

Hello Clipper Day Camp Families!

My name is Hali Fortin and I will be directing the Clipper Day Camp again this summer. I am looking forward to spending the summer with your kids! We have an adventure-packed summer that is sure to be a blast! Here is all of the most important information you will need to know before camp starts!

Camp Start /Location/Groups

Camp this year will be located at Yarmouth Elementary School at 121 Mcartney Street. The first day of camp is Thursday June 20. Regular camp hours are 9:00 AM -3:00 PM. If you need your child to arrive before 9:00 AM or be picked up after 3:00 PM, you must sign them up for early/late care. Please drop your children off at the playground entrance! ***Campers will only be allowed entrance if their form has been filled out.*** Please fill out the form [HERE](#) if you have not yet done so!

This year Juniors are campers entering 1st and 2nd grade and Seniors are campers entering 3rd-6th grade.

Your child will be placed on a team consisting of 1 counselor and approximately 9 other campers. I will do my best to place your child with their friends. However, the teams are only together for attendance and lunch. During activity blocks and most field trips your child will be with campers of their choice.

T-shirts/ Field Trips / Water Safety

In order to maintain safety at all times on our field trips, we have ordered new, dry-fit shirts for this year. This means **camp shirts that are issued this year are mandatory for all field trips except for Greely Pool, YHS – Theater Camp Performance, and Happy Wheels. We will not accept camp shirts from a previous year. You may purchase a spare shirt at camp for \$10 (This is highly encouraged if your child does not like to keep on a wet shirt, as shirts will be left on the entire trip – even water trips). If a child arrives at camp without their mandatory shirt on a field trip day they will be given a spare shirt and you will be charged \$10 for it.** Having our campers all wear their shirts on field trips allows us maximum visibility should a child wander off or become lost. We have strict protocols to prevent this from happening, but the uniform shirts give us the extra safety measure.

We have several water/swimming trips scheduled for this summer:

Greely pool (indoor) always provides us with at least one lifeguard, though usually there are 3+. They also provide pool noodles and foam flotation “bubbles” that go on with a belt. We also have at least 3 counselors in the water with the children. Junior group will not be allowed in the deep end. Senior group will be given the opportunity to take the swim test to be allowed in the deep end if they want to.

We also swim at Sebago lake. There is not always a lifeguard on duty or nearby. Campers are allowed to bring a life jacket to the lake if they would like. We stay in water that is no higher than the camper’s waist, and have at least 6 counselors in the water, as well as myself supervising the group in the water. Campers must also stay in front of the counselors at all times. We will also be utilizing the buddy system with regular buddy checks.

The last place we will swim is at Aquaboggan. Campers will be split into teams with 2 counselors along with 1-2 support counselors/CITs assisting. Aquaboggan is supplied with lifeguards at each slide and the swimming pool. Campers are **NOT** allowed in the wave-pool.

Sunscreen

Please provide your child with their own sunscreen. **Campers must arrive with sunscreen already on.** We will take water/snack/sunscreen breaks throughout the day.

Lost and Found

We will have a lost and found table at the entrance to camp. Please label all of your camper's belongings and check the lost and found table each day.

Campers being picked up by someone not on their form

If your child will be going home with a friend/someone who is not on their authorized pick up list **they must have a signed note from you. We will not be allowing phone calls to parents to ask permission.** This keeps the sign out process quick and stream-lined.

Lunch/ Snack / Water

Your child will be given a snack break in the morning and afternoon, as well as a lunch break around noon each day. **Please provide all food and drink for your student.** If you would like to order lunch from Lunch Crunch, you may do so [HERE](#). **Clipper Day Camp does not provide any snacks. Lunch will only be provided to campers who have signed up for it.**

Campers will be eating lunch with their counselor teams. Requests to eat lunch with another counselor/camper/team may not be granted. Again, this policy helps ensure camper safety during lunch periods.

Thank you so much for trusting us at Clipper Day Camp with your child's safety. We have many, many, protocols in place to ensure that your child has an incredible, fun, and SAFE summer with us at camp! **I have attached our parent handbook, camper packing list, T-Shirt policy, Meet the Staff Flyer and field trip schedule to this letter.**

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at all. Let's have an amazing summer at THE BEST. CAMP. EVER!