

ELMSFORD DAY CAMP

INFORMATION GUIDE

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Camper Age Groups: The regular camp program is for children ages 3 to 12 who will be entering grades Pre-K through Grade 7 in the fall of 2006. Pre-K campers must be turning four years of age by December 31st 2006, and they must be toilet trained. Groups are separated based on enrollment, but no more than two grade levels will be grouped together. Our camper grad program is for 12-14 year olds entering 8th-10th grades, and they must apply for acceptance into the program.

B. Camp Season Dates: Camp will operate from Thursday June 29th until Wednesday August 9th. There will be no camp on Tuesday July 4th. Regular hours and extended day programs will be in effect as long as camp is in session. *Partial week programs are available, but you must contact the camp director directly to set this up.*

C. Camp Day: The regular full day program for campers entering pre-k through grade 7 (along with the camper grad program participants) will be from 8:45 a.m until 3:15 pm. There may be a few trips with later dismissals for older campers, but this will be announced as we come closer to the opening days of camp. *Half day options are available for all age groups, but you must contact the camp director directly to set this up.*

D. Extended Day: For additional fees, (please see section E), campers can be dropped off as early as 7:45 am and picked up as late as 5:30pm. Activities in the morning include board games, and arts and crafts. Activities in the late afternoon include movies, group games, and an afternoon snack will be provided. These programs need to be signed up for ahead of time, but can also be utilized on a daily basis.

E. Fees:

REGULAR CAMP DAY: (Pre-k through grade 7)	RESIDENT	NON RESIDENT
1 st child	\$475	\$650
2 nd child	\$350	\$550
Ea. additional child	\$200	\$450
CAMPER GRAD PROGRAM	\$125	\$125
Early Morning Drop off	\$60	\$60
Extended Afternoon	\$250	\$250

Please note: Rates for half day programs, 1 or 2 week programs, and daily early morning or extended afternoon rates can be discussed with camp director through email or a phone call. (760-1953)

F. Camp Location: The main site for camp 2006 will be Alexander Hamilton High School. Campers will meet in the cafeteria in the morning, and the classrooms, fields, and gymnasium will be used for daily activities. The Grady School playground and gym will also be utilized.

G. Staff/Camper Ratio: For Primary Camp (Pre-K through Grade 1), all groups are lead by certified teachers and/or experienced teacher assistants. They are assisted by experienced counselors. The ratio between these campers and counselors is 6:1. The ratio between campers and counselors for grades 2nd-7th is 8:1.

H. Camper Information and Medical Forms: All forms must be completed and submitted upon initial registration, in order to guarantee your child's participation in camp. The immunization/physical form can be handed in after initial registration, but MUST be in before the start of camp on June 29th.

I. Camper Health: A health director will be on staff full time. All medical conditions should be noted on the proper forms, and can be discussed with the health director and camp director prior to the start of camp or on parent/guardian orientation night. Medicine MUST be given to the health director by camper's guardians, as under NO circumstance will campers be allowed to hold medication on them during the day. This includes camper graduates who take medication.

J. Camp Drop-off/Pick-up: Elmsford Camp does not provide any bus transportation to and from camp. Drop-off and pick-up will take place in the circle between the Grady and Hamilton schools. Counselors will be taking campers out of their cars, and putting them into their cars at dismissal. If you are an early drop off or extended afternoon participant, parents must walk their children into Hamilton during drop off, and must come into Hamilton to sign them out.

K. Lunch and Snack: Elmsford Camp does not provide lunch service to campers. Campers should bring a brown bag lunch each day with their name on it and it will be *refrigerated*. We also have a daily snack time, at a cost of \$15 for the summer where children will receive a healthy snack (pretzels, graham crackers, fruit snacks, goldfish...) and juice on a daily basis. Please sign up for this/pay at initial registration or when your balance is due.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

L. Daily Schedules:

Primary Camp Schedules: Campers in grades pre-k through grade 1 will follow a daily schedule created by their teachers, that will include a variety of activities relating to the development and fostering of social skills, literacy skills, interactive play, group sports, science and math, and being a part of the community. Their day will begin with a morning meeting, and they will have sprinkler and playground time on a daily basis. Pre-

K and K will have a daily afternoon rest period ranging from 20-40 minutes. 1st Grade will have instructional swim once a week.

Junior/Senior Camp Schedules: Campers in grades 2nd–7th will follow a daily schedule that will include a variety of activities that will encourage and foster their social skills, creative talents, athletic development, sportsmanship, and building of self esteem. Activities include, but are not limited to: kick ball, parachute games, BINGO, assorted board game play, Knock out basketball tournaments, scavenger hunts, trivia games, tie-dying, nature walks, hands on science, movie afternoons, sideline soccer, spud, hopscotch, and much much more...

M. Swimming: Campers in 2nd grade and up will swim three times per week, weather permitting, at the Sprain Ridge Pool for approximately an hour each day. Instructional swim will be provided to beginner swimmers. Instructional swim will also be provided for 1st grade campers on a weekly basis. Elmsford Day Camp provides their own certified lifeguards and water safety instructors, and abides by the NY Board of Health Guidelines.

N. Camp Trips: Campers in grades 2nd and up will go on 5-6 full day trips throughout the season. Campers in Pre-k--Grade 1 will go on 4-5 full day trips throughout the season. There are NO additional fees for trips, other than optional lunch fees. Permission slips will be distributed before the start of camp. Exact destinations for this year have yet to be determined, but possibilities include: *The Intrepid Museum (6th,7th grades)*, *Jeepers (2nd-5th grades)*, *Splashdown (2nd-7th grades)*, *Muscoot Farm (Pre-K--Grade 1)*, *Maritime Aquarium (Pre-K--5th grade)*, *Yankee Stadium Tour (6th,7th grades)*, *Seussical theater production (2nd-5th grades)*

O. Arts and Crafts: All campers (Pre-K through Grade 7) will go to Arts and Crafts 2-3 times per week for forty minute periods. This activity will be lead by an experienced instructor. The younger groups will make beaded necklaces, magnets, frames and other crafts to take home after each session. The older groups will work on more long-term projects such as scrapbook making, model planes, ceramics and work for the camp show's set and costumes.

P. Instructional Sports: All campers (Pre-K through Grade 7) will go to Instructional Sports 2-3 times per week for forty-minute periods. This activity will be lead by an experienced gym teacher/coach. Depending on age, campers will be given instruction, participation in drills, and experience in team play in sports that may include basketball, soccer, baseball/softball, flag football, and volleyball.

Q. Drama and Theater: All campers (Pre-K through Grade 7) will go to Drama/Theater 2-3 times per week for forty minute periods. This activity will be lead by an experienced drama instructor. Activities in improvisational acting, dramatic play and theater games, and preparation for the annual camp show will be a part of each session

R. Camp Show: All campers and counselors and camper grads will perform with their groups in the annual camp show, which they will prepare for in drama class. This year's theme has not yet been determined, but it is sure to be a huge success filled with singing, acting, and dancing. Last year's theme was Broadway Tunes, and 2004's theme was Camp Idol: Oldies. All parents and friends are invited to see the show. We will also have an awards ceremony recognizing campers who show camp spirit.

S. Special Events: Special events occur at least once a week in our camp, and there are different age appropriate themes and entertainment. Our special events calendar is currently being prepared. Definite returns will be the annual field day with award ribbons, carnival day with rides, popcorn and games, a visit from a magician, the return of Marcia the Musical Moose, and red, white and blue day festivities.

T. Rainy Days: The camp prepares several rainy day schedules in anticipation of rainy, or cold weather, so that the campers are dry, safe and still having fun. On swim days, alternate destinations will be in effect, such as trips to bowling arenas, arcades and/or the movie theater.

U. Camp Pictures: Notices about individual and group pictures will be sent home during the first week of camp. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to purchase camp picture packages, as memorabilia of the camp season.

V. Parent Orientation Night: The night before the first day of camp, all parents/guardians are invited to attend an orientation night, where they can see the camp grounds, meet their child's counselors, and find out information about camp routines and special programs. This is when we will have the most up to date information, but parent/guardians of registered campers can contact the camp director at any time with any questions.