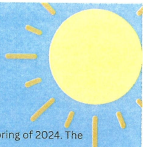




HOWELL PAL SUMMER CAMP

FAQS



WHAT AGES DOES OUR CAMP ACCOMMODATE?

Our campers range in age from K-5. Our campers are grouped based on the grade from which they just left in the spring of 2024. The groups are co-ed and do not guarantee that friends will be together.

WHAT DOES A CAMP DAY CONSIST OF?

We follow a rotating schedule at camp. Each group will move to a different area in our facility for a new activity. Daily activities include arts and crafts, sports such as soccer, dodgeball, kickball, basketball, whiffle ball, etc. Our activities directors are constantly coming up with new activities so our campers are not doing the same thing every day. Air conditioned indoor areas and outdoor areas will be available for our campers to enjoy.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOES NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A PARTICULAR ACTIVITY?

We encourage every camper to at least try each activity. After they try it, if they still do not want to participate, we will allow them to do something else.

WHAT ARE THE CAMP HOURS?

Our daily camp hours are 8:30am-2:30pm. We offer Before Care from 7:00am-8:30am and After Care from 2:30pm-6:00pm.

WHO DO WE HAVE ON OUR STAFF?

Our summer camp staff is hand selected by the directors to ensure we have the best, qualified staff in the area. Our staff consists of certified teachers, college students, and high school students who have an interest in working with children.

ARE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS CONDUCTED ON OUR STAFF?

In addition to reference checks, we conduct child abuser checks, criminal background checks, and sex offender registry checks on ALL staff over the age of 18. The safety of your child is our primary concern.

ARE MY CHILDREN WITH THE SAME STAFF EVERY DAY?

We like our counselors to be consistent as we feel it is imperative for the staff and campers to get to know each other.

Our staff is broken down as follows:

Directors/Supervisors: Oversee different aspects of the camp as a whole

Head Counselors: 2-3 Teachers/College students who are assigned to a specific grade for the entire summer. They handle the group administratively and oversee the day-to-day activities.

Assistant Counselors: College/High School Students who assist the head counselors in organizing activities and getting the campers involved. These counselors can be assigned different groups as needed.

DO CAMPERS GO OFF-SITE?

We offer Field Trips that are shown on our camp calendar. These trips are optional and an additional fee to camp. Spots are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. If your child is NOT attending a field trip, they participate in a normal, fun day of camp! In order to sign up for a field trip, you must be registered for camp. See our Field Trip Calendar for a full list of trips. (Coming in early Spring).

DO WE OFFER SNACKS ?

Snacks can be packed in an insulated bag or they are available for purchase. We have a snack bar filled with chips, cookies, and more. Snacks cost \$1.00.

ARE WE PEANUT/TREE NUT FREE?

We do not have a peanut/tree nut free facility. We do take many precautions to accommodate campers with food allergies. Our directors and staff have a list of all campers with food allergies. If we have campers with severe food allergies, we will set up a peanut free table for them to sit at. (They will not be excluded from the group. Counselors will make sure campers sitting with them have peanut/tree nut free food items.) All of our staff is familiar with the signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction and how to administer an epi-pen if needed. Tables are cleaned before every group enters the room.

ARE THERE ANY ITEMS CAMPERS CANNOT BRING TO CAMP?

Campers are not allowed to bring any electronics to camp. Cell phones, iPods, iPads, gaming systems, etc. are prohibited. If you feel your child needs to have their phone for emergencies, it must stay in their bag. If a staff member sees them on ANY electronic device, it will be confiscated and can be picked up by the parent at the end of the day. Toys from home should also stay at home unless there is a designated day to bring them in for a special occasion. Howell PAL is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

WHAT IS OUR DISCIPLINE POLICY?

We want our campers to have a fun, safe summer with us. In order to provide a good atmosphere, campers must follow basic rules of safety and respect. We have a no bullying policy. Our staff follows a 4 step procedure.

1. Head Counselors are trained to address any basic behavior issue with camper(s)
2. Supervisors will intervene when necessary and an incident report will be filled out and signed by a parent/guardian.
3. For any serious offense or persistent poor behavior, we will do our best to work together with the camper and parent/guardian to come up with a solution.
4. As a last resort, in extreme circumstances, we will expel a child from camp. This is not a decision made lightly and we do everything we can to avoid this.