



2013 DOVER RECREATION PLAYGROUND PROGRAM
Welcome all Campers & Families!

A couple reminders to make the summer go smoothly...

- The registration form that you filled out provides us with vital information about your child in your absence. Please keep the form up-to-date and notify us of any changes.
- Children may be dropped off NO EARLIER THAN 8:30 a.m. and must be picked up PROMPTLY at 3:30 p.m....no later! This is for your child's safety and consideration for our staff that these hours be followed. There will be no playgrounds program on Thursday, July 4, 2013.
- If someone other than you will be picking your child up at the end of the day, you must notify our staff! Dover Recreation reserves the right to prevent any child from leaving the program until an adult is properly identified. This is in effect for your child's protection.
- If your child is allowed to return home on his/her own for lunch or at the end of the day you must notify our staff and give your WRITTEN permission referring to the dates this will be allowed. All children with this permission will sign themselves out at the end of the day; all other children must be signed out by an approved adult.
- Sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen...please make sure that you apply sunscreen to your child before sending them off to camp for the day - even on cloudy days! Also send them with sunscreen daily so that they can reapply throughout the day! If you know that your child burns easily, you may want to consider sending an extra shirt for them to wear at the pool or invest in a "swim shirt" for that purpose.
- Water! Send your child with extra water daily so that they can stay hydrated!
- In the event of minor injuries (i.e.: minor cuts, scrapes), the child will be administered basic first aid (i.e.: cleaning, Band-Aid) and kept in the program if possible, otherwise parents will be contacted immediately.
- We ask that you inform us of any problems or potential problems that your child may have...both medical and behavioral. This information will be kept confidential.
- Parents are responsible for providing their child with adequate and nutritious lunches. We encourage you to send plenty of fluids as children can easily get dehydrated - NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!
- Children will need to bring: lunch, clothing, swimsuit, towel, sunscreen/sunblock, and other necessary personal items. Please label your child's belongings. It is not necessary to send money. We will let you know if there are snack bars or stores on our field trips.
- Children should wear simple washable play clothes. Remember, this is an active program...your kids may get dirty! Please also keep in mind that your child will be outdoors for the majority of the day. Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to drop-off and staff members will remind him or her to reapply throughout the day.

- We do not encourage children to bring special or favorite toys and belongings to the program with them unless it is something that can be shared. We cannot be responsible for personal belongings.
- Unless the weather is severe, your child will be outdoors for most of the day. Make sure he/she is dressed appropriately for the weather. In general, if we are already at camp for the day, and are having rain showers, we will try to remain open, so please pack your child's bag accordingly for the day. If severe, cancellation may occur and all cancellations will be announced on radio stations WTSN and The Bay. You can also call 516-6401 if you have a question on whether or not we are open for the day.
- If you know that you will be picking your child up early on any given day, please notify the staff in the morning when you drop your child off. This enables us to make sure your child is ready to go and that a counselor is available so that you may sign your child out.
- We do expect politeness and respect. With this in mind, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
- OUR GOAL is to make your child's summer a pleasant, exciting and enjoyable one. We attempt this through developed activities in arts and crafts, games, hiking, sports, special events and more. We encourage participation, and will encourage all children to become actively involved.
- Our discipline policy is to encourage proper behavior through careful supervision of the children at all times. If we have a concern or problem with any child, we will attempt to re-direct children toward a more acceptable pattern of behavior. The general rule is for everyone to have fun. Any behavior that is preventing another child from having fun, or that is unsafe will be dealt with. A child who does not respond or who cannot act appropriately within the group is removed from the activity for a short "time-out". At times there are some children who do not function well in this type of program. If necessary, we will contact parents of children we feel are disrupting the program and possibly recommend that they be removed from the program.
- Dover Recreation reserves the right to rescind enrollment in the playground program due to any disciplinary issues that so warrant. Dover Recreation staff and the Dover Recreation Director will make the final decision in such cases.
- Parents are encouraged to bring questions and concerns to the program staff. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

For further information.....contact Krista Trefethen, Assistant Recreation Director at 516-6401