



Dear Family and Friends of Downs Park Day Campers,

Welcome to Downs Park Day Camp! Although I may be somewhat biased, I believe that Downs Park Day Camp is the best in the county! I'm very excited to be at the helm this summer, having an opportunity to bring back the great programs of the past, as well as introduce some new and exciting ones that the kids will love. I am very thrilled that most of the staff is returning again this year. We have quite possibly one of the most experienced day camp staffs in the county, and it is very clear that these people return each summer because they truly love working with the children.

As we anxiously await the arrival of summer, please take a moment to review the camp rules with your child/ren. Enclosed you will find all the necessary paperwork, order forms and schedules for your child/ren's camp session. The emergency card, permission slip and all other paper work must be sent in on or prior to the first day of camp. Please be advised that bus information must be received two weeks prior to your child/ren's session start date.

We must be notified prior to the first day of camp of any child that will require medication during camp hours. The doctor must sign the proper form with all information completed. If we do not have the proper forms on file, we cannot and will not supervise your child self-administering medication. Contact the Registration office at (410) 222- 4215 for a copy of the medical form or download the form from our website, www.aacounty.org

We will have camp rain or shine! This year we will use a facility on the site of Downs Park for rainy days.

Here are some tips for camp!

Everyday Dress: shorts, t-shirts, sun block (if need help a note must be provided with permission), and tennis shoes

Lunch/ Snack: a disposable bag (brown bag) is preferred and water bottle. We will sell sodas and bottled water everyday for lunch and snack.

Swim Day: wear swimsuit under clothes, disposable lunch, towel, and screen. Can bring spending money.

Field Trips: wear the Downs Park T-Shirt that has been provided, bring disposable lunch, water and spending money is allowed.

Cook Outs: Held on the last Friday of each session. Parents are welcome to come! Hot dogs, chips and cookies are provided. Campers are still welcome to bring their own lunches.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our informative Parents' Day on Saturday June 14th at 10am, held at Downs Park in the Pavilions; the "hub" of our day camp. This information session is not mandatory, however it is highly suggested as a more detailed overview of the camp can be provided, and all personal concerns addressed. Furthermore, this is a great opportunity to get to know those counselors and specialists that will be working with your child/ren.

Should you have any questions or concerns prior to camp, please do not hesitate to contact Jacque Hurman at the Department of Recreation and Parks at (410) 222- 7313. Once camp starts June 23rd, we can be reached at 410-360-4215.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to host your child at Downs Park! It looks like the summer of 2008 will be the best yet!

Sincerely,
Meghan Dronberger
DPDC Director