park System

Fort Monmouth Recreation Center – Summer Camp Information Sheet

Welcome to Summer Camp at the Fort Monmouth Recreation Center!

Includes the following camps:

Summertime Fun
Create Like Kids Baking Championship
Everyday Heroes
Hunger Games
Hunger Games Resistance
Shark Tank Camp

Star Wars
Video Games Camp
Whodunit: Fort Monmouth
Wizards Games
Wizards Games Resistance



We are very excited to have your child spend time with us this summer, and we hope that they will leave with fond memories and new friendships. To ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for your child, below we've included some helpful information:

What to wear: Closed toe shoes, play clothes and swimsuit underneath, when possible. Please no flip flops, except to wear at the pool. Your child may want to bring a sweatshirt for activities in our air conditioned classrooms.

What to bring: Cloth face covering; Snack, lunch, and a drink in a refillable bottle; a swimsuit (if not wearing under clothes), towel and sunscreen. Lunches will need a cold pack, and are kept in each group's homeroom. Due to the increase in the number of individuals who

have nut allergies, we are requesting that you please refrain from sending food or snacks with nuts, peanut oil or nut byproducts to camp.

What NOT to bring: valuables, electronics and favorite toys, as we cannot guarantee they will not get damaged or lost.

Pool time: Lifeguards are on duty and counselors play and swim with the campers. We have a youth pool which is 18" deep, as well as our main pool which is 3'-5', with a lazy "L" that goes to 10'. Campers must pass a swim test to be allowed past the 3' section.

Sidewalk Drop-off & pick-up: Drop off for camp begins at 8:45am, unless you are registered for before care. This summer, camp parents at Fort Monmouth will drive into the parking lot and as they come around to the Atrium side, staff will conduct the Camp Healthy Space questionnaire and temperature check. After the screening, cars will pull up to the other side of the Atrium where camp staff will assist the campers and help them get inside to their group's homeroom. At the end of the day, cars will follow the same route, and the staff will radio to the counselors to send the child out. Pick up is no later than 4:15pm, unless you are registered for after care. Campers will only be released to authorized adults.

Arriving late/leaving early: While we understand there are days when your child cannot be here at 9:00 am and/or may need to leave before 4:00 pm, we remind parents that their child may miss out on some camp activities by coming late or leaving early. We do not offer make up time in such cases. Parents should follow the drop-off route, stopping at sidewalk to call so that staff can either come out to escort the child in or bring the child out for pick up.

Lunch: Campers will eat lunch with their group, either in their homeroom or under one of the tents outside (limited to accommodate Camp Healthy Space guidelines.) **Please note: we don't allow campers to go to the snack and soda machines during camp hours.**

Camp Groups: our campers are placed into groups based on their age at the start of the camp season. With a lower maximum number of campers this season, there may be some overlap in ages on each group. Due to Camp Healthy Space guidelines and camp ratios, we cannot take requests for children to be grouped together and we will not be able to give children with summer birthdays the option to move up if they choose.

Camp Forms: Camp information forms are required for all camp participants. These forms are available on our web site: www.monmouthcountyparks.com. A doctor's signature is only required for supplemental forms (food allergy form, asthma action plan, medication form). **If you have registered children other than your own, please give this information to the other camper's parents.** **Forms should be submitted prior to the first day of camp. They must be received by the time you drop off your child.** If your child takes medication at camp or has any medical concerns, our medical coordinator will need to speak to you briefly before you leave.

Fort Monmouth Summer Camp Staff:

Camp Counselors- Ranging in age from high school students to high school teachers our camp counselors must complete a background check and training before working on planning fun, safe, age-appropriate activities for our campers.

Medical Coordinator- We have trained medical staff on site for the duration of every day of camp. Our Medical Coordinator handles first aid and any medications your child may need during the camp day.

Lifeguards- Our lifeguards are trained, Red Cross certified guards. They will administer the swim test for all campers that wish to swim in the 4-10 foot area of the pool. Not all campers choose to take the swim test and those campers stay in the 3 foot end. Campers are allowed to bring in swim vests or other floatation devices but must be able to pass a swim test without wearing them before they will be allowed in the deeper parts of the pool.

Full Time Staff- Fort Monmouth Recreation Area full time staff will also be at on-site while camps are running. Full Time staff can assist with on-site registration, camp questions, and other Park System related inquiries:

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