

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2023 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM
CAMP "REC TREK"

Tuesday June 27th - Friday August 4th

Our playground staff consists of the Director of Recreation, A Summer camp director, 3 assistants to the director, and a nurse. All 3 assistants are certified teachers/coaches in the Hasbrouck Heights School System and numerous counselors. The counselors at the head table will supervise the children's comings and goings. The program starts Tuesday, June 27th, and continues through Friday, August 4th. The Camp will be CLOSED TUESDAY JULY 4th. The program will only be held at Woodland Park. The camp is open to Hasbrouck Heights children only

POLICIES

HOURS:

The summer playground hours are 9am to 3:30pm. Please do not send your children prior to 9am, as the camp is not yet open and no official supervision is available. Please be prompt when picking up your child at 3:30 pm! You will be warned once, then we will implement our overtime supervision program, you will be charged \$30/ half hour per child. If these hours are abused your child will not be allowed to return to camp and no refund will be available

DROP OFF & PICK-UP:

DROP OFF- All children are to be dropped off at the Cleveland Ave entrance near the playground. All children will be issued (1) ID tag that they can use to scan in and out of camp with on a daily basis, the ID tags will be provided to you/your child on their first visit to camp. NO VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO DRIVE THROUGH THE PARK AT ANYTIME DURING CAMP

HOURS! The main table will be placed at this entrance for you or your child to scan in and out of the camp. Under no circumstances are you to drive down Harrison or Roosevelt Avenues, as these entrances will be blocked off for safety. This will also save you from having to make a u-turn to go back up these streets.

PICK UP:

If your child is to be picked up, you must come to the table at the Cleveland Ave entrance to scan your child out. Children will not be released until a parent or guardian is present. If your child is to be going home with anyone other than a parent, a permission note will be needed. Also, if the child is permitted to leave camp on foot or by bike, the walk/bike home permission form must be returned to the head table on the first day of camp. This form will be emailed to you before camp.

LUNCH:

We announce LUNCH TIME every day at 11:30, YOU MUST REMIND YOUR CHILD TO EAT THEIR LUNCH, we do not make children eat as if it was a school lunch. Remember, you must always have your child sign in and out of the playground. If your child brings lunch, you must have their name on the bag and on all water bottles, etc.

T-SHIRTS:

T-Shirts MUST be worn on all trips. A child will not be allowed to board the bus without their Recreation T-shirt. This is for group safety and identification purposes for our counselors. Shirts will be handed out the first day of camp or your child's first day attending camp.

If your child loses their camp shirt you can purchase an additional shirt for \$10.00

RAINY DAYS:

The park is equipped with a lightning detection system, if the alarm sounds we will move the children under the pavilion until the system gives the "all clear" horn or until the children are picked up. The Summer Program will not be held when it is raining. If the session is closed for the morning and the rain stops before 12pm, the park will open in the afternoon. If there is heavy rain or thunderstorms please arrange to have your child picked up immediately. We try to keep the program open so it would take a very heavy storm for us to cancel. You will receive a text/email from the community pass system if the camp is closed due to weather. Typically that decision is made by 8am if possible. Obviously if the rain begins after 8am we may need to close later in the day. Please make sure your community pass profile is set up to receive text messages, alert emails and general emails.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

We have a state-of-the-art accessible playground that over 90 children can enjoy at one time, we have a good number of swings and a larger play area. The children will always have options. There is always more than one activity happening at a time. The children love to play the old-time favorites such as soccer, whiffle ball, basketball, stickball, 4 square, kickball, etc. Of course, there are many children that like to play table games or other activities. Children also have the opportunity to just socialize with their friends in a supervised setting. New creative sport type and non-sport activities will be introduced. There will be arts and crafts several days a week. The children

will participate in their own craft projects throughout the week such as creating necklaces, potholders, coloring, and much more. Contests and special events happen every week. Schedules of those events are listed under the Special Days section in this handbook. We will have all 6,7,8 year olds in 3-4 different groups with their own counselors, so the younger children will feel comfortable knowing they have their own group and counselors. Children can be placed in groups with friends/siblings etc, just let the counselors at the front table know. We will have this all set in the first few days of camp.

TRIPS:

There will be a special sign-up day for the Summer Playground trips. This will be held on **Wednesday May 31st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**. This sign-up is only for registered summer playground children. Space is limited on trips and it is on a first come, first serve basis and it is highly likely that we may sell out on all trips on this day. The Trip Registration Form is enclosed with this booklet. Please detach it and turn it in on Trip Registration Day.

INSURANCE:

All children registered are covered by a limited accidental insurance policy with a deductible. If your child is injured in the program, you must call the Recreation Department, 288-4143, within 5 days of the accident, and you must send the details of the accident, in writing, to the Recreation Department, within seven days of the accident.

CAMP RULES:

The children must be respectful of the counselors and other campers. Campers **MUST** check in and out each day of camp. Campers must be in an area supervised by a counselor at all times. **NO CAMPERS ARE ALLOWED TO BE IN THE WOODED AREAS UNLESS SUPERVISED BY COUNSELORS OR NATURE GUIDES. PLEASE HELP US ENFORCE THIS RULE BY REMINDING YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY! (THANK YOU)**

BREAKING OF CAMP RULES:

1st offense-verbal warning

2nd offense-loss of an activity (time out)

3rd offense-call to parents

4th offense-loss of summer playground membership

*Any aggressive or violent behavior or any act that is viewed as destructive may result in skipping the above steps and involve immediate removal of the child from camp, with no refund available. Please remember summer camp is a privilege it is not mandatory, and it will be taken away from any children that cannot follow the rules. If your child is intent on ruining another child's time, day, week, or summer at camp, your child will lose the privilege of coming to camp.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Keep in mind that the campers are in the sun a good part of the day. It is recommended that parents send the campers to camp with enough water for the entire day. They should bring their own water bottles with their name on the bottle. We recommend they bring their own water so that the water is readily available to your child at all times. Sun block and bug spray is also

another precaution that parents might want to take before sending children to camp.

WHO DO YOU TALK TO:

The Recreation Department office handles: registrations, fees, camp closing. The on site camp director will be available to answer any camp questions, discipline decisions/issues and comments. The counselors at the site handle: lost items, problems at camp, questions about camp activities, etc. Please note that the summer playground registration fee (\$120) is non-refundable.

Take note that every summer children bring their handheld gaming devices such as Nintendo DS and others, they tend to not put them or the games away and run off to play something else and then the game is gone. Please remind your child that if they are going to bring these games/phones/tablets to camp they must always keep track of it and never leave it unattended. The recreation department is not responsible for lost or stolen property during summer camp hours. If your child is going to bring these devices to camp they do so at the risk of them being lost/stolen/or damaged.

SPECIAL THEME DAYS

All theme days are held at WOODLAND PARK, starting at 1:00 pm. unless noted

Tuesday **June 27th** **Meet the Counselors & CITs 11am**

Wednesday **June 28th** **Anti-Drug Day**

Let's all Say No to Drugs! The children make their own anti-drug posters and bring them to the field to be judged. Award ribbons are presented at 3 p.m.

Monday **July 3rd** **I Love America Day**

Why not celebrate the upcoming Holiday with us! Children should make a July 4th poster depicting something that they love in America. Awards will be presented at 2pm

Wednesday, **July 5th** **Olympic Day 11 am (rain date Friday July 7)**

The children will participate in their own Camp Olympics at Woodland Park. We will have dashes, spoon races, potato sack races, water balloon throws and much more!

Wednesday **July 12th** **Carnival Day \$5.00 (11 AM start)**

Win Prizes! Why not feel you are at a carnival? Play the games, go into the Moonwalk, and have a lot of fun! \$5.00 will entitle your child to a slice of pizza, a juice drink or a soda, a desert, and all the rides and carnival games. Campers that make the best carnival game receive a special prize!

Friday, **July 14th** **Home Run Derby 10am**

The children will sign up at the shed for a chance to win it all and be crowned the home run king or queen of camp, the competition will be divided into two age groups.

Monday, **July 17th** **Connect Four Tournament 10am**

Challenge others to see who can be the best at this summer camp's favorite game. Sign up ahead of time at the shed, there will different age groups for competition.

Wednesday **July 19th** **Camp Talent Show**

Do you think you are talented? We do, so why not enter the camp talent show? Sign up with the head counselor a few days before the show. Awards will be presented at 3p.m. Campers can only perform in 1 act, or perform 1 song, or dance, or scene due to time limitations.

Monday, July 24th Camp Ping Pong Tournament 10am
See who gets the bragging rights as the camp's best ping pong player, there will be 2 age divisions, and sign ups will be held at the shed during camp.

Wednesday August 2nd Wet and Wild Day \$5.00 (starts at 11 am)
Come and enjoy the water slide and other fun-filled water games. Bring your towel and sunglasses and imagine you are at the shore. \$5.00 will entitle your child to a slice of pizza, a juice drink or a soda, a desert, and all the rides. Please note: children will be barefoot running from slide to slide, flip flops are a good idea. So please be advised.

Thursday, August 3rd Counselor of the year voting
Stop by the shed and vote for your favorite male and female counselors and CITS, only vote for the ones that you really like, and helped you have a fun summer!!

Every Friday is Ice Cream Day! Around 1 pm every Friday an ice cream will be sold at the park and your child will be able to purchase ice cream for their enjoyment! Two or three dollars should be plenty.

Please note: You must be a registered camper with the Recreation Department in order to participate in any activity or trip of the Summer Playground Program.

SUMMER PLAYGROUND TRIPS

In order to register for any trip you must be registered for the Summer Playground Program with the Recreation Department and have paid your \$120 registration fee. Your Recreation Department T-Shirt **MUST** be worn on every trip. All trips will depart from Woodland Park and will return to Woodland Park at the end of the day. All of our trips are well chaperoned by our Recreation Department staff. We do not take any other adults on the trips, **staff only**. Attending trips is optional, and the playground site does remain open on days of trips.

All trips depart and return at the times indicated (APPROX).

Children should arrive 15 minutes prior to departure (never earlier than 9am).

If a trip returns early, the children will be escorted back to camp where they can stay until they are picked up.

As you can see in this handbook, advance trip registration is being held on Wednesday May 31st from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Municipal Building. This sign-up is only for registered summer playground children. Space is limited on trips and it is on a first come, first serve basis and it is highly likely that we may sell out on trips on this day. The Trip Registration Form is enclosed with this booklet. Please detach it and turn it in on Trip Registration Day. No sign-ups will be allowed on the day of a trip. **Trip money is non-refundable** nor is it transferable to any other child. If we cancel the trip due to inclement weather, or any other reason, your money will be refunded. Refunds will be returned at the end of the summer playground program by filling out a town voucher.

SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE

Wild West City

Netcong, NJ

June 29th, 2023 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Includes: Admission, all shows, the train ride, a pony ride, a stagecoach ride and a round of miniature golf.

Ages for the trip: 6 through 14

Wild West City is an authentic reproduction of an old Western Frontier town of the 1880's restored to all its former glories. The children will thrill to a program of entertainment whose live shows include the *Gunslinger*, taming of Dodge City, the stage coach holdup, the *Frontiersman*, .45 caliber law, the *Jesse James Gang*, the *Persistent Undertaker*, etc. There are also rides such as the stagecoach, ponies, and the train. Wild West City also includes a petting zoo, a replica of the *O.K. Corral*, and an entire *Main Street U.S.A.*, western style. There are shows every fifteen minutes. In addition, there are various types of refreshment stands, an old-fashioned candy shop, and a souvenir store. The children may bring their lunch or purchase it there.

The Castle

Chester, NY

July 6th, 2023 (Thursday)

Time: 9:15am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Includes: 3 hours unlimited rides, games, activities, \$5 game card, and lunch.

Lunch includes slice of pizza, soft drink, and cup of ice cream.

You can check this trip out at www.thecastlefuncenter.com**Six Flags Great Adventure Ages 11-14 only**

Jackson, NJ

July 11th, 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:15 am to 4:30 pm (Leaving six flags at 4:30 returning to camp approx. 6 pm)

Cost: \$60.00 per person (if using a season pass \$25)

Includes: Admission to the theme park only.

Six Flags Great Adventure is known for their award-winning roller coasters. Nitro was named the #7 top steel coaster — blasting you an unbelievable 230 feet in the air with a 215-foot dive back down to earth at speeds approaching 80 mph. Also features Wiggles World for kids, Looney Tunes Land, and fun games for all ages! Campers must purchase food at the park, they do not allow food to be brought in.

Hurricane Harbor Six Flags Water Park Ages 11-14 only

Jackson, NJ

July 18th, 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:15 am to 4:30 pm (Leaving hurricane harbor at 4:30 and returning to camp approx. 6pm)

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Includes: Admission to Water Park

Ages for this Trip: 11-14

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor is one of the largest water parks in North America, the park includes 9 water slides, tidal pool, lazy river, and water

adventure park. The campers must purchase lunch at the park. They do not allow food to be brought in.

Medieval Times

Lyndhurst, NJ

July 20th, 2023 (Thursday)

Time: 9:45 am to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Includes: Admission, a medieval feast including soup, chicken, spare ribs, soda, and desert, and a colored flag to match the knight of our section.

Ages for this trip: 6 through 14

At Medieval Times you eat while you watch and cheer for the knights battling in the ring. You will see racing stallions, javelin throwing and ring piercing in the Tournament of Games. The show will take you back in time. Watch the Knights on real horses. The group will cheer our own brave knight! This trip will be held rain or shine.

FunPlex amusement and water park

East Hanover, NJ

August 1st, 2023 (Tuesday)

Time 9:15am to 3:00pm

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Includes: Unlimited use of all the rides and Attractions, also admission to the water park, plus \$10 game card, and lunch 2 slices of pizza, and a 16 ounce drink.

The Funplex in East Hanover, New Jersey has a world of attractions, rides, arcade and redemption games! The thundering thrills of Electric Go-Karts, the state-of-the-art Lazer Runner laser tag game, also new splashplex outdoor water park, fun slides and lazy rivers. It adds up to non-stop thrills and excitement. Check out this trip at www.funplexeasthanover.com

**The Recreation Department reserves the right to limit
the number of participants on any trip.**

SUMMER PLAYGROUND TRIPS

Advanced registration for all of our Summer Playground Trips will be held on Wednesday May 31st from 7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The sign-up is only for those children who have already registered in our summer playground program. No sign-ups for the camp will be done on this day, only sign-ups for the summer trips. Each child must have a separate registration form and you may photocopy this form. You may pay with one check for all of your children. Checks should be made out to "HASBROUCK HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT."

Signing up is on a first come, first serve basis, and once a trip is filled there will be no more registration for that particular trip.

PLEASE NOTE: If a trip is sold out on May 31st, the trip will be closed and there will be no further sign-ups.

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE TRIPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SEND YOUR CHILD ON**
(Parents please take a picture of the this form for yourself as a reminder)

TRIPS

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TRIPS THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED

Thursday June 29 Wild West City \$40

Thursday July 6 The Castle \$60

Tuesday July 11 Six Flags Great Adventure \$60 (AGES 11 - 14)

Tuesday July 18 Hurricane Harbor \$55 (AGES 11-14)

Thursday July 20 Medieval Times \$55

Tuesday August 1 Funplex \$60

Child's Name _____

Age _____

TOTAL _____

PLEASE COMPLETE NEXT PAGE AND HAND IN AT REGISTRATION

2023 PERMISSION SLIP
SUMMER PLAYGROUND TRIPS

Child's Name _____

Phone _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

School _____ Grade Completed _____

Email _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____
 Mo. / Day / Year

I hereby give my child permission to attend the trips. I hereby certify and affirm that my child is a permanent resident of Hasbrouck Heights, lives all year round in Hasbrouck Heights, and is at least 6 years of age and not over the age of 14. I understand that the charge for the trips is non-refundable, non-transferable and I also understand that it cannot be used for any other trip. I also certify and affirm that the above information is true and correct and that I realize any falsification is punishable by law NJS 2c:28-3.

Parent's Signature _____

*****See previous page for the trip list.*****