

## **TOBY Half-Day Morning Camp Information Summer 2024**

**Our half day, 6-week summer program** (pending approval by the NYS Dept of Health) **begins Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.** Camp is a 5-day a week, Monday-Friday, program for children who have completed Pre-K and will be entering Kindergarten in the fall up to children who are currently in Grade 6 (grade level is based on the current grade through the end of June 2024).

**Children registering for camp must have completed a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program** (proof required) **and be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2024** (turning 5 by December 1st) to be able to attend the half day camp program. *Please note that our camp program may not be able to accommodate youth with special needs as our staff is not trained to handle specialized medical, emotional or behavioral supports; our staff meets the requirements to receive our permit from the NYS Dept of Health. All registrations require a copy of the child's current immunization record (NYS Dept of Health requirement).* For new enrollees under the age of 7, a copy of the child's birth certificate or passport must be presented at registration.

### **Camp Fees and Time Slots**

The **half day camp fee is \$125 per child for the 6-week, 3.5-hour morning program for Town of Bethel residents. For non-residents the fee is \$175.00 per child.** The program begins at 9:00 AM and ends at 12:30 PM. Swim instruction is included at no additional cost.

**Extended Times Program** - we offer the option of **extended times.** *There is no option beyond 1:00 PM for the half-day program.*

1. 4.5-hour program (choice of 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM or 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM) camp fee would be \$300 for Bethel residents, \$350 for non-residents
2. 5-hour program (choice of 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM or 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM) camp fee would be \$350 for Bethel residents, \$400 for non-residents
3. 5.5-hour program (7:30 AM to 1:00 PM) camp fee would be \$400 for Bethel residents, \$425 for non-residents

**The Morning Half-day camp consists of structured activities** – campers are assigned to a small group based on grade level and swim ability. Each small group is assigned to one of the four larger mixed-age rotational group. The campers rotate through 4 structured areas during the morning camp time:

Creative Arts & Games – daily crafts and board games

Sports, Activities & Playground (SAP)– organized group games, music and movement, yoga & mindfulness, sports and playground time. Each group usually has 2 activities within the time at this area (a choice and playground time)

Aquatics – daily swim instruction based on ability in the ARC Learn to Swim program.

STREAM (science, technology, engineering and math through reading and the arts)

Organized activities that foster creativity and curiosity, maintain reading and math skills, and explore our natural world.

Each week, we have a theme. Some of the structured activities may be based on the theme. However, on Fridays, campers and staff are asked to come to camp dressed in their most creative way that represents the theme. Small prizes are awarded. Out of camp field trips may be held during camp or special events at our facility. To attend these events, an additional fee may be applied. Each summer, campers may participate in our camp show that is put on for family and friends to attend one evening. We also host family nights, like swim nights or campfire night. On the last day of camp, August 16<sup>th</sup>, we host a BBQ. Each camper and staff member are asked to bring an item. Swim certificates are awarded.

Our camp behavior policy and our swim program behavior policy will be reviewed at camper orientation. It is important to note that if a camper does not abide by camp or pool rules, they may be suspended from using the pool or playground or from the camp program as per our behavior policy (there are steps that are followed before this happens).

**Camper Orientation Dates: Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Town Park or Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Bethel Town Park, rain or shine. It is mandatory for new camper families to attend one of the orientation dates.** Returning camp families are encouraged to attend. Our Behavior Policy will be reviewed at orientation and must be signed by the camper and a parent/guardian.

**Snack** - A morning snack provided by campers' families is eaten during mid-morning snack time. Camper's water bottles should be labeled with the camper's name. **Morning snack should be kept in your child's backpack to be eaten mid-morning.**

**Rainy Days/Summer Storms** - Due to several factors limiting the space we have use of at the Duggan Elementary School, we will only be offering the camp program on rainy days to those enrolled in our All Day or Extended Time program campers.

**Registration dates** will be held at the Bethel Recreation Center located in the Duggan School (3460 State Route 55 White Lake, 845-583-5360) or at the Bethel Town Park (636 Old White Lake Turnpike). Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on our Facebook pages. The best way for questions to be answered by Cathy McFadden, Parks and Recreation Director, is through e-mail in the evenings ([bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com)). As this is the off-season, the phone in the recreation center is not checked daily and the park phone is not operational.

#### **REGISTRATION DATES:**

**BETHEL RESIDENTS ONLY** -Early bird registration: **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:15 to 6:15 PM** at the **Bethel Recreation Center**. This date is for *new and returning campers from the Town of Bethel. Proof of residency in the Town of Bethel must be shown for new campers (physical address).*

**Returning Campers Only** – Residents & Non-Residents: **Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00 PM** or **Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 AM** at the **Bethel Recreation Center**.

**New Campers** (space permitting): **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM** at the **Bethel Recreation Center** or from **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM** at the **Bethel Town Park**.

**Registration Form Requests** - A request by email may be made to receive the registration form prior to the registration date for the group you fall under (resident, returning camper, new camper). The request must be made at least one day prior to the date you plan to register (no requests will be granted the day of registration). The request for the registration form does not guarantee a reserved spot. **The email requested registration forms must be given to Cathy at an in-person registration date along with the camp deposit to hold a spot.** *Please provide the parent/guardian's name and child's name when emailing the request to Cathy at [bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com](mailto:bethelnyparksandrec@gmail.com).* **A registration form must be completed for each child in the household.** If you are unable to attend one of the above dates in person, please send someone in your place with the deposit and the completed registration form. **Registration forms may be requested beginning April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

If spots remain after May 11<sup>th</sup>, requests by email will be taken beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>. A spot will not be considered reserved until payment is received. Cathy will inform the parent/guardian on how to return the completed registration form. Hard copies of the child's registration form and supporting documents are needed. Screenshots or photos of a completed form will not be accepted.

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE CAMP REGISTRATION FORMS WITH OTHER FAMILIES. EACH FAMILY MUST REQUEST THEIR OWN CAMP REGISTRATION FORM. WE DO NOT HAVE A DIGITAL REGISTRATION FORM PROGRAM.

**COPY OF EACH CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.**

**Children in PreK (entering Kindergarten in Fall 2024), must provide proof of enrollment in a pre-school program at registration.**

**CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO TOWN OF BETHEL OR CASH ONLY – NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED AT REGISTRATION**