



KIDS CAMP MAPLEWOOD

2024 SESSIONS

Session I:	June 24- June 28
Session II:	July 1- July 5 (no camp on 7/4)
Session III:	July 8- July 12
Session IV:	July 15- July 19
Session V:	July 22- July 26
Session VI:	July 29- August 2
Session VII:	August 5- August 9
Session VIII:	August 12- August 16

DeHart Community Center (120 Burnett Ave)

REGISTRATION TO OPEN JANUARY 22, 2024



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A FEW POLICIES & TIPS FOR THE BEST CAMP EXPERIENCE

CLOTHING

Camp T-shirts will be distributed within the first few days of camp. Any time we leave the site, campers must wear their T-shirts (for example to our weekly trip to Maplecrest Park). These vibrant shirts help our counselors spot our happy campers.

The only shoes permitted in camp are SNEAKERS. (No jellies, sandals, Crocs, boat shoes, slippers, or moccasins please). If your child wears inappropriate shoes to camp, they will not be allowed to play on the playground or open field, they will be limited to inside games, arts and crafts and outdoor board games.

Please clearly label all swimsuits, towels, clothes, sneakers, socks, backpacks, water bottles, and lunches with your child's name. We do have a lost and found in case anything is lost or misplaced.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Morning Drop-off: 8:30-8:45am
(no earlier please)

Before Care Drop-off: 7am (no earlier please)

Full Day Pick-up:
3:15-3:30pm (no later please)

After Care Pick-up:
5:45-6:00PM (no later please)

All drop-offs and pick-ups are at the DeHart Community Center (120 Burnett Ave).

In the event of rain, drop-off and pick-up will be held inside the Community Center.

Parents need to sign their child out daily with their child's counselor.

TIPS FOR CAMPERS & THEIR PARENTS

- Get a good night's rest.
- Eat a hearty breakfast.
- Wear sneakers with good support.
- Use a backpack, one that is proportionate to the child's size.
- Pack lunch with an ice pack.
- Bring a water bottle for drinking throughout the day.
- Furnish reliable emergency information (including all allergies to food, drugs, and environments).
- Sun block is strongly advised and is to be put on by campers themselves.
- Leave valuables at home.
- Remind children not to go anywhere without a counselor.
- No toys from home unless they can be shared

DAY ONE

Please bring pool items, lunch, backpack and completed camp health form. We also suggest a sweatshirt for cold/rainy days, a refillable water bottle, and a smile!!



WHAT GOES ON AT CAMP

All of the activities that will take place during the summer will have the foundation of a weekly theme that has been carefully planned out by the Kids Camp Director. At Kids Camp, our goal is to provide each child with a unique and exhilarating experience each day. In doing so, the activities we engage in will provide a level of supervision and structure that will offer many different challenges during the week. Each child will be afforded a chance for self-discovery and exploration, teaching them how to effectively function within society.

A TYPICAL DAY

- Pre camp (parent drop off)
- Opening ritual and announcements
- Small group activities
- Swimming (on swim days)
- Lunch
- Large group activities
- Closing activities
- Parent pick up

WEEKLY THEMES

For each week, camp will be focused around a specific theme. Please encourage your camper to participate in these themed activities such as "Dress Up Like..." days, Talent Shows and more. If each child participates in an enthusiastic manner, the group at large will have a much better experience!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A weekly schedule and newsletter announcing the following week's activities will be distributed.

More information on special event days to come closer to summer! Have more specific questions? Email recinfo@maplewoodnj.gov and we would be happy to help!

CAMP PROGRAM

AND WHAT TO EXPECT



SWIMMING

Children will swim twice a week at the Maplewood Community Pool. Please have children wear or bring their swimsuit to camp on swim days and bring a change of clothes to wear after swimming. Campers and counselors take a jitney to the pool, and back to the DeHart Community Center. We advise sending along a plastic bag to place the wet suit and towel in after swimming. Children must be able to dress themselves.

LUNCH

Pack lunch in a well-labeled disposable bag or lunch box: either double or with a plastic bag on the outside. No glass containers, please. And we ask you to include an ice pack to keep lunch fresh & cool. To ensure the safety of all of our campers, if your child brings peanut butter or peanut products to camp, they will be sitting in a designated area.