

TOBY Half-Day Morning Camp Information Summer 2022

Our half day, 6-week summer program (pending approval by the NYS Dept of Health) **begins Tuesday, July 5th and ends Friday, August 12th**. 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 2022. **NO CAMP ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH**.

Children registering for camp must have completed a full-day Pre-Kindergarten program (proof required) **and be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2022** (turning 5 by December 1st) to be able to attend the full 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.

Location: Town of Bethel Park, 636 Old White Lake Turnpike Swan Lake NY
Rainy Days: Duggan School 3460 RT 55 White Lake NY (limited)

Telephone: 845-292-2843 (park phone), 845-583-5360 (youth center)

Fax Number: 845-583-4710

Camp Fees and Time Slots

The 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.

Early Drop-off fee: Arriving earlier than 9:00 AM (not enrolled in the extended times program) will result in a fee of \$5 for each block of 5 minutes earlier than 9 AM per child.

Late-pick up fee: Arrival after 12:30 PM (not enrolled in the extended times program) will result in a fee of \$5 for each block of 5 minutes later than 12:30 PM per child.

Extended Times Program

To accommodate the needs of some of our families, we are offering the option of **extended times**. *There is no option beyond 1:00 PM for the half-day program.*

The fees for these programs are:

1. 4-hour program (choice of 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM or 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
camp fee would be \$200 for Bethel residents, \$250 for non-residents
2. 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 \$250 for Bethel residents, \$300 for non-residents
3. 5-hour program (choice of 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM or 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
camp fee would be \$300 for Bethel residents, \$350 for non-residents
4. 5.5-hour program (7:30 AM to 1:00 PM)
camp fee would be \$350 for Bethel residents, \$400 for non-residents

Swim Lessons Only Option

This option is for youth in Grades K to 5 who attend only for swim instruction and do not participate in any of the other activities of the morning half-day camp program. This is a Monday to Thursday program. A time slot will be assigned during the morning hours based on capacity limits. The time slot is 45-minutes (the lesson is usually about 30-35 minutes in length). There is no charge for the swim lesson only option. First preference is to Town of Bethel residents for the limited slots.

Registration Dates:

Early Bird Registration Bethel Residents Only

Sunday, April 24th from 1:00-4:00PM at the BETHEL TOWN PARK *Rain or Shine.*

Open Registration Dates:

Sunday, May 1st 3:30-5:30 PM at the Bethel Recreation Center

Friday, May 6th 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Bethel Recreation Center

Thursday, May 12th 5:30 to 6:15 PM at the Bethel Recreation Center

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

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

If camp fee was not paid in full at registration:

Payment schedule: Paid in full prior to July 1st Checks are made payable to: Town of Bethel. Mail payment to: Town of Bethel Parks & Rec., Attn: Cathy McFadden, POB 300 White Lake NY 12786 or bring to the Bethel Town Hall (give to the Town Clerk, Rita Sheehan) 9 AM to 4 PM. *Partial payments may be made to alleviate the large payment due by July 1st.*

The Morning Half-day camp consists of structured activities – campers are assigned to a small group based on grade level and swim ability named after a water-based animal (seals, dolphins, otters, tadpoles). 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 (see page 2)

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.

On the last day of camp, August 12th, 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:

Returning Camper Orientation: Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 PM Town Park

New Camper Orientation: Thursday, June 30th at 6:00 PM Town Park

Behavior Policy will be reviewed at Orientation

Age Group Ratios:

Ages 6 and under 1 counselor to 6 campers (PreK-K students)

Ages 7– 9 1 counselor to 8 campers (Grade 1 to Grade 3)

Ages 10 to 12 – 1 counselor to 10 campers (Grade 4 to Grade 6)

Swim Instruction

During the morning hours, campers participate in American Red Cross Learn to Swim classes with a certified Water Safety Instructor. Campers are given a swim test to determine the level they will be instructed at. Buddy tags with a buddy system are followed with wristbands worn by swimmers. Fridays are typically more fun with games and activities to practice the skills learned during the week. On extremely cold days or when the conditions are not appropriate for swim instruction, alternative activities are utilized. Notes from the camper's parent/guardian are required if the camper is unable to swim that day due to illness or other medical reasons.

Being able to swim and having water safety skills is important life skill. Our program includes the valuable swim instruction (multiple levels and skills addressed) as part of our camp program. There are times when children do not want to participate in swim lessons for various reasons. *If you do not want your child to participate in swim instruction during the morning hours, we require a note from you stating such.* The pool water can be chilly during the morning hours and the instructors use their judgment for how long the campers are in the water. Children who are not swimming will sit inside the pool gates when their group is assigned to the swimming area. This way they hear and see the instruction being given and continue to rotate through the areas with their assigned group. A child telling us they do not want to swim, without a note, will not be sufficient

Snack and Lunch- A morning snack provided by campers' families is eaten during mid-morning snack time. For camper's enrolled in the extended day to 1:00 PM, families are asked to provide a bag lunch for your child. Please pack your child's lunch in an insulated tote with an ice pack. Please put your child's name on the lunchbox. 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.**

Out-of-Camp Trips - More information on trips will be provided at the beginning of camp and on the trip registration forms. There are subsidized costs for trips –these fees will be collected with trip registration forms during the camp program. Permission slips must be completed for the camper to go on a trip. Camp trips are announced on the whiteboards and through the permission slip. When we go on trips, small groups consist of mixed-age campers. Trip groups are not always the same as the morning groups.

Rainy Days/Summer Storms

Due to several factors limiting the space we have use of the Duggan Elementary School, we will only be offering the program on rainy days to those enrolled in our All Day or Extended Time program campers. No swim lessons will be held on rainy days. On days that we are at the park and a sudden storm occurs, we will do our best to adhere to social distancing protocols but ask our half-day families arrive as soon as possible to pick up their children. Swim lessons will still be held on days with intermittent rain showers without thunder and lightning present.

What Campers Need

Items needed for camp (please label all with camper's name)

- A backpack or tote bag
- Towel
- Sweatshirt or sweater (it gets windy at the park)
- Sneakers (flip flops/Crocs permitted only at the pool) –no open-toed shoes
- Sunscreen/bug spray (optional)
- Change of clothes for children 6 and under
- Morning snack (drink and 1 snack item)
- Refillable water bottle (optional)

Campers must wear closed-toe shoes or sneakers. Our playground and activities require the children to have footwear that has a good grip. No flip flop or sandals will be permitted on the playground or on the court. Sunscreen and bug spray should be applied before coming to camp. Swimsuits should be worn under clothing to camp. This reduces the amount of time wasted changing into swimsuits prior to lessons and provides the child with a longer swim lesson.

NO electronic devices, cell phones, personal toys. We are not responsible for lost or broken items. No knives or water guns.

Sample Morning Camp Schedule – the activities in bold are the 3.5 hour morning, half-day program. The times and activities not in bold are for those enrolled in the extended time program.

Arrival before 8:00 AM – quiet activities (movie, puzzles, drawing, board games)

8:00-8:45 AM choice of 3-4 organized activities

8:45 -9:00 AM Opening Camp Ceremony

9:00 -9:45 AM Structured Morning Rotation #1

9:45-10:30 AM	Structured Morning Rotation #2
10:30-10:45 AM	Mid-morning snack time
10:45 -11:30 AM	Structured Morning Rotation #3
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Structured Morning Rotation #4
12:30-1:00 PM	Camp Meeting/ Lunchtime

Sign In/Sign Out Procedures – Please sign your child in each day with arrival time at the booth. Your child must be signed out each day upon pick up. If someone other than a person listed on your registration form will be picking up your child, a written note must be provided. Photo identification must be presented before your child will be released to unknown persons by the program supervisor. If you are running late, please call the park 292-2843 or the youth center 583-5360 depending on location. Campers cannot sign themselves or siblings in or out (a parent or guardian must do so).

Volunteers – we have limited C.I.T. slots each year that are filled by 13-year-olds who have attended the program in the past. *Youth who are 13 or have completed 7th grade may apply to be a CIT (a volunteer position) using an employment application.* Adult family members are welcomed to volunteer to teach a specific skill, craft, or game. Parents/Grandparents are welcome to view the program but must sign in with the camp director. We discourage parents/grandparents from following their child around camp from area to area.

Family Nights – we offer several occasions to spend time with your child at our program facilities enjoying various activities. A calendar of events will be handed out during the first week of camp. Please make a note of these important dates as reminders will not be handed out. Several swim nights for families are offered (weather permitting.(Upcoming events are written on the whiteboard).

Use of the Pool - enrollment in the camp program does not entitle families or campers to use the pool for free. Daily or seasonal pass rates apply to any camper of camp families who wish to use the pool after signing out from camp, regardless if it is only “to cool off for 5 minutes” or not.

VERY IMPORTANT: For all campers we need a copy of current immunizations. For new campers: copy of birth certificate (new campers aged 6 and under) and a letter of completion from Pre-K (for those entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2022). All accounts must be paid by July 1st with complete paperwork received for your child(ren) to attend camp. Your child will be unable to attend camp until paperwork and full payment is received.