

CAMP BRIAR HILL

THE CAMP 411

THE CAMP DAY

Arrival time is from 9:00 – 9:25am. Camp activities start promptly at 9:30am. Activities for Rookie (Pre-K & K) and Junior Campers (1st and 2nd) end at 3:30pm. Activities for Senior, Varsity, and All-Star Campers (3rd – 8th grade) end at 4:00pm. Note: Rookie campers on a mini day option end at 1:30pm.

ARRIVAL

We strongly encourage everyone to arrive by 9:25am. When you arrive at camp, form a single line and stay in your car. **New for 2021: Have health screening slip filled out and signed before entering the arrival queue.** Once your car reaches the unloading area, a counselor will greet your child(ren) and bring them to their home base. If you need extra time or would like help during arrival (for instance, for separation anxiety), please park and motion to one of our staff that you would like extra help. Please note that if you arrive after 9:25am, you will need to walk your child(ren) to the office.

DISMISSAL

Rookie and Junior Campers are dismissed from 3:30-3:50pm. Senior, Varsity, & All-Star Campers are dismissed from 4:00-4:30pm. If you have children that are in multiple dismissal periods, you will be assigned to the later dismissal period. Younger campers play in their home base area while waiting for late dismissal. **Please do not arrive before your assigned dismissal period.** Campers are still in activities.

There are two dismissal lanes in the driveway. You may choose either lane, but do not switch lanes. A staff member will scan your dismissal placard (should be placed on dashboard in plain sight). When your car reaches the loading area, **please stay in your car** and be prepared to move forward if asked. If possible, we load on the right side of the car so that children remain on the sidewalk. Once your car has been loaded, please wait to leave the loading area until directed. If you need to get out of your car, please park below when picking up your children. You may photocopy dismissal placards, but you cannot create your own. You must present a physical dismissal placard (a photo on your phone will not be accepted). If you do not have the provided placard, you will be required to park and go to the office. **Please note that when picking up at the office, a photo ID is required at all times.**

Mini Day Only: Rookie campers on a mini day option are dismissed from 1:30pm-1:40pm. Please park and come to the main building entrance. You will need ID when signing out.

Note: if picking up before dismissal, please notify the office early in the day so your child(ren) will be ready at the desired time.

CAR POOLS

The dismissal procedure supports car pools. If you wish to carpool with another family, you must indicate this on your Camper Release Form. The office will create a separate dismissal placard for each car pool. To pick up only your children, use the family dismissal placard provided in your camp package. To pick up all the members of a car pool, use the car pool placard instead.

VISITORS

For summer 2021, visitors are not permitted during the camp day. **Visitors will be permitted for end-of-summer parent shows, but will be limited to our amphitheater area.** Show schedules will be published during the 3rd week of camp.

CAMP GEAR

Each camper is provided with a camp bag, camp shirt, and camper name badge. The camp bag should be labeled with your camper's name and group. The camp shirt is mostly for fun and should also be labeled. Campers often wear their shirts on the first day of camp, but this is optional. Please have your child wear his/her name badge during their first week of camp. This helps staff to learn names more quickly.

CAMP ATTIRE

Campers must wear bathing suits to camp with shorts and a t-shirt over them. Please remember that all clothes should be play clothes since we like to have fun and sometimes that means painting or getting messy. Campers must wear sneakers or closed-toe shoes to protect their feet. Participation in sports and other activities will be restricted if children are not properly attired. Please send two towels, an extra bathing suit, a plastic bag for wet bathing suits, and a change of clothing with underwear. Metal hairpins or clips are not permitted in the pool and will be removed before swim. **Your child's name must be on everything.**

SUNSCREEN

The first sunscreen of the day should be applied at home. Provide a labeled bottle of sunscreen. Counselors will help campers reapply sunscreen after they swim. If your camper requires an additional application, please let your group leader know.

FOOD

Briar Hill provides a morning snack, lunch, and a cold treat at the end of each day. Drinks are available at lunch, and water is available all day throughout the camp. See the camp calendar for our lunch schedule. **If your child does not like the scheduled lunch option or you would prefer to provide a lunch from home, please place the lunch in a brown bag only (no lunch boxes).** Tape the bag shut and put your camper's name on the bag. The lunch will be refrigerated upon arrival.

SWIMMING

Your child's swim ability will be tested on his/her first day. You will receive an email indicating his/her initial swim level at the end of their first week. If an initial swim placement is not accurate, don't worry. This is often due to shyness and is quickly resolved when the camper becomes more comfortable. You will receive communications for any swim advancements, as well as an end of summer swim certificate. There is also separate testing before a child is permitted into the larger pool or the deep end during free swim.

PERSONAL EFFECTS

Jewelry and other personal belongings are strongly discouraged at camp. Cell phones and electronic devices are prohibited. **Briar Hill is not responsible for lost items.**