

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION
Summer Recreation Program 2018

Dear Parents:

For the first time in several years one of our Summer Recreation Program sites, Oak Street School, sold out within 30 minutes of registration opening. While this record setting sellout means we are running a sought after program, we understand it left many of you disappointed you did not get a spot. It may not be your preferred site, but we do still have space for children entering 2nd through 5th grades at our Mount Prospect School location. We are investigating the possibility of expanding the Oak Street School location for 2018 and improve the overall registration process for 2019.

2018

Each Summer Recreation Program site for children entering grades 2 through 5 can accommodate a maximum of 125 participants. This maximum is set based on a number of factors: the capacity of those areas of the school we are permitted to be in, the capacity of the locations we visit on trips, the availability of buses and our staff to participant ratio. All of these factors must be considered when discussing increasing participation. The Junior (K-1) and Senior (2-5) programs are structured differently and will not be held at the same location. We must also consider how many children can effectively and safely be supervised, while enjoying their experience, at one location.

We select our program sites based on the school's availability. Liberty Corner School is not available this summer due to scheduled construction projects. William Annin Middle School is not available due to conflicts with school sponsored summer programs. Ridge High School is not an ideal site for elementary age children and there are typically conflicts with other summer activities held at that site.

For those families with multiple children registering for the Junior (K-1) and Senior (2-5) programs, our start times are staggered by 15 minutes to accommodate travel from one site to the other. From that start time, the first 15 minutes of the program is set aside for drop off, so you can be assured that your child will not miss a minute of the fun as you travel from one site to another.

If you are waitlisted, your waitlist order number will appear on your receipt. Enrolled participants have until April 13th by 4:30pm to request to withdraw from the program (subject to a \$10 withdrawal fee). When a withdrawal request is received, an offer to register is made to the first participant on the waiting list. We will call your home and cell phone numbers and send an email regarding registration. At the time the offer is made, instructions will be given on how to register and process your payment. You can register to attend the Mount Prospect location and still be waitlisted for the Oak Street location. If a space becomes available, we can transfer you to your preferred site choice.

2019

Moving forward, we will be considering changes to our registration process for next year. This may include different registration days and times for each program in order to cut down on traffic through the website. We will also monitor program trends and school age enrollment to determine if site changes can be made before the program is advertised.

It is difficult for us to predict how popular a particular program site may be or how fast we will sell out. We encourage all those who have not yet registered to add your child to the waiting list. This will get you in the queue and also help us track popularity of the program. We appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

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