

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2008 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

CAMP "REC TREK"

June 23rd - August 1st

Our playground staff consists of the Director of Recreation, an Assistant to the Director, and numerous counselors. The counselors at the head table will take attendance and supervise their comings and goings. The program starts Monday, June 23rd, and continues through Friday, August 1st. The program will **not** be open on Friday, July 4th, for the holiday. The program will only be held at Woodland Park.

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! 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. **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 to sign your child 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 sign 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 attached permission form must be returned to the head table on the first day of camp.

LUNCH:

Lunch is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You must inform the playground counselor if your child will be staying for 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, on all water bottles, etc.

T-SHIRTS:

T-Shirts MUST be worn on all trips and special days. 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.

RAINY DAYS:

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 must call the Recreation

Department, 288-4143, to check if the program is being run due to inclement weather.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

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, 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.

TRIPS:

There will be a special sign-up day for the Summer Playground trips. This will be held **on Thursday, June 5th 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. Before leaving the main area of the playground, they must notify a counselor as to where they intend to go. 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

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.

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, questions that cannot be answered by the counselors, and any major problems. The counselors at the site handle: lost items, problems at camp, questions about camp activities, etc. Please note that the summer playground registration fee (\$60) is non-refundable.

SPECIAL THEME DAYS

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

Thursday* *June 26th* **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. Also there will be an essay contest entitled "Why America is the Greatest Country in the World." Make your entries and then bring them to the park to be judged. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

Tuesday* *July 1st* **Halloween in July Day*

You can be scary, funny, pretty, cute, or even a celebrity. Children come dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes. Counselors will be dressed up too! Contest will begin at 1 pm, awards will be presented at 3 p.m. All children in costume will receive free candy.

Thursday* *July 3rd* **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 7th Carnival Day (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 sandwich, 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!

Monday July 14th Reptile Show (1:30 pm Start)

Come see Rizzo's Amazing Reptile Discovery Show! This new attraction will feature a 1 hour interactive display where campers will learn about snakes, turtles, lizards, toads, frogs, and other exciting reptiles. The show is free to all registered campers.

Wednesday, July 16th Olympic Day 11 am (rain date Friday July 18)

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 23rd 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.

Wednesday July 30th Wet and Wild Day (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. Please note: shoes must be worn at all times, no matter what the circumstance. So please be advised. Also bring an essay entitled, "Why I Love Hasbrouck Heights," and get a special surprise.

Every Friday is Ice Cream Day! At 1 pm every Friday an ice cream truck will come to the park and your child will be able to purchase ice cream for their enjoyment! A dollar or two should be plenty. The ice cream vendor is licensed and has all appropriate permits.

Arts and Crafts- a weekly schedule of crafts will be available at the head table each week.

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 \$60 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, of course, and the playground site does remain open on days of trips.

All trips depart and return at the times indicated.

Children should arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

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

PLEASE NOTE: THE SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM AND TRIPS AS WELL AS ALL HASBROUCK HEIGHTS RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS ARE ONLY FOR PERMANENT HASBROUCK HEIGHTS RESIDENTS WHICH MEANS THEY MUST LIVE IN HASBROUCK HEIGHTS ALL-YEAR ROUND. NO EXCEPTIONS.

As you can see in this handbook, advance trip registration is being held on Thursday June 5th 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 26th, 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00 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.

Hurricane Harbor Six Flags Water Park

Jackson, NJ

July 1, 2008(Tuesday)

Time: 9:15 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 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 can bring their lunch or purchase lunch at the park.

Keansburg Amusement Park

Keansburg, NJ

July 8, 2008 (Tuesday) Rain Date (July 9th Wednesday)

Time 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 per camper

Includes: 2 hour admission to Water Park, and unlimited admission to boardwalk games and rides.

Ages for this Trip: 6-14

Keansburg Amusement Park is a water park with water slides, lazy river and water adventure rides. The boardwalk has go karts, ferris wheel, scrambler, and other rides. Campers can bring their lunch or purchase lunch at the park.

Bowcraft Amusement Park

Scotch Plains, NJ

July 10, 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Includes: Admission and unlimited use of all the rides the entire day, and 10 game tokens.

Ages for this trip: 6 through 14

Bowcraft Amusement Park features rides and fun for all ages with something for everyone. Bowcraft Amusement Park offers a fun-filled day of amusement rides, arcades, carnival type food items, etc. There are numerous rides for various age groups. At Bowcraft, you can ride the Scrambler, Bumper Cars, Helicopter, Carousel, Tilt-a-Whirl, Ferris Wheel, Auto Cars, Tanks, Motorcycle Jump Ride, Umbrella, Airplane Swing, Rocket, Spider, Roller Coaster, Paratrooper, Space Shuttle, both the Himalaya and Junior Himalaya. There is a large arcade with the latest video games, skee ball where you can win prizes, and air hockey. The children can bring their lunch or purchase it there.

Six Flags Great Adventure

Jackson, NJ

July 15, 2008 (Tuesday)

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Leaving six flags at 4:30 returning to camp approx. 6 pm)

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Includes: Admission to the theme park only.

Ages for this trip: 11 through 14

Six Flags Great Adventure has the most rides worldwide. The largest of all the coaster parks, it now has the NITRO, which is the newest addition to the other 12 scream machines. Also at Great Adventure are the Medusa, the Chiller, Batman and Robin, the Scream Machine and much more. AGAIN, this trip is only for those aged 11 and older. It is suggested that the children bring their own lunch this day in a book bag, which will be easy to carry for the duration of the day.

Bronx Zoo

Bronx, New York

July 17, 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (Leaving Zoo at 4:30 returning to camp approx. 5:15 pm)

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Includes: Admission to the zoo, Zoo Shuttle round trip, Bengali Express Monorail and admission to the Children's Zoo.

Ages for this trip: 6 through 14

The Bronx Zoo is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience nature and animals in a beautiful setting. During the day the children will be able to experience many different attractions. Included in the general admission to the zoo and access to the World of Darkness, World of Reptiles and Jungle world. The children are urged to bring their lunch, but they also may purchase it there.

Medieval Times

Lyndhurst, NJ

July 24th, 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 10:00 to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$45.00 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.

Ice House

Hackensack, NJ

July 31st, 2008 (Thursday)

Time: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Includes: Admission, skate rentals for the day, four hours of unlimited skating and a slice of pizza and a soda

Ages for this trip: 6 through 14

The Ice House is located in Hackensack and features four NHL sized rinks. This facility is the most modernized ice facility on the East Coast and children of all ages will have a great time. Lunch will consist of a slice of pizza and soda. This trip will be held rain or shine. Please note that it is highly recommended that your child know how to skate before coming on this trip.

**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 Thursday June 5th 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 June 5th, 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**

TRIPS

PLEASE CIRCLE THE TRIPS THAT YOU HAVE SELECTED

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>June 26</u>	<u>Wild West City</u>	<u>\$20</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 1</u>	<u>Hurricane Harbor</u>	<u>\$30</u>	<u>(AGES 11 - 14)</u>
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 8</u>	<u>Keansburg Amusement Park</u>	<u>\$30</u>	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>Bowcraft Amusement</u>	<u>\$30</u>	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>Six Flags Great Adventure</u>	<u>\$45</u>	<u>(AGES 11 - 14)</u>
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>Bronx Zoo</u>	<u>\$20</u>	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 24</u>	<u>Medieval Times</u>	<u>\$40</u>	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 31</u>	<u>Ice House</u>	<u>\$20</u>	

TOTAL_____

2008 PERMISSION SLIP
SUMMER PLAYGROUND TRIPS

Child's Name _____

Phone _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

School _____ Grade Completed _____

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 Signiture _____

*****See other side of this page for the trip list.*****