

DAILY CAMPER NEWSLETTER

Week 2 June 10-14 - 2024

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BRING TO CAMP EVERYDAY!

- Backpack
- Re-usable Water Bottle
- Sack Lunch
- Wear Socks and Shoes
- Sun Screen Multiple applications each day
- Swim Suit and Towels on days we swim/get wet



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Parkway South Dance Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 2. We hope your campers enjoy this week of camp!

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SAFETY

- All Campers must be dropped off in person at the appropriate drop off locations. As you exit your vehicles please keep your camper close and watch for other traffic in the parking lots.
- Check your camper in with a counselor at drop off and get a verbal confirmation from the camp staff your camper is checked in.
- At pick-up, be sure to have your ID out and ready to show to the counselors. <u>Showing your ID at pick-up is</u> required.
- Any changes for Camper pick up, such as picking up early or having an alternate person pick up (i.e. Grandparent), please email the Camp Director at least 2 hours prior; <u>campdirector@ballwin.mo.us</u>

MISSOURI STATE EXEMPTION STATUS

Ballwin Parks and Recreation has been approved by the State of Missouri for Exemption Status for a childcare facility. Ballwin Day Camp meets all the required statutes to meet the exemptions set forth in Missouri Statute, sections 210.201 and 210.211, RSMo, which is monitored and enforce by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Ballwin Parks and Recreation takes pride in offering quality & safe Day Camp to the Ballwin area.



BALLWIN DAY CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe

Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt
 Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe
 Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe (Kona Ice)
 For those that purchased
 Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



CAMP CHAT...

Each day we have a schedule of activities throughout the day. We do not participate in one activity the entire day except on Thursday when we spend the day at North Pointe Swimming. Each day consists of a series of games and activities in the fields/play areas outside. They transition to do a craft indoors and swimming indoors for about an hour each age group. All campers are reminded to fill their water bottles throughout the day. There are multiple water fountains in The Pointe and one at the Park.





DAY CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to the St. Louis Zoo. Campers will be able to see all the awesome animals. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 pm, back at The Pointe.



SWIMMING

DAY CAMP

- Monday & Tuesday Indoor Pool (approx. 1 hr)
- Wednesday NO Swimming Field Trip
- Thursday North Pointe,
 - drop off & pickup Holloway Park Pavilion.
- Friday water activities in the back field
 - Bring a suit/clothes to get wet.
- Campers need to bring a towel and on all days campers are getting wet.
- Please bring your own Lifejacket if you indicated your child is required to wear one!
- Swim tests will be administered every Monday.
- Bring plenty of Sunscreen



BALLWIN TEEN CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe
Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe
Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe
• Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt
Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe
Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe
For those that purchased
Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



TEEN TALK...

Parenting a teen is not easy, neither is being a camp counselor for teen camp. We offer multiple activities, games, and crafts for your camper to participate in during the day. But most teens just want to hang with their friends and play on their phone. Motivating your teen to participate is the most difficult task for our Teen Counselors. Regardless of their resistance we still try to engage with them. With that being said, we will not force a teen camper to participate in an activity they refuse to do. They may choose not to have fun.





FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to the St. Louis Zoo. Campers will be able to see all the awesome animals. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 pm, back at The Pointe.



SWIMMING TEEN CAMP

- Monday Indoor Pool (approx. 1 hr)
- Tuesday & Thursday North Pointe

Bring a suit/clothes to get wet.

- drop off & pickup Holloway Park Pavilion.
- Wednesday No Swimming Field Trip Zoo
- **Friday** -water activities in the back field
- Campers need to bring a towel and on all days campers are getting wet.
- Please bring your own Lifejacket if you indicated your child is required to wear one!
- Swim tests will be administered every Monday.



BALLWIN AQUA CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

- 9am 4 pm North Pointe Aquatic Center
- Drop off at Pavilion by Holloway Park
- Pick up inside North Pointe Aquatic Center

For those that purchased Club PM 4-6pm (NO Club AM)



BUBBLE TALK...

Each day Aqua Camp will meet at the Pavilion at the Park. Once all campers are checked in they will head into the facility for activities/games, eat lunch, and swim during open swim. Remember to bring your sun screen and be ready to apply multiple times during the day. Swimming can be exhausting, so campers will always have an option to get out of the pools, hang out in a shaded pavilion, & do other activities other than swimming. Concessions is available, but each camper must bring their own \$. Ballwin Bucks is an easy option to add funds to a key fob to be used at concessions. Ballwin Bucks can be purchased at the front desk.





NEW FOR AQUA CAMP

New this year, Aqua Camp requires all campers to be able to pass a Swim Test. The swim test will be swimming 25 yards unassisted and tread water for 2 minutes. This is to ensure campers possess the sufficient swimming skills to participate in swimming activities and games. All campers will be tested on Monday. Those that do not pass will be transferred to regular Day Camp, which will include a \$20 transfer fee.



SWIMMING AQUA CAMP

- Monday Friday We Swim Every Day!
- Campers need to bring a towels every day, preferably more than one.
- Please bring an extra set of dry clothes.
- Swim tests will be administered every Monday.
- In the case of Inclement Weather, we may move Aqua Camp to the Golf Course Event Center. Camper's parents/guardians will be notified.



PKWY SOUTH DANCE CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2 Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2 Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2 Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2 Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2

 Kona Ice will be available for purchase Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm (For those that purchased)



TEAM CHAT...

Parkway South Dance Team will teach your camper fun and exciting dance routines and games and also enhance their dance techniques and skills. Utilizes their very own varsity team dancers, Parkway South Dance team will showcase all their team spirit and energy, while offering a fun and exciting week of camp. Be sure to attend the dance recital on Friday at 3:00 pm!





DANCE RECITAL

Mark your calendars! The campers will work all week learning a few choreographed dances to showcase in their recital on Friday. The recital will take place in Court 2 of The Pointe Gymnasium. Campers will be dismissed with their parents after the recital.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - 3:00 PM



SWIMMING

PARKWAY SOUTH DANCE CAMP

- Monday Thursday Indoor Pool
- Friday water activities in the back field
 - Bring a suit/clothes to get wet.
- Campers need to bring a towel and on all days campers are getting wet.
- Please bring your own Lifejacket if you indicated your child is required to wear one!
- Swim tests administered every Monday.



CAMP NOTIFICATIONS

Ballwin Camps will be using TEXTCASTER, as it's notification method this year. In the event the schedule changes or an update on camp that needs immediate attention, we will be using TEXTCASTER.

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Scan the QR code

Step 2: Sign up by filling in name and zip code.

Step 3: Click on -Yes to receive texts

(email is also an option)

Step 4: Choose the "SUMMER CAMP" message group.

Step 5: Add in your secure code and follow prompts.



SUNSCREEN

Sunscreen is required for each camper to bring to each day of camp. Camp Staff have scheduled sunscreen application times throughout the day. Campers will be required to apply and re-apply sunscreen regardless of how sunny or cool the weather. Please provide enough sunscreen for your camper to apply during the entire week. Sunscreen must be SPF 30 or higher. It is suggested campers come to camp familiar with their sunscreen and how to apply it.





LIFE JACKETS

New this year, Ballwin has included a lifejacket question to all camp registration. If you indicated you want your camper to wear a lifejacket, we will require them to wear one at all swimming times (No exceptions). You are required to send your camper with their own life jacket.

Note: All life jackets must be <u>US</u>
 <u>Coast Guard Approved</u> with a clear
 label. Any unapproved Lifejackets will
 not be allowed and will affect your
 campers access to swimming.



Every Friday, Ballwin Day Campers and Specialty Camps located at The Pointe will have the opportunity to purchase a treat from Kona Ice. If your camper wants to partake, please send them with cash on Fridays. This is optional and may not be offered on days of bad weather.

CONGRATULATIONS



CAMPERS OF THE WEEK

Each week the camp leads will select a few campers that have shown great Ballwin Spirit, Kindness, and Good Attitudes during the week. On Friday's we will recognize these campers!

A big Thank you to Oberweis for sponsoring this program.



STAFF "CHAMP AT CAMP"

Ballwin Camp Staff have been challenged to provide superior care and memorable experiences at camp. By doing so they put aside the daily challenges of being a counselor and showcase a positive attitude and a go getter mentality. If you want to nominate a counselor for this award, please use the link below.





Terri Johnson

- Inclusion Coordinator
- Municipal Partners for Inclusive Recreation
- Her favorite part of camp is getting to know all the "kiddos" in camp.

A Champ at Camp is a creed that stands for "Counselors are Heroes, Ambassadors, Mentors, and Practitioners" at Camp. Each week we will take nominations from parent using the link below. Camp counselors will be able to win three categories of recognition; Peoples Choice (your nominations), Directors Award, and Most Spirited camp counselor. The camp counselors will be recognized each Friday with the Campers of the Week, and also receive a congratulations gift!

NOMINATE YOUR CAMP CHAMP: CLICK HERE