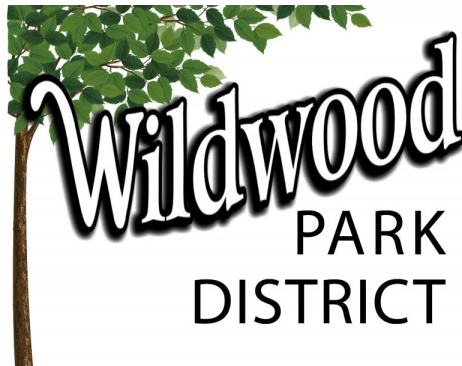


Camp Rules! & Junior Camp Counselor Parent Handbook 2026



June 8th - August 7th

3 Sessions

Monday through Friday

9:00am-3:00pm

Camp: Ages 6-11 years

Junior Counselors: Ages 12-14 years

Location: Rule Park, 33325 N Sears Blvd
Wildwood IL 60030

Office Phone: 847.223.7275

Camp Staff Phone: 224.545.8762

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Welcome!

Welcome to Camp Rules! We are looking forward to having your child in camp with us this summer! Camp Rules is designed to be a fun and active summer camp experience for children ages 6 to 11 years old. Participants will spend a majority of their time outdoors enjoying the wonderful amenities that Wildwood has to offer.

Camp Rules! offers your child the opportunity to build social skills and express themselves through a variety of activities such as arts and crafts, games, and more.

The ultimate goal of Camp Rules! is to ensure that each camper is having fun, making friends and enjoying their summer.

The Wildwood Park District offers 5-Day (M-F) Camp and 3-Day Camp from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Before Care (8:00-9:00am) and Extended Hours (3:00-5:00pm) are also available.

Camp Staff

At the Wildwood Park District, our staff members do everything they can to create a safe and positive environment for our campers. The Camp Team consists of the Executive Director, Office Administrator, Front Desk Representative, Lead Counselor and Camp Counselors. As a team, we all work together to help make sure that your camper is safe while having an amazing summer.

To help make sure that your camper is safe, we have put in place a ratio of campers to counselors of 8:1. These counselors have received certification in CPR, basic first aid and AED, behavior management, safety implementation & health measures, and activity planning. All of our counselors have gone through an interview, reference check, and background check.

We look forward to serving you and your child's camp needs. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Brandon Magnini, Executive Director, at 847.223.7275 or by email at bmagnini@wildwoodparkdistrict.com.

PARENT COMMUNICATION: The Wildwood Park District utilizes a Summer Camp Parent Hotline-a Park District owned cell phone to be utilized by our lead counselor(s) to contact parents in the event of a more urgent matters including but not limited to: bathroom accidents, child injury or illness (whether major or minor), if a parent is late for pickup, or other Park District emergency.

Parents can also call or text this number before the main office opens at 9:30am (or after we close at 4:00pm) to speak directly to the lead counselor(s) for any other updates. The phone number is:

224.545.8762.

Camp Newsletter: Starting the first week of camp, a weekly newsletter will be emailed out to the email address associated with the registration account. This will include important field trip details, weekly highlights and announcements, weekly activity schedule, contact info, counselor bios, and other reminders. Please contact info@wildwoodparkdistrict.com if you do not receive this or would like a different email to receive the newsletter.

General Information

Camp Hours:

Camp Rules! is held from **9:00am – 3:00pm**

Camp Dates:

First Session: 6/8 – 6/26

Second Session: 6/29 – 7/17 No camp 7/3

Third Session: 7/20– 8/7

Registration for one session will not guarantee your child a spot in consecutive sessions. Early registration is recommended.

Before Camp Care: Offered for each session

Parents can drop off their camper between 8:00am and 9:00am for an extra fee.

After Camp Care: Offered for each session

Parents can pick up their campers between 3:00pm and 5:00pm for an extra fee.

Snacks/Lunches

Campers will need to bring a nut-free sack lunch and beverage each day. Keep in mind that lunches will not be refrigerated, so please plan accordingly. We require your camper brings a water bottle to camp. Campers will have their lunch around 11:00am each day. Snacks will be given once a day in the afternoon.

Health Policies

If medication is to be given during camp hours, a separate Medication Dispensing Form and Waiver must be completed. These forms can be found on the Park District website or in the Park District Office and will be distributed to parents in the camper paperwork packet at registration.

Parents should report any diagnosed case of a communicable disease such as COVID-19, strep throat, ringworm, pinkeye, lice, etc. to the Executive Director. Campers are not allowed to attend camp for any reason until 24 hours after symptoms and/or fever have disappeared. Campers may return 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics is taken.

Emergency Information

Camp staff are CPR, First Aid and AED Certified. Staff will administer first aid when necessary. Parents will be contacted before calling emergency services unless the injury is serious or involves the head or neck, in which case the paramedics will be called immediately. All steps will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of your child. If an injured or ill camper is transported by ambulance to the local hospital, a camp staff member will stay with the camper at all times until a parent or guardian arrives.

Code of Conduct

Wildwood Park District has established certain rules necessary to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment during programs and events. Proper behavior is always expected from each participant. This includes showing respect to all other participants, staff, equipment, supplies, and facilities, refraining

from the use of foul and offensive language, causing bodily harm, and making threats of or committing acts of violence. This code of conduct applies to all campers, junior counselors and all Park District staff.

Personal Items and Camp Attire

Please send your camper dressed for play with a water bottle, lunch, and gym shoes. On cooler days, please send along a sweatshirt or jacket.

It is very important to **label every item brought or worn to camp**. It is amazing how fast our Lost and Found Box grows! If something is left behind, please check the box during your next visit.

We also ask that your child does not use their cell phone or any electronic devices during camp hours. This rule is in place so that your camper can gain all the possible benefits that Camp Rules! has to offer. Also, this policy lowers the chances of valuables being lost or stolen. If your child is sent to camp with a cell phone, we ask that it be kept in their backpack turned off. Camp Counselors will take away any electronics they see being used and will return them at the end of the day. The Wildwood Park District is not responsible for any trades, lost, stolen, or broken items that may result when bringing personal items to camp.

Camp Swim Information

Location

Swimming will take place in Gages Lake at Willow Point Beach.

Days

We will be swimming on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** in the afternoon, weather dependent, so please make sure that your camper has a swimsuit and towel on those days if they wish to swim.

- If your child is signed up for Wildwood Park District swimming lessons, a camp counselor will walk them to swim and return to bring them back to camp after their lesson.
- A lifeguard will always be on duty during swim times.

Bug Repellent and Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen and bug repellent to your child each day before camp. Also send your child with a labeled bottle of sunscreen as there will be designated times throughout the day for sunscreen application. **It is required you provide a spray bottle of sunscreen as it makes re-application of sunscreen easier for your children to do on their own.** Camp staff and counselors may not apply ANY sunscreen directly to your children as part of Wildwood Park District policy. You may send a labeled hat if your child is extra sensitive to the sun.

Field Trips

There will be one field trip per session on the 3rd Friday of the Session. Parents will be notified at least one week prior to the trip via the Camp E-Newsletter with information regarding necessary waivers, supplies, and location for the field trip. **Camp t-shirts will be required to be worn on field trip days.** Wildwood Park District Camper T shirts will be sold in the office. New t-shirts do not need to be purchased if using a Wildwood Park District camp shirt from prior years. Other field trip expenses are included with the regular session fees.

Photography Policy

Photographs/videos may be taken during summer camp programs by authorized Wildwood Park District staff for use in all Park District marketing materials. For the protection of all our campers, recording videos or taking pictures from a personal cell phone is strictly prohibited.

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures

Pick Up/Drop Off

All parents or authorized individuals are responsible for the pick-up and drop off of their child each day. If you are picking up or dropping off your child during non-designated times, please first call the **Summer Camp Parent Hotline** at **224.545.8762**. If there is no answer, please contact front office at 847.223.7275. Please form a line of cars in an orderly fashion for pickup on the east side of the Rule building where the asphalt walking paths meet the parking lot. Staff will bring one child at a time out to be picked up based on who is in line first. Children are all around the park, so please use caution when entering and exiting. Please respect the 5-mph speed limit exiting the Rule Parking lot and observe the STOP SIGN at said exit and make a complete stop. Please note that after 1 grace day, there will be a \$1/minute late fee. Campers consistently picked up late will be required to sign up for Extended Hours.

Check In/Check Out

All campers must be signed in and signed out by their parent or other adult over the age of 18 authorized on their Authorization for Pick Up Form. Anyone that our staff does not recognize will be asked for identification.

Walkers/Bike Riders

Parents must note on our Authorization for Pick Up Form if their child has permission to check themselves in and out of camp each day due to walking or riding their bicycles. If your child needs to leave early for any reason, he or she must be signed out by a parent or other adult authorized on the Authorization for Pick Up Form.

Absences

If your child is ill or unable to attend camp, please contact the camp phone at 224.545.8762.

Inclement Weather Information

Rain or Shine

Camp is conducted outdoors and is held rain or shine, hot or cold. Campers will go indoors on rainy days and take shade on hot days. In the event that there is rain, campers will be brought inside the Rule House and camp will continue inside either in the Oak Room or the Maple Room.

Severe Weather

During any severe weather, campers will seek shelter immediately. Our Counselors will be informed when an all-clear sign has been given before returning back outside. If there is severe weather during pick up or drop off time, parents will need to drop off or pick up their child inside the program entrance.