

Little Explorers ~ WELCOME



Welcome to Little Explorers! Your child will enjoy a fun, educational experience with other campers. Our camp mission is to respect each other, learn and have fun! Each week will consist of fun games, field trips, arts and crafts, water games and MORE!!! We are looking forward to a fun camp with your child!!

Please read this packet and pick up t-shirts between May 13th-June 7th.

Check List:

Parks & Recreation Camper Information	Forms
Final Payment	
What to Wear / What to Bring	
Read the Basic Information	
Read the Parent Handbook &	
Code of Conduct with your child	
Free Summer Meals Program (Pending)	TARE
Extreme Air Trampoline Waiver	EXTREME
Please follow/click link below sign.	TRAMPOLINE PARK

https://extr extremeairfunusa.com/sign-waiver/

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Please make sure children are prepared for a fun day of camp. Make sure to bring these items each and every day of camp!

What to Weal

- Weather appropriate clothing that can get wet or dirty
- A hat or visor
- Waterproof sunscreen lotion (NO SPRAY) (SPF 15+ apply at home)
- Closed-toe shoes, sneakers, (NO flip flops, sandals or CROCS allowed)
- Little Explorers T-Shirts must be worn EVERYDAY to camp

(T-Shirts can be picked up at the Parks and Rec. Department between May 13th-June 7th.)









- Nutritious bagged snack. No nuts of any kind please.
- Breakfast & lunch will be provided by the Summer Meals Program sponsored by the Board of Education. You will have to provide a nutritious lunch with a drink if you opt out of the summer meal program. We will be having lunch daily. Breakfast will also be available beginning at 8:30 AM.
- Backpack containing: Waterproof sunscreen (lotion NO SPRAY), a REUSABLE water bottle, and a change of clothes (shirt and shorts. Sweatshirt or light jacket

Please No glass bottles, candy or caffeinated beverages

Label all items with your child's name

Little Explorers ~ BASICS

First Day: Please bring your camper to camp at 8:30 AM. Make sure to pick up your parent agenda which is a tentative schedule of weekly events, the names of your child's counselors, and important phone numbers. You will be asked to confirm who is authorized to pick up your camper.

Daily Schedule: Campers should be signed in each day at 8:30 am at The Joe Trapasso Community House. Staff will not be able to check in your camper prior to this time. Campers MUST be signed in each morning and signed out each afternoon by an adult that is authorized. DO NOT leave your child without signing in.

Drop Off / Pick-up Policy: We ask that you park in designated areas and please walk your child to the appropriate sign in/sign out areas. Child must be signed in and out each day to ensure the safety of each camper. All people picking up children will be asked for ID to confirm that they are the person listed as an authorized pick-up person. If someone is not listed (including another parent), staff will be required to contact you by phone to confirm that your child can be released to that person. If you are unable to be reached, your child will not be released to them.

Late Pick-up Policy Any child not picked up at their scheduled pick up time will be charged a \$10.00 late fee for every 15 minutes or part of 15 minutes that you are late. This fee will be due immediately payable to Branford Parks & Recreation Department.

Inclement Weather Plan: Please call (203) 488-8304 the morning of camp if the weather looks doubtful. This applies to the days that we will be taking field trips.

Absences: The Safety of your child is our number one priority. If you know that your child will not be attending Camp as scheduled it is **IMPERATIVE** that you call the Parks and Recreation Department at **(203)488-8304** or email **recreation@branford-ct.gov** to report your child's absence for that day.

Behavior Plan: Our camp is designed to provide a supervised, fun and educational program. Staff members are all trained to maintain the situations that are engaging and safe for all our campers. Each camper is expected to behave in a fashion suitable to the program. Please review the Parent/Child Handbook with your camper.

Accident/ Incident Procedures: Staff members are required to make a note of any incidents or accidents that occur during camp. This information is communicated to the parents as well as the Camp Director on a daily basis either at the end of the day or, if warranted, at the time of the incident or accident. All staff members are certified in First Aid and CPR and will administer as needed.

Health Form Policy: We require that all campers have their Branford Parks and Recreation Information/Medical Form completed in full, including a list of authorized people to pick up your child. Please review your form when you pick up your T-Shirts and supplies. Children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to camp. A doctor's note may be required.

Sunscreen: Please apply sunscreen on your child daily. Sunscreen lotion (**NO SPRAY**) should be brought to camp each day. Counselors will help campers reapply their sunscreen throughout the day if needed. You must grant permission using the Sunscreen Policy form for our staff to help with reapplying.

Little Explorers ~ Code of Conduct

Participant Code of Conduct

During the camp we have developed a code of conduct to make sure that everyone has a positive camp experience. This means that all participants, campers, parents/ guardians, and staff, shall respect the individual rights, safety and property of others.

Parents: Please review these rules with your child.

I will:

Respect the differences in other people, and make an effort to include everyone, and refrain from behaviors that may hurt another camper or staff member's feelings.

Be mindful of my counselors and respect their requests and follow their directions.

Pick up after myself and throw away all trash.

Respect other people's property.

Let my counselor know if I am or if I am not having a good time at camp.

Respect the staff, animals and places that we visit.

Have fun at camp in ways that are safe to others and myself.

Have a positive attitude.

I will Not:

Fight with other campers with my hands or my words.

Bring candy or soda to camp.

Share food with another camper.

Go anywhere without permission and accompaniment of my counselor.

Use derogatory terms or offensive language when talking to or about other campers.

Tease or bully other campers.

Bring inappropriate items (includes electronics, weapons, drugs, etc) to camp.

If I choose not to follow the code of conduct:

First Time: I will be given a verbal warning explaining the problem and the expected behavior.

Second Time: I will be removed from the activity and my parent will be called; The Camp Director or their designee may call home to discuss the behavior plan.

Third Time: The Camp Director will be notified and my parents will be called to pick me up.

Little Explorers ~ Things to Remember

Campers must wear your camp issued t-shirt EVERYDAY to camp. Campers should bring a nut free snack & water bottle with them every day. Check the schedule daily.

Important dates to remember:

First Day of Camp/ Magic of Christopher: We are looking forward to a fun session! July 15th:

Enjoy an entertaining magic show!

July 16th: Foote Park Splash Pad: Enjoy some fun in the sun at Branford's brand new Splash

Pad! Camper must wear their bathing suits and camp t-shirt, bring a towel and a

change of clothes and meet at Foote Park to play for the day!

July 17th: Cooking with Chef Mary: Campers will get a chance to learn and explore their

culinary talents with Chef Mary.

July 18th: **Story Time ART at the Library:** Campers will enjoy story

time and art at the Blackstone Library.

July 19th: Extreme Air Trampoline Park: Campers will have an "Extreme-ly" Fun Day by show-

ing off their jumping skills at one of Connecticut's trampoline parks. Please use link

to sign the required waiver for this trip. https://extremeairfunusa.com/sign-waiver/

July 22nd: Police visit with K9: Visits with Branford Police K9, Arrow.

Get Creative with Abrakadoodle: Water & Ocean Theme July 23rd:

July 24th: Challenge Island: The Challenge Island program and curriculum are

designed to meet the needs of two entities: Today's playful, imaginative

child and tomorrow's empowered, globally-successful adult.

July 25th: **Moving and Grooving with Jill Temple**

Last Day of Camp/Shoreline Trolley Museum: Campers will get the history July 26th:

of our local trolley cars and take a ride along some of the most pristine

salt marshes in CT!



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Program
Supervisor:
Victor Amatori

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Camp Staff:
Kristy Celentano



Camp Hours: 8:30am-1:30pm



SESSION 2: July 15th-July 26th (NO camp July 4th or 5th). FREE lunch and breakfast will be provided daily. YOUR CHILD MUST WEAR THEIR KINDER CAMP T-SHIRT TO CAMP EVERY DAY.

Trolley Museum		SUMPER		Arrow
26 LAST DAY OF CAMP	25 Moving & Grooving with Jill Temple!	Challenge Island	23 Cabrakadodle	Police visit with K9
TRAMPOLINE PARK		National Hotdog Day!	Splash	Magic Show!
19 Field Trip to Extreme Air Trampoline Park	18 Story time ART at the Library	17 Cooking with Chef Mary	Foote Park Splash Pad	FIRST DAY OF
Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday

For more information: 203-488-8304 www.branfordrecreation.org