### THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION'S



# SLATER PARK SUMMER CAMP!

**FOR AGES 6 – 13** 

## **ONLINE REGISTRATION only starts on May 1!!**

Registrations submitted in person, take place

at the SLATER PARK PAVILION on Saturday, May 17th



\*\*PLEASE REVIEW THIS PACKET THOROUGHLY BEFORE REGISTERING YOUR CHILD\*\* !! page 5!!

This brochure is available at <a href="https://www.pawtucketri.gov/parks-recreation-department">https://www.pawtucketri.gov/parks-recreation-department</a>
For updated information, photos and cancellation information visit our Facebook Page @ Facebook.com/SlaterParkCamp



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE OUTLINED WITHIN THE PACKET

It is extremely important that you review this registration packet thoroughly to ensure that your child, our staff and the children of others have a memorable year! We thank you for your attention to this. In a majority of cases, refunds are not issued and therefore it is imperative that a parent understand this policy before registering their child.

It is important that guardian(s) read this registration packet carefully, especially as it pertains to the needed requirements outlined on page 5. Spaces will not be held for incomplete registrations and a refund will be issued. We will NOT accept any bills (ie: utility, credit card), medical bills or bank statements with the child's name on it. A report card or a letter from a private or charter school are the required as stated on page 5 of this packet.

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Office at 728-0500, ext 253.

Campers should not be attending camp if they are feeling any of these symptoms out of courtesy to staff and fellow campers:

Cough Fever Shortness of Breath/Difficulty Breathing Runny/Stuffy Nose Sore Throat Diarrhea Vomiting Loss of Smell/Taste Headache Chills

It is important to note that protocols and procedures relating to COVID -19 or any other variance may be put into effect if directed by the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island Department of Health and/or Center for Disease Control may be implemented during the camp season.

The Slater Park Summer Camp is not a program tailored to address children with special needs unlike other facilities. We strongly recommend contacting programs similar to **Camp Ruggles**<a href="https://theautismproject.org">www.campruggles.org</a> or **Camp Wannagoagain** <a href="https://theautismproject.org">https://theautismproject.org</a> who have programs and support to address such needs.

There is no assurance that your child will be grouped with a friend and/or other family member. The camp experience is meeting new friends. Though they may not be grouped together, there will be opportunities where your child and their friends will connect during the program.

If the child is not attending camp for any reason, it is important that parents contact the Recreation Office and speak to a representative immediately at 728-0500 ext 253. The Office hours are 8:30 – 4:30 pm. A message may be sent through the *Slater Park Summer Camp* Facebook "**MESSENGER**" option only. For privacy reasons, do not leave a notice as a post on the Facebook main page.

Campers should have their own water bottle. The camp does provide locations to refill these during the day. It is very important to ensure that the child's name is visible on these bottles. Other camp items of importance are outlined on **Page 7** of this packet.

As part of your registration fee, campers will be furnished with a Slater Park Camp tee shirt. This will help in distinguishing your child while in the park or on a field trip. Watch for days when the shirt will be required.

Please be advised that on days of the skating and bowling field trips, **campers will be dropped off and picked up at the Lyle Bourne Park on New Rd in Rumford (entrance to USA Skates)**. This is a distance of 1.3 miles from Slater Park. Lunches will be served and programming will be conducted at this location for those not participating in skating or bowling.

On scheduled pool days at Veteran's Memorial Park, campers will be dropped off and picked up at Slater Memorial Park. Buses will be arranged for transportation to and from the pool. Lunches will be served and programming will be conducted at this location for those not participating in swimming activities.

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### **CAMP REGISTRATION:**

- Children will be able to sign up for both sessions or will have the option of first or second session.
   Waiting lists are also available once vacancies have been filled.
- \*\* If your child is unable to complete an entire session which means Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., then the camper should be registered for an alternate session and not for the entire 6-week Slater Park Camp duration. You may also register them for another camp program in the community. Some examples where a child may not be available for a complete session may be, but not limited to, include family vacations, summer school, specialized programs or other outside obligations.
  - \*\*This policy allows for other children to receive an opportunity to come to camp. \*\*
- \*\* There is a limit of 4 absences per session, at which point a child on the waiting list will receive a chance to enjoy the fun activities of the camp! (rain dates are excluded) NO REFUND IS ISSUED IN THESE INSTANCES IF YOU ARE GOING AWAY FOR WEEK 1 (4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEK), DO NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SESSION 1! THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE SESSION AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE.

### REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- Registrations that are mailed-in will not be accepted
- THE CAMPER MUST BE A PAWTUCKET RESIDENT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. IF ANY ITEMS LISTED ARE NOT INCLUDED, THE REGISTRATION IS VOID. The following 2 forms of residency are required including;
  - o A driver's license or a picture ID verifying a Pawtucket residence

### AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING...

- A progress report or report card received from the camper's Pawtucket school. This
  report shall outline the name of the camper as well as the specific City of Pawtucket
  School that he or she attended during the school's calendar year (September 2024- June
  2025).
  - If a camper goes to a Pawtucket school (Pawtucket School Department and/or the Pawtucket public school's name noted on document), the report card or progress report card along with guardian's ID with a Pawtucket address will validate Pawtucket residency.
  - A Pawtucket parochial or charter school's report card or progress report along with a guardian's ID verifying a Pawtucket address will validate residency.
     IF NO PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS INDICATED ON THE REPORT CARD, please provide a letter from the school, verifying the child's Pawtucket residency. This shall be on school letterhead.
  - If a student attends school outside of Pawtucket, proof of residency must be furnished. If this is not noted on the document, address verification can be furnished through the school (on school letterhead) or another source to show the camper's proof of Pawtucket residency.
  - If a child is home schooled, please provide documentation from the State of RI validating proof of Pawtucket residency. This along with the guardian's ID to validate Pawtucket residency is acceptable.
  - There are no exceptions. We will NOT accept any bills (ie: utility, credit card), medical bills or bank statements with the child's name on it. If you are unable to meet these requirements, please inquire with a Recreation representative about other camp programs that are available in the community.

### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- ONLINE LINK: <a href="https://pawtucketri.recdesk.com/Community/Home">https://pawtucketri.recdesk.com/Community/Home</a>
  - Before registering online, please have your "Registration Requirement" documentation available. The <u>2 required items ON PAGE 5</u> will need to be downloaded at the completion of the registration process.
  - Use your existing <u>Parks & Recreation online account</u> if you have conducted any transactions with the Parks & Recreation Division since April of 2018
    - \*\*Important\*\* Because you are registering the child, they must be added to your existing
      account, if this was not done prior. If your existing account does not have multiple
      emergency contact phone numbers, please make those changes prior to registering
      your child. If this has not been done, please follow the instructions below.

- OR -

- Create an account by:
  - Visiting the City of Pawtucket website <a href="https://www.pawtucketri.gov/parks-recreation-department">https://www.pawtucketri.gov/parks-recreation-department</a>) Scroll on page until Reservation / Registration instructions are visible.
  - Click "Create Account" and complete the items or Log in if an account has already been created previously.
  - \*\*Important\*\* REGISTERING THE CHILD: include the child under the "Add Household Members" tab on the left hand side of the screen and complete the required items in this section. Your account MUST include a valid email address, multiple emergency contact phone numbers as well as any medical conditions and/or allergies that the camp should be aware of. The applicant will not be able to complete the online registration process if these items were not included at this point.
  - Once the account has been created, log back in and click the *Programs* tab (this option outlines description and cost)
  - From this point, continue by registering your child (children) for camp and pay with a credit card when completed
- You will be prompted to upload the proof of residency documents outlined previously under Registration Requirements. Please have them downloaded to your electronic device (ie. computer, phone, etc.) in advance to help expedite the registration process. Incomplete applications do not guarantee a spot in the camp program. Applicants will be contacted one time through the email address provided on the account, to address any missing documentation or to complete any required information that was missing from the initial process. The applicant will have 48 hours to address this request. If the request is not addressed after the 48 hours from the initial contact, the spot will be made available for another camper and the applicant will be issued a refund by mail.
- . IN PERSON if you are unable to register on-line, a limited amount of spaces will be held for those who wish to register in person, starting on Saturday, May 18 only.
  - o Saturday, May 17, 2025 10:00 AM 12 (noon) at the Slater Park Pavilion
  - A completed application as well as the proper <u>Registration Requirements</u> documentation must be submitted to ensure a spot in the camp program
  - After May 17th, registrations will be accepted at the Slater Park Office, Monday through Friday – 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM while spaces are available. A waiting list will be available for those unable to attain a spot

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### IMPORTANT\*\*\*

All children are expected to take part in the many events and activities that are available to them through the Slater Park Camp program in order to give them a well-rounded experience.

It is important that prior to registering your child that you determine if you are looking for a more diverse program or a program that is more geared to the specific activity a child is interested in. There are camp programs in the community that are specific to particular sport, art or music only. We do our best to capture it all!!!!

### **SESSION DATES:**

Session 1: June 30 – July 18 (no camp on July 4) Session 2: July 21 – August 8

• Camp Fees: Non-refundable – All sales are final. – Fee includes a Slater Park Camp tee shirt, daily lunch and activities, including trips to the pool. Day trips are an additional cost and may be outlined in this packet. If not, information will be provided prior to the start of camp.

\$40 per session/ per camper \$80 for both sessions/ per camper

If you are preparing a family vacation, please plan accordingly when determining which session your child will attend. Please limit your request to the session not being affected by your trip. There are a number of children awaiting the opportunity to come to camp.

Check-in: 9:00am – 9:20am (Please adhere to check in times: see Arrival and Dismissal for details)

\*\*Children will be unable to participate in camp after 9:20 arrival without preparations made in advance

Check-out: 1:45pm - 2:00pm (Please adhere to check out times: see Arrival and Dismissal for details)

### LUNCH:

Slater Park Camp provides lunch to campers free of charge. However, you are more than welcome to send your child/children to camp with their own lunch.

### WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP IN YOUR BACKPACK:

Sunscreen - Water bottle \*\*must have camper's name on it (can be filled at the on-site water fountain), Towel - Bathing Suit, Insect repellent - Appropriate Shoes to play in.
 \*\* PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CLOTHING YOUR CHILD WEARS DURING CAMP...
 Campers will come home dirty and tired.....WE PROMISE !!!

### **CAMP PROVIDES:**

Lunch, Sports and athletic supplies, arts and crafts supplies, and board games.

WHAT <u>NOT</u> TO BRING TO CAMP: Camp is a great time to be physically active while being social and enjoying the outdoors. We ask that all electronics be left at home in order to maximize your time and all of the activities offered at camp.

The following items <u>ARE NOT</u> allowed at camp and may be retrieved from the camper for the camp day: WE SUPPLY THE FUN!!

\*CELL PHONES (emergency calls may be made to the Slater Park Office and those messages will be relayed),

\*\*ELECTRONICS – including but not limited to IPADS. HAND-HELD GAMES. EAR BUDS

\*\* TOYS - including but not limited to COLLECTIBLE CARDS

\*SPORTS EQUIPMENT

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS\*\*\*

WHAT WE OFFER: Slater Park Summer Camp offers recreation and sports, arts and crafts, and fun bus trips to provide a diverse camp program and a well-rounded experience for your child.

### **ACTIVITIES (conducted within Slater Memorial Park):**

Arts & Crafts Field Games Street Hockey

Basketball Drawing Kickball
Baseball Face Painting Playground
Board Games Soccer Water Games

Nature Walks Scavenger Hunts



### **FIELD TRIPS:**

Slater Park Summer Camp offers a variety of field trip options. A calendar of events, including these trips will be sent to parents before the start of camp. Some of these trips in the past have included:

**UNITED SKATES of AMERICA - all ages** 

**EAST PROVIDENCE LANES – ages 9-13** 

SKY ZONE – all ages

**ROGER WILIAMS ZOO – all ages** 

SHOWCASE DAY – all ages

There will be supervised programs at Slater or \*\*Lyle Bourne Park for those not participating in these trips. \*\*on the day of the USA skates & bowling field trips, parents will drop off and pick up their camper at Lyle Bourne Park on New Road in Rumford. (this is the entrance to USA Skates) this is regardless, whether they are participating in the activity or not.

Money for these trips are usually due on the Friday prior to the week of trips unless stated. A reminder is outlined on the session's activity calendars.

Money must be received at the point of morning check-in. There are no exceptions.

\*\* Please be mindful that after payment, there are no refunds unless the trip is cancelled.

Locations are paid in advance to reserve our spots.\*\*

Campers must wear their slater park camp tee shirt on the day of the field trip in order to attend.

Trips may require a limit to the number of campers based on 190 bus capacity first paid-first served





### "SPECIAL DAYS" AT CAMP:

Crazy Hat Day is where children can get creative! They come to camp wearing a hat they have

created and come up on the stage to present their creations along with a creative name for their crazy hat! Craft sessions will have supplies to

make a hat.

**Scavenger Hunt** gives campers a chance to race around the fields finding items on their lists, answer riddles, and find out fun facts about their counselors!

**Culture, Twin, Decade and Sports Team Days** for all ages. Campers and Counselors come to camp wearing an outfit or costume to represent the particular day! They get to show us their creativity!

### **Environmental Day**

Our goal is to educate campers the importance of keeping our environment healthy and clean. Campers and counselors will take part in projects relative to topics such as trash, recycling, clean water, not feeding water fowl tree and others. Our goal is to give

campers a sense of ownership of the environment at this park and the planet through education and hands-on activities.

Fire

**Tie Dye Day** gives campers a chance to bring in a white shirt or pillowcase and leave camp with a colorful creation!

Funny Field Day is always a blast! The entire camp is split into four color teams. Campers can show their team spirit by wearing paint of their team color! This day gets crazy! They will find themselves getting wet by sliding down a slip 'n' slide, potato sack races, obstacle courses, tug o' war, and more! Please pay special attention to your child's attire on this day. They will be getting wet and muddy during these events.

**Karaoke Day** gives campers a chance to get up on the stage and sing their favorite songs!

• Talent Show is on the last day of each session of camp! Parents are more than welcome and are encouraged to come watch! This is our biggest day! Campers and counselors really bring out their crazy talents on this day!

### **Camp Policies:**

• BEHAVIOR: The director/supervisors reserve the right to have a child sit down for a period of time if the camper's behavior interferes with the operation of the group, activities, or camp. If this occurs, you may be presented with a disciplinary form to sign as a first warning. This provides an opportunity to communicate concerns and to get them rectified. Our mission is to provide the child with a fulfilling camp experience. If an additional occurrence arises, the results may lead to suspension and finally expulsion. However, depending on the situation and discussion between the supervisors and the director, a suspension or expulsion may be issued without initial warning. THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN DISCIPLINE FORMS BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN RETURN BACK TO CAMP. FAILURE TO SIGN THE FORM WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM CAMP.

No refunds will be issued as a result of disciplinary action.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- INCLEMENT WEATHER PRIOR TO START OF CAMP: \*\* PLEASE NOTE: It is our intent to provide all campers with the full camp experience, therefore it I our intent to hot cmp everyday.
  - In the event of severe weather, we will monitor weather forecasts before making a last minute determination to cancel or hold camp programming at the Pavilion.
  - \*\*Notices will issued on the Facebook page no earlier than 7:45 and no later than 8:15 am. A child's inability to attend on a rain day does not count as a an absent day and does not have an impact on the policy as outlined on page 8 under "Absenteeism Policy"

### **O INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING THE DAY:**

■ It is the intent of the Slater Park Summer Camp staff to utilize the Slater Park Pavilion and provide programming for the child until the 2 pm pick-up time. If conditions suggest early dismissal, the camp will announce this through the Facebook page as well as contacting the phone number provided. Please ensure that the two (2) contact numbers provided are accurate.

### Arrivals and Dismissals: check in and out with your counselor!!

- Please be sure to see your child's counselor at check-in and checkout for our staff to be better aware of your child's where about for safety reasons. If someone other than yourself is dismissing your child, please let the counselor know.
  - o PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT THEIR CHILD
- Check-in is between 8:45 am-9:15 am. Please plan accordingly.
   Due to the COVID -19 screening process, check-in may take longer than usual. Campers may not be dropped off after 9:20, due to counts, lunches, and bus trips. Late arrivals are ONLY accepted if a notice is given the day before. There are No other exceptions.
   If a camper is dropped off after 9:20 am more than three times, this will result in expulsion of the camp and the space will be issued to a camper on the waiting list.
- **Dismissal time is between <u>1:45 pm 2:00 pm !!</u>** Please plan accordingly. The camper must check out directly with the counselor when the guardian arrives. This is essential to our operation and the safety of our campers. Campers who do not meet this request may receive

expulsion from the program. If a camper is picked up after 2:15pm more than three times, this will result in expulsion of the camp and the space will be issued to a camper on the waiting list.

The camp is not responsible for the supervision of a camper after 2:00pm.

- Campers walking to and from camp: A signed waiver is required on the first day of camp.

  These waivers will be available from the counselor/supervisor and will require an in-person signature.
- Early Dismissals: Please make counselors aware of your child's early dismissal
- All arrivals and dismissals take place at a pre-determined location provided to you prior to the start of camp. To eliminate traffic and for the safety of our campers and park visitors, please park respectively.

### ABSENTEEISM POLICY:

### PLEASE READ - VERY IMPORTANT

Your child can not miss 4 days of camp within one session. If you are vacationing or have other activities planned during one of the sessions, please sign your child up for the alternate session. Out of courtesy, we ask that you please do not sign up your child for two sessions if you are aware such plans will be taking place. You will be contacted by a staff member if there should be 3 days missed from a particular session. After the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) absence, your child's spot will be filled from someone on the waiting list. Please keep in mind, there are no refunds. Spaces are limited and children wait to participate in the program. Please be respectful of this.

• IF YOU ARE GOING AWAY FOR WEEK 1 (ex: 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WEEK), DO NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR SESSION 1! THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE SESSION AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR REGISTRATION FEE.

### **CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS:**

You are <u>required</u> to provide us with a <u>working</u> phone number along with an additional emergency contact number. In the case of an emergency, it is crucial that we are able to get a hold of you or someone who can pick up your child during the day. In the event we are unable to reach the contact phone numbers left on file, your child will be unable to return to camp.

Questions/Concerns: If there is an issue that you would like to discuss, please speak with the age group supervisor and/or the director <u>in person</u>. Questions may also be directed by email to the child's age group supervisor (not direct counselor). Facebook is convenient, however, it is not the most effective way to communicate; the page is for the purpose of keeping everyone informed of events and rain day cancellations. Communication of issues is best resolved in person!



### We are not responsible for the following:

\*\*Administering medications\*\*

\*\*Transportation to/from home\*\*

\*\*Guaranteed space on field trips\*\*

\*\*Intentional wandering from camp area\*\*

\*\*Continuation of admitting participants who do not abide by the rules and conduct proper behavior\*\*

\*\*Injury costs or claims\*\*

\*\*Items lost or stolen\*\*

\*\*Supervision of child after 2:00pm\*\*

For More Information:

401-728-0500 x253

pawtucketri.gov/parks

www.facebook.com/SlaterParkCamp





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