

LIMERICK TOWNSHIP Parks & Recreation



2010 Shamrock Adventures PARENT INFORMATION PACKET

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Shamrock Adventures Summer Camp! We are very happy to have your child join us for some summer fun. We have plenty of activities and new events planned for our time at the **Limerick Elementary School**, located on Limerick Center Road.

This information packet includes camp rules, behavior grid, a calendar of events, camp info sheet, a trip info sheet and trip registration form. Please look over everything carefully so that you are aware of what we have planned this summer.

If you have any questions regarding Shamrock Adventures, please feel free to contact Angela Russell, Recreation Specialist at 610-495-6432x129.

Our **#1 goal** is to make sure your child has a safe and fun summer with LTP&R!

See you at Camp on June 28th,

Jackie Armstrong, Site Supervisor
Chris Hetrick, Assistant Site Supervisor
Brittany Dougherty, Camp Counselor

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Shamrock Adventures Camp is designed for youths who completed 5th through 8th grades. All trips are included in the weekly camp rate for this camp. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are trip days and campers will venture to a variety of places. Mondays and Fridays campers on site for a variety of arts and crafts and organized games especially designed for this pre-teen age group.

Shamrock Adventures runs Monday through Friday, June 28th through August 6th at Limerick Elementary School – LGR and field area. Camp hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Extended Hours Program is available from 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the morning and 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the afternoon.

Shamrock Adventures will be CLOSED on Monday, July 5th due the Holiday.

Parents are reminded that our staff supervision is during camp hours only. Please be sure to pick-up and drop-off your children at the stated times.

All registered campers will receive a Shamrock Adventures t-shirt and drawstring back pack to wear/use for camp. *If you are interested in ordering extra camp shirts, they can be ordered at the Parks & Recreation office for \$8.00 a shirt. These can be ordered between now and June 21st.*

STAFFING

The Shamrock Adventures site is managed by a qualified staff of (1) Site Supervisor, (1) Assistant Site Supervisors and (1-2) Camp Counselors.

All members of the Shamrock Adventures staff are qualified and trained to provide quality care for our campers. All camper staff has completed a screening process that meets the requirements set forth by the Limerick Township Parks & Recreation Department and all staff members are required to attend an in-service training process. All staff members have obtained successful criminal background checks, child abuse clearances and FBI clearances.

The Recreation Specialist, Angela Russell, from the Parks & Recreation Department is the coordinator of the Summer Shamrock Camps.

CAMP RULES & REGULATIONS

Parents are asked to have their children wear apparel which is appropriate for summer camp activities. We strongly recommend that all campers wear sneakers each day. “HEELIES” are not permitted and “open toe shoes” are not recommended at camp.

Children are responsible for helping to keep the LGR and field area clean. They are expected to clean up after lunch, snacks and crafts. Please keep in mind that we are guests to the SFSD Limerick Elementary School.

Children are expected to use appropriate playground structures and equipment as they were intended. Rules for use will be explained each Monday to all campers, and posted at camp. Children may be prohibited from using the structure or equipment if problems persist.

Children must listen to the staff at all times; failure to do so may result in removal from camp.

On hot days, children may be participating in water activities, such as water balloons, sponge relays, etc. Please have your child wear their bathing suit under their clothes. These will be clearly marked on the weekly activities calendar.

Backpacks are permitted at camp but we suggest that anything valuable be left at home. We are not responsible if something is stolen or lost, but we will make every effort to prevent it. Please make sure any and all items are clearly labeled with your child's name. The following list of items is prohibited at camp:

- iPods/mp3 players
- Video games (Gameboy/DS/DSi)
- Knives/any type of weapons
- Toy guns
- Cell phones*

*It is recommended cell phones are left at home. The Site Supervisor has access to a phone if parents need to be contacted. If a parent or guardian needs to contact their child or camp staff for any reason, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 610-495-6432 x129 or x150. If a child must bring a cell phone, all cell phones must remain in the camper's backpack during camp hours. Campers are not permitted to carry cell phones neither during camp hours nor on field trips.

If a child brings any prohibited items to camp, the item will be confiscated and returned to his/her parent at the end of the day. These items are banned in order to eliminate any disruption or safety concerns that may arise from their use.

Lost & Found items will be kept in a Lost & Found bin at the camp site. At the end of camp, all items will be taken to Goodwill.

BEHAVIOR ISSUES

Limerick Township Parks and Recreation takes behavior issues very seriously and has protocols to deal with situations involving misbehavior. Parents and Guardians will be notified on the day of the offense, so you know what is going on from the very beginning.

Bullying, fighting, inappropriate behavior/language and breaking camp rules will NOT be tolerated. Please refer to the behavior grid to learn how our system works. Your child will have the same behavior grid all summer. Consequences depend on the severity of the offense. A report will be filled out for each individual incident and will be available for review upon request.

Please keep in mind that Limerick Township Parks and Recreation reserves the right to change our behavior procedures based on the severity of the incident.



Limerick Township
Parks and Recreation Department

DISCIPLINE INFRACTION GRID – SUMMER 2010

Camper Name: _____ Age: _____

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5
Drugs, Alcohol	IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM CAMP (No refund)				
Sexual Harassment	____/____/____				
Disrespect Towards Staff	Write Up & Phone Call ____/____/____	Write Up, Loss of Privilege, Discussion of removal ____/____/____	IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM CAMP (No refund) ____/____/____		
Fighting, Bullying, Cursing, Inappropriate behavior	Write Up & Phone Call ____/____/____	Write Up, Phone Call, Loss of Privilege ____/____/____	Write Up, Loss of Privilege, Discussion of removal ____/____/____	IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM CAMP (No refund) ____/____/____	
Breaking Camp, Trip & Playground Rules	Write Up & Phone Call ____/____/____	Write Up & Phone Call ____/____/____	Write Up, Phone Call, Loss of Privilege ____/____/____	Write Up, Loss of Privilege, Discussion of removal ____/____/____	IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM CAMP (No refund) ____/____/____

Limerick Township Parks & Recreation reserves the right to change or alter the above procedures based on the severity of each individual incident.

DAILY LUNCH INFORMATION

Children are responsible for bringing their own lunch every day. It is recommended that they have an insulated lunch bag as there is no refrigeration available. Bags must be clearly marked with your child's name. Water bottles are HIGHLY recommended.

Every Friday will be Pizza Friday. The cost for Pizza Friday is \$5.00 and includes 2 slices of pizza, 1 juice drink and 1 snack (chips, pretzels, etc.). This is not mandatory, just a special treat we offer for the campers. Sign up sheets will be available at your camp site, and must be handed in by the end of the camp day on Thursdays.

SIGN IN & SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

In the interests of extended safety for all our campers, Shamrock Adventures has sign in and sign out procedures for camp. The system is simple, but will require the cooperative efforts of parents and staff. *The idea is to assure that the proper person picks up the proper camper(s) each day.*

- ◆ Each camp group will be assigned to a special station for all camp day starts/ends. This is where all parents should drop-off & pick-up their campers each day.
- ◆ Each parent must show a drivers license when picking up their child. The name on the ID must match with the parent name on the registration form.
- ◆ Each parent **MUST** walk their camper to the sign in station and sign them in. No camper is allowed to sign themselves into camp.
- ◆ If someone other than the parent on the registration form is picking up your camper, a note **MUST** be sent in. This person must also show ID when picking up.
- ◆ **NO CAMPERS WILL BE RELEASED UNLESS PROPER AND CORRECT IDENTIFICATION IS PRESENTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Thank you for helping us keep your campers safe. We appreciate your understanding that there will be no exceptions to this procedure. For car pools, it is suggested that days be divided, rather than dividing up drop-offs and pick-ups each day.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

Regular Camp Hours run Monday through Friday from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** The Extended Hours program runs Monday through Friday **8:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Please note that Extended Hours are **ONLY** for campers who are registered for these hours and will be charged an additional fee if dropped off early or picked up late.

If you are interested in the Extended Hours program, please stop by the Parks and Recreation Office at the Limerick Township Building and register for the Extended Hours program.

IT HAPPENS – LATE PICK-UP FEES

We understand that sometimes extenuating circumstances prohibit a parent from picking up a child on time. However, we are also concerned with fairness to our staff members. With this in mind, the following DAILY LATE PICK-UP FEES will be charged:

REGULAR CAMP HOURS

4:00 –4:05 pm	NO CHARGE
4:06 - 4:10 pm	\$5 per car
4:11- 4:15 pm	\$10 per car
4:16- 4:20 pm	\$15 per car
4:21- 4:25 pm	\$20 per car
4:30 pm & later	\$30 +\$1/min. thereafter per car



EXTENDED CAMP HOURS

5:00 – 5:05	NO CHARGE
5:06 – 5:10 pm	\$5 per car
5:11- 5:15 pm	\$10 per car
5:16 - 5:20 pm	\$15 per car
5:21 - 5:25 pm	\$20 per car
5:30 pm & later	\$30 +\$1/min. thereafter per car

- **1st incident:** fees will be charged after 15 min.; must be paid before child is permitted to return to site.
- **2nd & 3rd incidents:** fees charged as published; must be paid before child is permitted to return to site.
- **4th incidents:** child is dismissed from the program with no refund of registration fees.



WEATHER ALERT!!

If there is rain or a high heat index, camp will still go on.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is extremely important that we have all necessary medical information concerning your child. This also includes any learning disabilities.

The responsibility for administering medications rests with the camper's legal parent or guardian. **No camp staff is permitted to administer medication.** It is important that all medication be taken at home. No medication is to be sent to camp unless it is a prescription drug for preventive reasons or emergency conditions such as seizures, heart conditions, asthma, bee stings or allergy conditions.

These preventive or emergency medications may be sent to camp if the rules listed below are followed:

- 1. Note from the doctor stating name of medication, how it is to be given, amount, time and diagnosis of illness. The medication must have the prescription label on the container.**
- 2. Note from the parent or legal guardian giving approval for the medication to be administered by the camper under staff supervision.**
- 3. For emergency conditions such as bee sting reaction, the Site Supervisor will call the parents/guardians.**

All medical information is kept strictly confidential.

Please apply sunscreen to your child daily. If your child is susceptible to sunburn, please send some to camp in a Ziploc bag with child's name on it. Staff members are not permitted to apply lotion to children but will remind the children to re-apply it.

It is important to remind your children that they need to stay hydrated during the hot weather. Camp staff will have water/drink breaks through out the day.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

All trips are included in the Shamrock Adventures Camp. All campers and staff will attend all scheduled field trips and camp site will be closed.

Limerick Township Parks & Recreation requires the campers to wear their camp shirts on days of field trips, for safety and security purposes. Campers are not permitted on trips without their t-shirts. *If you are interested in ordering extra camp shirts, they can be ordered at the Parks & Recreation office for \$8.00 a shirt. These can be ordered between now and June 21st.*

Field trips are scheduled to leave at various times from the camp site. Please be sure that your camper is on time for camp if they are going on a scheduled field trip.

If it is time to leave for the trip and your child is not present at camp, we will assume they will not be attending the trip and camp that day.



Campers must bring a brown bagged lunch, if lunch is not included in trip. This will be noted on the Trip Description sheet. No insulated bags, please.

Camp staff is not responsible for any items brought on trips. This includes any iPods, mp3 players, Gameboys, backpacks, money, etc. Please advise your child not to bring any more than \$8.00 with them on field trips.

SWIMMING TRIP: All campers must be able to swim on their own to attend the swimming trips.

Rules for the trip will be explained prior to departure. Children are expected to behave properly on all trips. Failure to do so may result in loss of privileges.

NOTE: Parents may not drop their child at a field trip location under any circumstances.

SHAMROCK ADVENTURES MEET & GREET

Camp Shamrock Meet and Greet will be held at the Limerick Elementary School on Friday, June 25th from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Feel free to stop by the camp site regardless of what weeks your child is registered to attend. All staff will be on hand and activities will be ready to enjoy. Ask questions and get acquainted.

This is our way of showing how committed we are to your child's well – being and comfort during summer camp.

Children must be registered at the site in order to attend the Meet & Greet.

**** Shamrock Adventures is Going Green! ****

On Thursdays, the next week camp flyer will be **e-mailed** to the e-mail address provided on the registration form. If you have not provided us with an email address, please do so as soon as possible to keep updated!

SHAMROCK ADVENTURES – 2010 FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTIONS

6/29, Tuesday: Bowling at Limerick Bowl

Depart from camp: 12:45 pm/Arrive back at camp: 2:45 pm

The day includes a round of bowling, shoe rental, soft pretzel, and a small drink. Lunch will be eaten at camp prior to the trip.

6/30, Wednesday: Collegeville Pitstop

Depart from camp: 10:30 am/Arrive back at camp: 1:30 pm

Your camper will play a game of miniature golf and ride go-karts on this trip! Please bring a lunch for the trip.

7/1, Thursday: Dorney Park

Depart from camp: 9:15 am/Arrive back at camp: 3:45 pm

Campers must bring a bag to carry sunscreen, money and change of clothes if they plan to ride water rides. Please be advised campers are responsible for their items! ****SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN ON THIS TRIP! FOOD AND DRINK WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE PARK. CLEAR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES ARE PERMITTED. ****

7/6, Tuesday: Spring City Swimming Pool

Depart from camp: 11:45 am/Arrive back at camp: 3:15 pm

Campers should wear their bathing suit to camp under their clothes, and put all of their belongings in a bag to take with them. Please bring a lunch to eat the pool as well as a change of clothes.

7/7, Wednesday: Riverbend Environmental Education Center

Depart from camp: 10:15 am/Arrive back to camp: 4:00 pm

Your camper will have the chance to discover and learn about our environment. They will explore nature's ecosystems and watersheds with hands on activities. Bring a change of clothes- get ready to get wet at the stream exploration!! Please bring a lunch to eat at the center.

7/8, Thursday: Wild Water Kingdom

Depart from camp: 9:15 am/Arrive back at camp: 3:45 pm

Campers must bring a bag to carry towel, sunscreen, money and change of clothes. Please be advised campers are responsible for their items! **** FOOD AND DRINK WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE PARK. CLEAR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES ARE PERMITTED. ****

7/12, Monday: Reading Phillies Game

Depart from camp: 10:30 am/Estimated arrival back at camp: 4:00 pm ****We will leave at the end of the game. In the case of extra innings someone will be at camp to notify you if the bus is running late.****

Your camper will head to Baseballtown to watch the Reading Phillies take on the Harrisburg Senators in an afternoon game!

****Lunch will be eaten at the stadium and will need to be purchased at the stadium.****

7/13, Tuesday: Jungle Wonder

Depart from camp: 12:15 pm/Arrive back at camp: 2:45 pm

Your camper will play a game of glow in the dark miniature golf and a game of laser tag! Lunch will be eaten at camp prior to the trip.

7/15, Thursday: John Cassidy's Magic & Balloons

Depart from camp: 1:00 pm/Arrive back at camp: 3:45 pm

"Comedy, magic, and really weird things with balloons". John Cassidy performs his funny showcase making balloons into just about anything, and entertaining the kids with jokes and magic. Lunch will be eaten at camp prior to the trip.

7/20, Tuesday: Bowling at Limerick Bowl

Depart from camp: 12:50 pm/Arrive back at camp: 2:40 pm

The day includes a round of bowling, shoe rental, soft pretzel, and a small drink. Lunch will be eaten at camp prior to the trip.

7/21, Wednesday: IMAX Movie Theatre - KOP

Depart from camp: TBA/Arrive back at camp: TBA

Additional information will follow for this trip.

7/22, Thursday: Color Me Mine

\$15.00 Please note: this activity is an additional fee; it is not included in the camp registration fee

Allow your camper to be creative while they paint their very own salad plate! The staff of Color Me Mine will be coming in to camp for this activity.

7/27, Tuesday: Spring City Swimming Pool

Depart from camp: 11:45 am/Arrive back at camp: 3:15 pm

Campers should wear their bathing suit to camp under their clothes, and put all of their belongings in a bag to take with them. Please bring a lunch to eat the pool as well as a change of clothes.

7/28, Wednesday: The Wizard of Oz Musical at Summer Stage

Depart from camp: 9:00 am/Arrive back at camp: 12:45 pm

Let Summer Stage transport your camper over the rainbow in this magical classic story about Dorothy and her friends! Awesome special effects, sets, and costumes bring the story to life! Lunch will be eaten at camp after the trip.

7/29, Thursday: Camelbeach Waterpark

Depart from camp: 8:15 am/Arrive back at camp: 5:30pm

Campers must bring a bag (ex. school bag) to carry towel, sunscreen, money and change of clothes. Please be advised campers are responsible for their items! **** FOOD AND DRINK WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED AT THE PARK. CLEAR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES ARE PERMITTED. ****

8/4, Wednesday: Valley Forge Park

Depart from camp: 9:45 am/Arrive back at camp: 3:00 pm

Counselors will take your camper on a tour of the historic Valley Forge Park. Please bring a lunch to be eaten at the park.