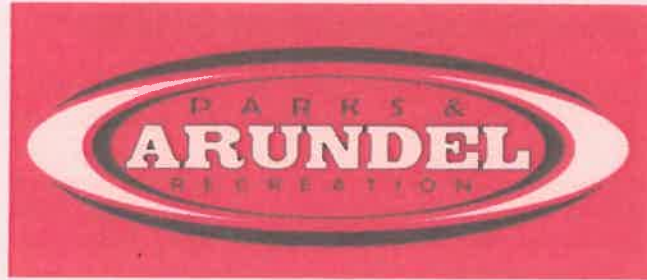


~SUMMER REC~

For children entering grades K-8 in the fall
Week #2 NEWSLETTER
June 28-July 2, 2021



Monday, June 28: ICE CREAM DAY. We'll be staying at Rec today for a day full of fun activities and ice cream in the afternoon. Please send \$1 in your child's lunchbox if you'd like them to get an ice cream.

Tuesday, June 29: BIDDEFORD POOL BEACH, Biddeford. Children should ARRIVE FULLY SUNSCREENED & BATHING SUITS ON already on under their clothes, and their "Arundel Parks & Rec" TRIP T-SHIRTS ON. The bus will depart at 9:30am and return by 4:00pm.

Wednesday, June 30: GAMES & ACTIVITIES at Rec today.

Thursday, July 1: YORK'S WILD ANIMAL KINGDOM, York. We will visit York's Wild Animal Kingdom for the zoo in the morning and amusement park rides in the afternoon. ARRIVE FULLY SUNSCREENED with their "Arundel Parks & Rec" TRIP T-SHIRTS ON. The bus will depart at 8:45am and return by 5:00pm. Your child is welcome to bring a couple of quarters to feed the animals at the zoo, if they'd like. They'll need deep pockets to carry their own money. **Camp Lunch Money (\$5) is due today. Please send \$5 in your child's lunchbox any day this week until Thursday.** Camp Lunch Money will not be accepted on Friday, and cannot be refunded after Thursday at 5:15pm because the pizza order is placed on Thursday evening.

Friday, July 2: SILLY HAIR DAY & CAMP LUNCH DAY! Show us your silliest hairstyle today! Camp Lunch includes pepperoni or cheese pizza, chips, pickles, and a drink. **Camp Lunch \$\$ is due on THURSDAY at 5:15pm at the latest.** Lots of snacks & refillable water bottle still needed, even if your child is getting camp lunch.

Please see important notes to parents on the next page.

Notes to parents

- For safety, please be sure your children come to Summer Rec wearing **SNEAKERS EVERY DAY**. It's a must. Flip-flops or Crocs can be packed to wear AT the beach, but sneakers are needed before & after.
- To drop off your child, please pull up to the curb in front of the school's main office and our staff will greet your child at the curb. The afternoon pick up is in the same location. If you are here to drop your child off or pick them up and there is nobody outside to greet you, call or text 207-205-6724. The MLD building doors are kept locked, and parents/caregivers should not enter the building.
- Children MUST arrive each day with sunscreen already on. Our staff has a lot of responsibility and they simply do not have time to apply sunscreen to the children in the morning. A sunscreen reapplication time is scheduled into our day, right after lunch daily. If you forget to sunscreen your child before morning drop-off, the next opportunity for staff to help them with sunscreen application will be at 12:30pm. A bottle of sunscreen should be in each child's backpack to use for lunchtime reapplication. Please put their name on the bottle. Please do not send 1 bottle for siblings to share. Each child needs their own bottle please. Siblings are in different age groups, which means they are not in the same area at sunscreen time.
- If you'd like to buy an extra Trip T-shirt for trip days, the red T-shirts for grades K-4 are \$10 each. The camo dri-fit shirts for grades 5-8 are \$20 each. Please send payment with a note in your child's lunch box. Trip T-shirts are required for each off-site trip. If your child arrives without a Trip T-shirt on for a field trip day, a new one will be issued and payment will be due from parents within 24 hours. Trip T-shirts are SO important for safety and easy group recognition when we are off-site. It helps everyone in our group to keep track of each other because we are all wearing the same shirt.
- More food please! Kids are going through all or most of the food in their lunchboxes by morning snack or lunchtime. They are hungrier than usual because they are far more active at Summer Rec than usual. It may help younger children if parents could label the items in the lunchbox according to when they should be eaten (am snack, lunch, pm snack). Please do not send foods that need preparation. All food should be prepped and ready to eat. For instance, sandwiches should be made at home rather than sending the ingredients for kids to put together. We eat picnic style on the ground and food prep is tricky on the ground 😊
- As of 6/30, unvaccinated individuals will no longer *required* by the CDC to wear a mask indoors, however indoor masking will remain *strongly recommended* for unvaccinated individuals, and businesses can decide what is best for them. **RSU 21 has made the decision that all individuals inside the schools must wear a mask at all times, whether they are vaccinated or not.** Because we use an RSU 21 facility for our Summer Rec program, we are required to follow RSU 21 protocols and everyone will need to wear a mask inside the building. Anyone exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms at Summer Rec will need to test negative for Covid-19 prior to returning, or stay home until 24 hours after all symptoms have abated. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please let Jenn know right away. The sooner we know, the sooner we can take measures to try to avoid it spreading within our program and within our community at large. Masks are also required on the bus per federal CDC public transportation guidelines.
- If you haven't read the Pre-season Parent Letter yet, please read it on our website at https://arundelrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30014 Scroll down the page to find "Additional Forms & Files" and click the link. It is very important that all parents are aware of the Summer Rec policies and procedures. Newsletters are posted in the same section each week on Thursday for the upcoming week. If you're on vacation and didn't get a hard copy of the newsletter, you can always find them there!

To reach Rec staff during the day, please call or text (207) 205-6724. As always, please contact me with questions or concerns: recreationdirector@arundelmaine.org or (207) 468-0131 (text/calls) ~Jenn