



SUMMER CAMP

2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Summer Camp is finally here and we are thrilled to provide your child(ren) with a camp experience filled with new friends, new experiences, and new memories—a tradition at The Connection since 1922!

In order to ensure the safety of your child(ren) and all our campers, please carefully read the policies and procedures on the following pages.

Please be sure we have your valid email address on file that is checked regularly so you are aware of all information.

We are looking forward to an exciting summer and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions now or during camp!

Sincerely,

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P.S. We appreciate your patience throughout the summer, especially each Monday when new campers unfamiliar with the routine join us.



CHECK LIST

THINGS YOU'LL NEED FOR CAMP:



LABEL EVERYTHING!

Use a permanent marker and label everything your child brings to camp! Please clearly label their backpack, lunch box, reusable water bottles, sunscreen, shoes, swim gear, and clothing.



BACKPACK

You'll need a backpack or zipper tote to hold all your gear!



LUNCHBOX + WATER

We are a NUT FREE camp, please pack lunches/snacks accordingly! We recommend an insulated lunch box, as lunches will not be refrigerated, and water bottle(s). AM campers should bring lunch, a snack, and water bottle. PM campers should bring a snack and water bottle. Campers can refill their water bottles throughout the day as needed.



SUNSCREEN

Although usually under a tent, campers will be outside daily, weather permitting. Please send them with sunscreen already applied and we'll assist with reapplying as needed.



SNEAKERS OR SPORTS SANDALS

For safety sake, no Crocs or flip flops, please!



SWIM GEAR

Campers need a bathing suit, towel, goggles, and change of clothes every day. All campers must arrive in their bathing suits and bring clothes to change into after swim time. Morning and afternoon campers will both have swim time. If your camper is here for a full day, it is your preference if you'd like to pack a 2nd bathing suit and towel.



GYMNASTICS AND WARRIOR CAMPS

Please wear tight-fitting clothing (no dresses/skirts), and nothing with buttons, snaps or zippers. Hair needs to be tied back away from the face.

DROP OFF + PICK UP

For your child(ren)'s safety, we must verify that each camper is being picked up by an adult listed on their release form. Please be ready to stop and provide your name. Anyone who is picking up must be listed on the release form. We will not release campers to anyone who is not on the list.

If someone who is not on the list (**including yourself**) will be picking up your child, please notify us by filling out **this form** by Monday at 9am each week of camp. If you need to pick up before regular dismissal time, please email your camp director. When picking up early, please park and come inside to the front desk. We will verify you are on the pick up list and get your child for you.

Campers cannot be picked up early between 12:45PM-1:00PM or 4:15PM-4:30PM as staff are preparing for dismissal. Sports camps will utilize Brayton Elementary School gym / Memorial Field and therefore require an email to Jessica by 9am on the day of the early pick up.

*Regular sport camps drop off/pick up will be at The Connection.

WALK UPS

DROP OFF

AM - Check in at the sign by The Connection's front entrance.

PM - Check in at the sign by the buses.

A staff member will escort your child to the camp area. Please do not walk down to or enter the camp area.

For your and your child(ren)'s safety, we urge you to use the sidewalks rather than walking through the busy parking lot.

PICK UP

Please form a single line on the sidewalk by the sign near our parking lot exit. Do not approach the campers.

CAR DROP OFF & PICK UP

Right turns only are permitted into the parking lot entrance from Prospect Street.

Do not block resident driveways.

Print your child(ren)'s first and last name and age on the attached car sign. Place it on the passenger side dashboard or visor. If you are car-pooling, put all names on one sign (extra signs are available on the **parent portal** or at the front desk).

For pick up, be ready to roll your window down to verify your name.

Please do not step out of the car. If possible, have your child on the passenger side of the car.

Camp staff will escort children out of the car and safely to their group. If you have multiple children in the car and any of them can unbuckle independently, please place them behind the driver.

No one likes waiting in a slow-moving car line. In order to keep everyone moving, we cannot engage in conversation. Please feel free to email us to ask a question or set up a time to talk.

(DROP OFF + PICK UP CONTINUED)



MORNING CAMP CAR LINE

DROP OFF

Drop off is staggered to alleviate traffic and crowding.
Last names beginning with A-L: AM drop off is at 8:30AM.
Last names beginning with M-Z: AM drop off is at 8:45AM.

**All AM camp pick up is at 1:00PM.
Do not enter the parking lot until you are waved in because
afternoon campers will be being dropped off.**

FULL DAY CAMPERS

Counselors escort campers to their PM camps.

AFTERNOON CAMP CAR LINE

DROP OFF (12:40PM-12:50PM)

You will need to bypass drivers on the street who have lined up early for the AM camp 1:00PM pick up.

PICK UP (4:30PM-4:45PM)

Do not enter the parking lot until 4:30PM as there are drop offs for other classes and programs prior to 4:30PM.

TRAVEL CAMP

PICK UP WEEKS 1-4: (3:15PM - 3:30PM)

PICK UP WEEK 5: (4:15PM - 4:30PM, and 6PM on Wednesday)

Do not enter the parking lot until the start of their pick up time as there are drop offs for other classes and programs prior.

Please look out for a newsletter from our Travel Camp Director, Kelly Klaif, regarding timing and information for each week.

MEDICAL + MISCELLANEOUS



MEDICAL

For all prescription medication/Epi-Pens, The Connection requires a treatment plan signed by your child's physician. This must be completed prior to their first day of camp. Please hand the treatment plan along with the medication/Epi-Pen to the camp staff member who assists you at drop off in a labeled Zip Lock bag. It will be returned at the end of the camper's stay.

GROUPS

Campers will be grouped by age and the grade they are entering in the fall. Once the week begins we are unable to change your child's group. Your child's group number may change during the summer.

ABSENCES

If your camper will be absent, please email the respective Camp Director (details on next page). The Connection does not make follow up calls or assume responsibility for campers who do not attend camp.

LATE PICK-UP FEES

After a grace period, it will be necessary to charge a fee of \$2.00 per minute for late pick-ups. Chronic late pick-ups may result in dismissal from camp for the remainder of the summer.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Campers are not permitted to bring any personal equipment to camp. In addition, campers are strongly urged not to bring electronics, valuables, or any other personal property not needed for camp.

SWIMMING

AM campers will have free swim on Fridays and swim lessons from Monday through Thursday, pending appropriate staffing levels. PM campers will have daily free swim. We will provide USCG approved life jackets for free swim for of the children who cannot swim on their own yet. Campers who pass the swim test do not need a life vest.

THEATER CAMP FAMILIES In preparation for the show, theater campers will only swim on the following days: Stars On Stage (Mondays & Wednesdays) and Rising Stars (Tuesdays & Thursdays). Theater Camps will not swim on either Friday.

Wristbands: If your child passes the swim test for free swim in either AM or PM camp, they will receive a color-coded wristband each week. Although counselors and lifeguards cross-check the list of who has passed the swim test daily, please have your child keep the wristband on all week.

TRAVEL CAMP

Kelly Klaif, Travel Director, will email Travel Camp information separately.

PARENT DIRECTORY

Camp Directors often receive requests for parent contact information for play dates. If you wish to have contact information released upon the request of another parent, please indicate so on [this form](#). If you do not fill out the form, we will not release your information.

COMMUNICATION



PARENT PORTAL

Keep up to date on your child(ren)'s activities! Be sure to check the **Parent Portal** on our Summer Camp website. This page will have everything you need for camp in one convenient spot.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram! This is a great way to view all the fun your children are having so you can talk about it with them each day!



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CONTACT US

The best way to contact us is through email since we are frequently out with your children and not in the office. We will respond as quickly as possible.

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