

DAILY CAMPER NEWSLETTER

Week 4 June 24-28 - 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, & Theater Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 4. 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 - <u>North Pointe</u> Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe (Kona Ice) For those that purchased Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



CAMP CHAT...

More about our Field Trip! This is the second year we are visiting Anne OC Playscape. Campers last year had such a great time, we brought it back. Please send your campers with clothes they can get wet or wear a swim suit with their camp shirt. Please discuss with your campers they will be getting wet (if they want) and may be wet during the rest of the trip. So light airy clothing is highly suggested. Also wear shoes they don't mind wading in the water (NO SWIMMING). The campers should be dry by the time they get back on the bus. Expect your camper to get dirty. Don't forget your water bottles for this trip!





DAY CAMP FIELD TRIP On Wednesday we will be traveling to the Anne OC Playscape in Forest Park. Campers will be able enjoy great scenery and real nature play with creeks and trails. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 pm, back at The Pointe.



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



TEEN TALK...

Teen camp is beneficial for adolescents for several reasons. Firstly, it promotes independence and self-reliance as teens navigate new environments and activities away from home. Secondly, it encourages social skills and teamwork through group activities and shared experiences. Lastly, it fosters personal growth by challenging teens to step out of their comfort zones and explore new interests, ultimately building confidence and resilience. Parents we encourage you to help us motivate your teens to participate in our activities.





FIELD TRIP On Wednesday we will be Main Event in the Chesterfield Valley. Campers will get play arcades, laser tag, bowling, and pizza is included. No outside food allowed, except for allergies. 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
- drop off & pickup Holloway Park Pavilion.
- Wednesday No Swimming Field Trip
- 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.

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...

Playing at the pool can enhance swimming safety by familiarizing individuals with water environments and encouraging comfort in the water. It helps develop basic swimming skills, promotes water confidence, and increases awareness of pool rules and safety measures. Regular pool play can be both enjoyable and educational, contributing to overall water safety competence. Individuals that grow up with regular aquatic play tend to be great lifeguards, swim instructors, and coaches. Think about all the potential benefits your campers get by being in Aqua Camp each day.





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.



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.

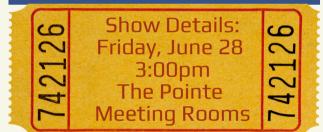
BALLWIN THEATER CAMP

THEATER CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday 9am - 4 pm The Pointe Meeting Room Room B

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



CASTING CALL...

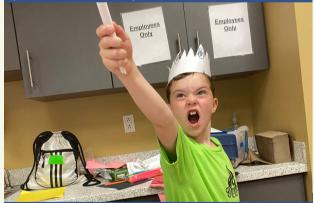
Creativity in kids' theater involves imaginative storytelling, colorful costumes, interactive props, and engaging scripts. It encourages expression, fosters confidence, and sparks a love for performing arts among young participants. To showcase all the campers hard work, please join us for an outstanding performance!





THE SHOW MUST GO ON....

Organizing Theater Camp involves planning engaging activities, ensuring safety with adult supervision, and selecting suitable play spaces. Incorporate games that encourage creativity and teamwork, with clear instructions and ageappropriate challenges. Ballwin Camp will provide necessary equipment and supplies, prioritize inclusivity, and adapt activities based on children's interests for a memorable and enjoyable experience. Each camper will have a role or responsibility in the camp that will showcase their talents and creativity for all to see in the presentation on Friday.



SWIMMING - NONE THEATER CAMP

Due to the schedule of activities, tryouts, rehearsals, set design, and putting on the presentations, Theater Camp <u>will not swim</u> during this week of camp.



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. <u>Please provide enough</u> <u>sunscreen for your camper to apply</u> <u>during the entire week.</u> Sunscreen must be SPF 30 or higher. It is suggested campers come to camp familiar with their sunscreen and how to apply it.









Life Vest

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Life Jacket

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.



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.



Director's Award - Alexis

Most Spirit Award - Georgia

ORFRW

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