# 2022 East Goshen Township Department of Parks and Recreation Summer Camps In the Business of Making Memories... Frequently Asked Questions





# Welcome to East Goshen Township REC Camp! Frequently Asked Questions

# Camp Dates/Hours:

| Week | Dates                                  | Half Day option (\$100 or \$110 for non-residents) | Full Day (\$200 or \$210)          |
|------|--|--|------------------------------------|
| Wk 1 | June 27 – July 1                       | 9a – 12p<br>(can drop off at 8:45a)                | 8a - 5:30p<br>(can drop off at 8a) |
| Wk 2 | July 5 – July 8 (no<br>camp on July 4) |  |                                    |
| Wk 3 | July 11 - July 15                      |  |                                    |
| Wk 4 | July 18 – July 22                      |  |                                    |
| Wk 5 | July 25 – July 29                      |  |                                    |

# What do the kids do all day?

East Goshen REC Camp is a traditional day camp in that the campers rotate in age appropriate groups among sports, crafts, science, cooking and music activities. These activities are centered on a weekly theme. Camper groups are led by two staff members, a Camp Supervisor and a Camp Leader. Activities are led by Activity Coordinators, who are typically teachers in local elementary schools. The AM Camp Director is Tim Kershaw, the PM Camp Director is Becca Sayler and the Parks and Recreation Director is Jason Lang. One week prior to camp, you'll receive a welcome email with unique notes for that week. On Monday morning, you'll also get a paper reminder with field trip reminders, special event reminders etc.

With respect to the coronavirus pandemic, camp staff follow CDC/Pa Depart. Of Health procedures to keep campers and themselves safe. The summer camp COVID Health and Safety Plan will be posted around April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Camp Staff Structure:**

Parks and Recreation Director

Recreation Program Coordinator

Camp Director

**Activity Coordinators** 

*Arts & Crafts – Sports – Music – Science/Cooking – Anything Goes* 

Camp Supervisors & Camp Leaders

Counselors in Training (14/15 YO)

# What should they bring on field trip days? HD = half day

| Week    | Field Trip                            | What's included                       | Extras to bring                           |
|---------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Wk 1 HD | Bounce U Exton                        | All activities and pizza              | Pocket change, sneakers, athletic attire  |
| Wk 2 HD | United Sports Training<br>Center      | All activities, water games and pizza | Swimming attire, sneakers and gym clothes |
| Wk 3 HD | Lego Land (Plymouth<br>Meeting)       | Entrance fee                          |   |
| Wk 4 HD | Oasis Family Fun<br>Center            | All activities and pizza              | Sneakers and socks                        |
| Wk 5 HD | Swimming at Marsh<br>Creek State Park | Entrance fee                          | Towel, sunscreen, lunch                   |

Campers are given their camper shirt on Monday at the end of the day, and should wear them each field trip. If interested in bringing pocket change, please bring in a Ziploc bag with your camper's name. Pocket change would be for additional snacks, video games (Arnold's) and/or souvenirs. All trips return at 1pm.

\*\*\*Full day campers will also go on a second field trip each week. They'll go swimming at Marsh Creek State Park each Friday afternoon returning by 4:30pm.

# What should they bring on Fridays?

Fridays are camp-wide fun days! We usually play plenty of water games on Fridays! A bathing suit, extra set of clothes, sunscreen and a towel inside a backpack would be fantastic! Over the years, a REC Camp tradition is camp-wide "lunch" on Fridays. Campers bring in packed lunches from home and we supply drinks and ice cream sandwiches (freezie pops for those with allergies).

### What about lunch?

Kids get hungry! All full day campers should bring a packed lunch and PM snack that does not require refrigeration. All campers will be provided with an AM snack.

# Can I sign up for more weeks after camp has started?

Of course! Just talk to Jason at the end of any camp day! However, the full day camp option in the past has reached its maximum enrollment before camp begins in June.

# Tell me more about the camp staff.

The amazing camp staff is the best part of EGT REC Camp! What makes them so unique is that the majority began as REC campers themselves! They are personally and professionally invested in making it a memorable and fun summer for your camper!

### More about Tim and Jason...



Jason presenting Tim with the Summer Camp Staff MVP Award.

Tim Kershaw is now in his fourteenth year as the Camp Director and is completely awesome! He is a physical education teacher and brings structured fun to REC Camp every day! He is the pied piper who leads Tuesday's "Joke Day", activities in the gym and makes sure everything is running smoothly!

Jason is in his ninth year as the Parks and Recreation Director for EGT and LOVES camp...he's been working in day camps for the better part of twenty years and thinks it's the best part of his job!

# What do I do if my camper has allergies?

Easy – tell Jason about it! List the allergy on the registration form, known symptoms and the course of action. If dropping off medication, please include a picture of your camper inside the zip loc bag. Medications go in the REC Camp backpack and travel with us to all field trips. Camp includes 1-2 cooking activities each week – we will clear the ingredient list with Parent/Guardians as a precaution.

# What if my camper has special needs?

Same as above – tell Jason about it! Every kid deserves to have an amazing summer that is fun, inclusive and memorable! Include special needs information on the registration form and discuss with Jason how we can best accommodate your camper!

# How about drop off and pick up...how does that work?

Just like school – we use a "Kiss & Go" format! See the attached map for details. Drop off begins at 8:45am and traditional pick up begins at 12:00pm. If your camper needs to leave early, please let us know ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Just a heads up to "well known" parents…even though we know who you are, we'll still ask for your ID during Week One! For all new parent/guardians, please have your ID ready during pick up. Full day camp procedures are the same, drop off starts at 8am and pick up begins at 5pm.

# What if someone new is picking up my camper?

If having someone new pick up your camper, they must be listed on the registration form. If it is last minute, an email to Jason at <a href="mailto:jlang@eastgoshen.org">jlang@eastgoshen.org</a> will suffice. Needed information would be name, address and who they are picking up. We will ask for their license before releasing your camper, so please advise them!

# Who do I contact during camp hours???

Please contact Jason at 610-656-8718 or <u>jlang@eastgoshen.org</u> with questions/comments/concerns.

# Summer REC Camp: Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures for East Goshen ES

# **Drop Off Procedures (Kiss & Go)**

- 1) Kiss your child!
- 2) Make sure they have all their belongings for camp!
- 3) Camper checks in with Jason/Tim by gym doors
- \*\*\*If you need to sign up for camp/drop off paperwork/speak with Jason etc. please park and walk over

# Pick Up Procedures

- 1) Pull into pick up lane
- 2) Show ID to Jason/Tim
- 3) Staff will call camper over and help them get into car
- 4) Enjoy the rest of your day!



