

SANTARO PARK SUMMER CAMP

Town of Onondaga Parks and Rec
Parent Newsletter 2022



Hello Parents and Campers. Welcome to Santaro Summer Camp! We are so excited to welcome everyone back for another great summer! We understand how important summer programs are. They create amazing memories and allow your children to try new things. Therefore, our staff will provide age appropriate activities that will keep your children engaged all summer long.

MEET THE STAFF!

SUPERVISOR- PAYTON MAHANEY

My name is Payton Mahaney and I will be the site supervisor at Santaro for the summer of 2022. For those who don't know me, this will be my fifth summer working at Santaro. I am currently attending Towson University and am studying Nursing and Exercise Science. When I was younger I attended this same program starting at six years old until I was old enough to become a C.I.T. I have seen what it entails to create a fun and safe summer and look forward to doing that for everyone!

LEADERS

Tyler Teneyck

Alexis Murphy

Jan Prebish

Sports & Games Leader Arts & Crafts Leader Bits & Pieces Leader

CAMP COUNSELORS

C.I.T.'S

- Mackenzie Caccamo
- John Durkee
- Julia Logana
- Emily Dunning
- Aurora Deshaies

- Maxwell Slater
- Riley Sheridan
- Jada Green
- Catherine Swete

A FEW REMINDERS

All personal items such as bags, hats, and towels, ect should be labeled with your child's name. Also, cell phones are an important tool to have to communicate with your child but please remind them to keep the use to that and only that. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. We ask that you read this newsletter completely and carefully to understand our policies.

Dates & Times: The Parks & Recreation Day Camp will run from July 5th – August 12th, and is for children aged 5-14. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m, Monday through Friday. If your child needs to be picked up, please do so by 3:00 p.m. In the morning please make sure that your child is checked in. When your child is picked up, you must sign them out with a playground leader at the table. PLEASE DO THIS EVERY DAY YOUR CHILD ATTENDS. Your child may only be picked up by those individuals who are indicated on your child's registration form.

Late Pick-up Policy: The Town of Onondaga's late policy is as follows:

- There is a five-minute grace period (3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.)
- After 3:05 there will be a \$1 per minute, per child charge to your MyRec account, which will need to be paid by the end of camp.

Registration: Every child in attendance must be registered at the Town of Onondaga Recreation website (townofonondagarecreation.com). Parents may not register their children at the park. Children who are not registered will not be allowed to participate and will be sent home.

Field Trips: This year we will be going on a number of field trips. There is a minimum of 25 children required for each field trip to go. There will be a limit on the number of children able to attend, so please hand in your permission slips early to ensure a spot. Permission slips will be available with the newsletter the Monday of the week that precedes the trip.

Permission slips for each trip must be turned in by the Friday the week before the trip.

SORRY BUT THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. Field trips will occur on the following dates.

Big Don's Wild River- Wednesday, July 20th, 2022

*Syracuse Mets Game- Wednesday, July 27th, 2022

The Warrior Factory Syracuse- Wednesday, August 3rd, 2022

Camp Field Days- Wednesday, August 10, 2022 (At Santaro)



* On the day of the Syracuse Mets game we will be staying an hour later, so we will arrive back at Santaro at 4:00 instead of 3:00. If you need or want to pick up your child early please inform staff ahead of time and you can pick them up at the front gate of the stadium.

This is a rule that will be strictly adhered to: it is crucial to get the count on the number of children ahead of time for planning reasons. Money for each trip is due on the day of each field trip and must be in exact change (no checks). Please refer to the field trip schedule for more information. **PLAYGROUND WILL NOT REMAIN OPEN ON FIELD TRIP DAYS**

Cancellations: If it is raining in the morning beyond a sprinkle or there is a high heat index, we will not open the playground. In addition, if the weather becomes bad during the day, please make arrangements to pick up your child. We will call parents to come get the children if necessary. Once the playground closes due to weather it will remain closed for the day. Thundering and lightning occurrences are an automatic park closing for safety reasons.

Newsletter: Bi-weekly newsletters will be available every other Monday at the park. Keep an eye out for these at check-in and check-out.

Please Send Your Child With:

- A lunch (No refrigerator on site)
- A water bottle (We have water fountains to refill water bottles throughout the day)
- Sneakers (No open toed shoes)
- A backpack

*We suggest you do NOT allow your child to bring expensive valuables from home, but in case of an emergency, if the child has a cell phone they may bring it and keep it in their bag. The Town of Onondaga will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.

Pizza Days: Every Friday we will have a pizza day. If your child would like pizza on that day, please send them with \$3 on that day. Please be at the playground by 10:45 a.m. on that day so that the money can be collected and the correct amount of pizza can be ordered.

Water Fun Days: Water Fun Days are 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5 and 8/12. Please send children with a bathing suit, towel, and change of clothes for those days. Children must have closed toed shoes such as water shoes or crocs for water fun days.

Medications: If a child needs to take medication during the playground day, the parent should give the medication and complete instructions to the site supervisor. The child must administer the medication himself/herself, in the presence of the site supervisors. The staff is not permitted to administer medications; however, all site supervisors are trained in first-aid and CPR. Along with medications, all sunscreen and bug spray must be FDA approved and self-administered.

Other Activities: Be sure to check out the other fun activities which the Town of Onondaga Dept. of Parks & Recreation offers this summer. Activities include tennis, soccer, yogakids, and much more. Visit the following website for more information: <http://www.townofonondagarecreation.com>

Thank you all very much for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Payton Mahaney
Santaro Park Supervisor

