



FULL DETAILS- Please keep as a reference

Dear Camp Concepts Camp families,

Welcome to 2022! We are excited to welcome many new families into the Camp Concepts family. Information in this letter contains general information needed for all campers in our programs (Little Buds, Big Oak and Expressions) but then each camp does have some “camp specific” information particular to that camp, so please read carefully under that camp section. **We suggest printing this for future reference.**

Here are the important director phone numbers to keep handy:

Additional Numbers:

Camp Concepts Executive Director: **Steve Haines: 267-261-4098**

Linda Schloo, Account Services
215-285-2537

Little Buds Day Camp- Ashley Carlson, Director: 215-932-5373
Jennifer Schloo, Asst. Director: 215-353-3332

Enid Mora, Nurse
215-431-9979

Expressions Day Camp- Debbie Kirk, Director: 267-992-4383
Rachel Teter, Asst. Director: 215-272-3211

Big Oak Day Camp- Steve Haines, Director- 267-261-4098
Asst. Director Steve Bernardini: 215-603-0456

Camp nurse (Enid Mora will be going through all camper records prior to the start of camp so it is crucial all of your information entered when registering is accurate. If she has any questions or concerns about allergies, illness or medication she will contact you. Camper safety is always a priority, please be complete about any food or other allergies as well as EPI or inhalers.

GENERAL ALL CAMP INFORMATION:

Adding weeks, services, payments & billing questions. If you need to add additional weeks, please contact Linda at 215-285-2537 or accounts@campconcepts.org. ***Please note spaces remain for the PRE-CAMP Week June 14-18.** If you are thinking of adjusting your previously selected weeks of camp- be sure to contact us ASAP. We are experiencing an increased interest in July-August sign ups and may reach capacity for many of those weeks.

A.M. or P.M. Care- The early care begins as early as 7:00 a.m. Drop off will be in the gymnasium. After care ends promptly at 5:30 p.m. Extended care service is to provide convenience for those who have different work schedules and responsibilities. This service can be added by the week or by the day if needed by calling Linda. An email will be sent to those families signed up for this service prior to the start of camp. Please read your specific camp section for drop off and pick-up routines.

Camper Drop off and pick-up details: (See attached map)

Each camp has a drop off and pick-up procedure and location. Please refer to your camp specifics. **Please note: We officially begin drop off at 8:45 a.m.** that is when staff from each camp will be out front of their drop off zone to welcome campers. PLEASE DO NOT DROP THEM OFF IF STAFF IS NOT OUTSIDE TO GREET THEM. Afternoon dismissal will begin at 3:30 p.m. *Please see the attached car route so we can ensure the safe drop off and pick up of all campers. As with anything, it will take a few days for everyone to adjust to the system.



LITTLE BUDS- The following section is information specifically pertaining to LITTLE BUDS ages 2-5. If you do not have a Little Bud, please skip to the next section.

Ashley Carlson, Director: 215-932-5373
Jennifer Schloo, Asst. Director: 215-353-3332

COMMUNICATION: All families will be given information to sign up to SEESAW which a great way for quick communication with Little Buds. We also have the Parent Portal on our website which can provide useful information. We are always available by phone or email as well.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP *label, label, label* – **everything you send to camp.** We cannot be responsible for any items **not** labeled, children this age **don't always recognize their own things!**

***Full day campers** - Bathing suit, towel & spray on sunscreens required **daily** for water play. Please apply sunscreen in a.m. before they arrive, we will re-apply in the afternoon, if necessary. It is totally acceptable to wear swimsuits under clothes TO camp.

***Half day campers** – Water play for half day campers alternates between mornings and afternoons when possible. Please check your child's weekly schedule to determine if you should send them to camp in their swimsuits for morning water play.(please apply sunscreen in the a.m.). They will receive lunch at camp prior to their dismissal.

Boys & Girls footwear - sneakers, Crocs or Teva/Keen type shoes, or closed-toed sandals with a back strap daily please. **Flip flops are an absolute NO, NO and are dangerous and no fun at camp!**

NO food, NO toys please! We ask that you do not allow your child to bring any items such as food, toys, money, books, etc. to camp (unless we previously discussed special accommodations). We don't want your child to be upset if their "special things" get lost or misplaced into another child's bag. We have all the meals, snacks, drinks, games, supplies, etc... your child will need for a fun-filled day. Regular water breaks are scheduled and multiplied on extremely hot days! You may send a water bottle with your child if you would like, however it is not necessary.

Morning Drop Off- *Please refer to the car diagram that is attached for proper drop off location. Our regular morning drop off begins at 8:45. Our staff will be out front to greet campers when arriving. Unless you have signed up for AM extended care, please do not drop off earlier because we have staff meeting prior to camper arrival. **AM & PM Extended care information is addressed in another section below.**

Half-day campers- you may pull up along the curb of normal drop off/pick up location. We will have them ready for noon pick up.


2 & 3 YR OLDS ONLY: If your child wears diapers or pull ups, please send a package in, along with swim diapers and wet wipes, marked with your child's name to be kept at camp. We will inform you when we are running low. You may bring these to the Meet & Greet, or the first day of camp and we will get them into your child's bin. Also, they will nap on mats so you may send in a sheet , pillow and favorite blanket in a labeled plastic bag that can stay at camp. Be sure to let your child's counselor know if there is a special blanket or snuggle item that you will want to be sure goes back and forth each day. Nothing like getting your child ready for bed and realizing their "snuggle item" is at camp!!

COUNSELORS & GROUPING We will be sending out group assignments just prior to the start of camp. Campers are grouped by their age at the start of camp.

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DISCIPLINE Camp is a social gathering of kids. Whereas we have very few behavioral issues that require elevated attention and response, there are still times we need to address camper behavior. After campers are given 2 warnings to alter or redirect behavior, it may be necessary to give a “time-out”. The camper will be asked to sit apart from, but in sight of, the group for the number of minutes of his/her age. After that time, it will be explained specifically what he/she did wrong and how it could have been handled better. We will not utilize yelling, verbal intimidation or spanking a child. Behaviors that may warrant a “time out” would be hitting, pushing, bad language, disrespect towards authority, destroying property. If a child habitually needs to be placed in “time out” a note or phone call will be placed to the parent for assistance in managing the child’s behavior.

We recognize all parents have their own philosophy about discipline and whereas we do not want to contradict or go against what your family may do, we do hope you will support us as we try to make these situations a learning opportunity.

 **CAMP PHOTO’S/FACEBOOK** We have a Little Buds Facebook page (private) for camp families! Find us on Facebook at: Littlebudsdycamp. It is a great way to see photos and fun from our summer fun.

LUNCH: Little Buds will be served lunch in the cafeteria. Our staff will cut up and serve to each camper a healthy and “kid-friendly” item from the menu. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO FILL OUT A MENU FOR YOUR LITTLE BUD CAMPER.** We will make every attempt to **encourage** each child to try a fruit and/or vegetable at each sitting however please do not expect us to put any upsetting pressure on your child. You will be informed if we feel your child is not eating enough for them to maintain their energy throughout the day. A snack will also be provided each afternoon. **IF you did not already include your child’s food allergies or other special dietary needs on your online registration form, then please email me before the start of camp and make sure you complete the Medical History form that will be sent. We are happy to accommodate...peanut free, milk free, gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc... diets. We also provide a “Peanut-Free” lunch table. Packing your child’s lunch is discouraged and only allowed if your child has extreme dietary needs as we are capable of handling most all concerns & requests.**

EXTENDED CARE Extended Care is available Monday – Friday from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at an additional cost. For occasional uses, please advise Ashley Carlson, Jennifer Schloo (or Linda Schloo) directly a day or two in advance if possible so we can be sure to be properly staffed. **Please drop off at the Parish Center Gymnasium and walk your child in. The attending staff will sign them in and take their temperature reading (while in yellow phase).** Please prepare your child for this process.

PM Extended care at Little Buds ends at 5:30 p.m. Pick up will either be in the cafeteria or in the ‘big’ gym . A sign will be posted on the cafeteria door, so parents know where to pick up for that day. **Please do not pick your child up after 5:30 p.m. as our staff may have other jobs to get to.** If you would like to add these options on a regular basis, please contact our accounts manager, **Linda at 215-285-2537 at 5:30 p.m.**



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In conclusion: The more information you can provide **to** your child, the less anxious they will be. I suggest you visit the Little Buds website with your child so they can review pictures from previous summers and make an effort to attend the meet & greet. **Remember, your apprehension about sending your child off to camp will most likely result in their apprehension about going to camp. Remain positive and enthusiastic and your child will also! Also, if you treat camp like school and, not give your child the “option” to attend, it will make their daily transition out of the car easier.**



BIG OAK DAY CAMP- The following section is information specifically pertaining to Big Oak, ages 6-14

Steve Haines, Director- 267-261-4098
Asst. Director Steve Bernardini: 215-603-0456

GROUPS: Camp is a social environment, so we encourage and facilitate new friendships and bonds through the group activity experience. We are small enough that campers will end up knowing many others in the different age groups and even in the other camps in our Camp Concepts community. We typically create co-ed groups by the same school grade of campers. We do try to keep friends together but in cases where the grade-gap is different, we tend NOT to push a younger camper up to an older age group just to be with a friend.

Morning Drop Off- *Please refer to the car diagram that is attached for proper drop off location.- Our regular morning drop off begins at 8:45. Please do not drop off unless staff is there to greet your child. Unless you have signed up for AM extended care, please do not drop off before 8:45 a.m. **AM & PM Extended care information is addressed in another section below.**

Lunch: Lunch is provided. Each group will have a designated table. Campers are free to pack their own lunch should they so choose. If your son/daughter has certain food allergies- please make sure to indicate that on the menu form but we have tried to avoid foods common to allergic reactions.

Dismissal snacks- For Big Oak campers we do offer a variety of ice cream treats and non-carbonated, sugar free drinks at the end of the day for campers to purchase. Please discuss with your child whether or not you prefer them to make such purchase choices. Most snacks range from \$1-\$3. We do not sell soda.

Swim- Typically, we utilize the indoor pools in Neshaminy School District and Pennsbury as well. All swimmers are tested and although it is supervised free swim, we do offer some limited swim instruction for those who need or want additional how to swim guidance. Lifeguards will be on duty. We also have plenty of water-based activities and fun at our camp site including the giant waterslide, sprinklers, water games & relays, etc. It is fun and a great way to cool off. We suggest campers bring a bathing suit & towel to camp everyday.

Off campus trips- Our trip destinations are carefully chosen, and choices made based on group size, location, activity, etc. Trips are scheduled and will be noted on the weekly schedules which can be accessed on the Parent Portal. There are some occasions when it rains that non-scheduled trips to places such as bowling might be added at the last minute. Transportation to/from off-site activities is typically done by camp vans or hired bus transportation service. Weekly Teen trips will also be placed on the portal.

What to bring? Whatever you bring, label it clearly! Dress appropriately for the weather. We recommend campers bring or wear a bathing suit to camp everyday (under their shorts) because we take advantage of our water slide or other water activities. Bring a towel and sunscreen. Please do not send their favorite of anything. They are in many locations throughout the day and inevitable things get misplaced. We do keep a lost and found area. However, most items we find, have not been labeled.

Please consider not sending water bottles to camp. Campers have plenty of access to water and the collection of unnamed lost and found water bottles grows as we grow.

Cell Phones- Restricting cell phones is something that is almost impossible to stop but we do want parents/campers to be conscious of the fact that camp is a chance to digitally disconnect and socially connect with peers. We also cannot guarantee the safety of these devices when brought to camp. Kids often carry them in their backpacks or pockets and there are lots of water activities while at camp. We ask campers to **NOT** have their phones out during the camp day. You may get messages to your children through any of the contact numbers provided at the start of this letter. They will be given a reminder if it seen out. A second warning will result in it being held until the end of the camp day.

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Boys & Girls footwear – we recommend sneakers, Crocs or Teva/Keen type shoes, or closed-toed sandals be worn at camp. **Flip flops are an absolute NO-NO and not appropriate for or safe for our types of games and activities.**

EXTENDED CARE is available Monday – Friday from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. and from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at an additional cost. For occasional or emergency use, please advise Steve Haines (or Linda Schloo) by calling, texting or sending in a written note. **Extended Care Drop off** will be in the gymnasium and depending on what time you arrive, pick up will either be in the gymnasium or in the lunch room where we have a snack from about 4:25-5:00. We will put a sign on the gym doors if we are at snack. **Please be courteous of our AM and PM care staff and do not drop off outside of the established times for this service.** If you would like to add these options on a regular basis, please contact our accounts manager, **Linda at 215-285-2537**



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EXPRESSIONS DAY CAMP- The following section is information specifically pertaining to Expressions

Debbie Kirk, Director: 267-992-4383
Rachel Teter, Asst. Director: 215-272-3211

GROUPS: We function in 2 cluster-age divisions which make it easier for scheduling. Each group will have a name and there are counselors in charge of each group with oversight from both the director and assistant director. Camp is a social environment, and we try to encourage and facilitate new friendships and bonds. We are small enough that campers will end up knowing each other as well as other campers in our Camp Concepts community.

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LUNCHES: Lunch is included in your child's camp tuition. We have tried to create menu that is both kid friendly and nutritious. Campers are free to pack their own lunch should they so choose. If your son/daughter has certain food allergies- please make sure to indicate that on the menu form but we have tried to avoid foods common to allergic reactions. Meal menus are posted in the parent portal. You may pack their lunch.

Dismissal snacks- Expression's campers may purchase end of day treats at the camp store. We do offer a variety of ice cream treats and non-carbonated, sugar free drinks, snacks bags, etc. Please discuss with your child whether or not you prefer them to make such purchase choices. Most snacks range from \$1-\$3. We do not sell soda.

Swim Typically, we utilize the indoor pools in Neshaminy School District and Pennsbury as well. As of this writing, we are confirmed to resume swim at Pennsbury High School but still have not received clearance that Neshaminy is opening their pools. Specific swim days will be noted on the schedule. All swimmers are tested and although it is free swim, we do offer some limited swim instruction for those who need or want additional how to swim guidance. Lifeguards will be on duty. We also have plenty of water-based activities and fun at our camp site including the giant waterslide, sprinklers, water games & relays, etc. It is fun and a great way to cool off. We suggest campers bring a bathing suit & towel to camp everyday.

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provided at the start of this letter. They will be given a reminder if it seen out. A second warning will result in it being held until the end of the camp day. If your child has electronics for communication purposes, please discuss this with Debbie prior to the start of camp.

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Camper Medical Concerns/medications:-We are pleased to have the experienced medical services of Enid Mora. She will take great care of our campers and we are delighted to have her on our team!

Please follow these guidelines when providing camper medication. All medications must be:

- ◆in the original packaging with corresponding details such as:
- ◆Prescribing doctor and phone number
- ◆Medication name
- ◆Child's name
- ◆Dosage including frequency
- ◆Accurate count of medication contained
 - Medication should be given directly to Nurse Enid. We do permit campers who carry inhalers to keep those on their person during the camp day. If they need to take it, they should let their counselor know when they have taken it.
- ◆Epi-pens- all epi pens must be provided. Please consult with Nurse Enid about the details of when, if ever, it was last administered and under what allergic conditions.

Accurate health information on each camper is essential in providing safe care while at camp. Please make sure your child's health history is updated on your online account and that you complete the Medical Authorization form.

If you have any questions regarding any of the information, don't hesitate to contact anyone at the above numbers!