

Hello Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Camp SOAR 2024! It is year 6! We have a really fun-filled summer planned!

We have a lot of info to share, and think it is everything you need to know to prepare for the summer program. If we missed anything, don't hesitate to reach out!

We want to go over some of the housekeeping rules.

Day One of their first week, please have them wear a name tag (along with any pertinent medical information), and if you do not want them to be photographed, please put "No Photo" on the back of that tag. Until we learn kids names, we will be giving them a lanyard to wear which will help identify them and any of their pertinent information!

Please have everything that they bring with them to camp labeled with their name for easy access if it is lost. Things will be lost. We will have a lost and found bin that the campers can check for their lost items!

Drop-off is between 8:50 - 9 AM each morning (No earlier as staff meets daily, and we will not be available to get kids from cars until we are ready). We are allowing you to PULL UP at the assigned bridge or pavilion. If there are siblings, go to the OLDEST siblings drop off (we will get kids to their spots)! No parents should get out of their cars and pick up will be the same! The kids will be ready at NOON and will stand waiting for your vehicle. Please do not get out of your car and walk over as it becomes a safety concern! The first three days, we will staggered drop off until everyone understands the flow!

We know that sometimes things happen and you're running late, if you could please just give me or Mr. Pilla a call and let us know. We would greatly appreciate it, as some of us have other jobs to go to in the afternoon. My cell phone number (Amy) is 610-762-0091 and Jim Pilla's number is 610-417-2368. Feel free to text us during camp hours, we do not have the time to check emails (so frequently we will not see them until the camp program is over). If it is an emergency, please CALL us as we will not be checking emails during camp time! Email address - Nazzycampsoar@gmail.com

Drop off for K/1 is at the bridge by the swimming pool entrance (please pull into the park and pull down the center of the parking lot where the orange cones are placed!)

Drop off for 2/3 is at bridge by the back pavilion (please pull into the park and continue to drive on the outskirts of the parking lot until you reach the back bridge),

Drop off 4/5/6 will be on Morris Street (the street behind the park. Turn on Hill Street across from Schoeneck Moravian, right on Morris Street, pulling up by the bridge to drop off). Drop off and pick up is chaos the first few days.... please be patient, we promise it gets better!!!

We ask that you remain in your cars and allow us to do what we know works to make this the quickest and easiest way to run! PLEASE have a sign in your front window with children's names this way we can call them ahead and have them ready to get in cars at pick up. ***Please only make 1 stop. Always going to OLDEST campers stop. We will get the younger campers where they need to go! The pool does open at noon, so we have additional guests coming into the lot at this time, please be aware of the traffic patterns!

We will always have staff directing traffic for the smoothest outcome!

If it is your first day of camp and your information packet has not been submitted, you need to bring along with you (all the attached paperwork which includes all your emergency forms, COVID release form and permission slips), along with first week payment if it has not been made.

Camp will NOT occur if a storm is coming or has started in the time frame of camp (this means thunder and lightning between 9 AM-12 PM). We will post cancellation to the FB page, our website or feel free to text us! There will also be a sign posted at the park. **If it is only raining, we will proceed!**

Stay and swims are rain or shine! If we are getting rain and we have to cancel the stay and swim, we will stay and play inside the log cabin for the afternoon (as we know that you have already made arrangements to have us keep your children for the day) The only way this would not be true is if Camp itself is canceled that day!

We ask that you do not send your child if they aren't feeling well! One exposure can set the entire program back. If your child is sick, we will credit the time away from the program. Please send any medication (inhalers, epi pens) that they may need while they're in camp. We will have a nurse on the premises daily. She is on site for medical needs. Any child and or staff with a temperature of 100 or higher will not be permitted to attend camp that day. With that being said please be very respectful of the other campers; if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home as we're going to try really hard not to spread germs! 24-hour fever free just like school!

Each camper will be getting to a draw string bag (please put their name on it!)! Each day please pack - a snack, and water bottle and a change of clothes - just in case!

*On Friday snacks will be offered out of the pool concession stand. **Please send peanut free snacks as we have several peanut allergies.**

Also, in their bag send suntan lotion, water shoes, a change of clothes (just in case they get wet and want to get out of their sticky clothes).

The only days your child will need money is if we are walking to a field trip or on Fridays if they want extra concessions at the stand (please no more than \$5.) We ask that you bring a small amount, and that money is not shared with other campers. They will be responsible for their money we will not be keeping it! It will be in their backpack for their use. Please talk to your child prior to the start of camp letting them know that we do not let others borrow any of our money and that it is just for our use.

A reminder will be put out on our Facebook and website each day telling you what your child will need for that particular day, it will also be sent out prior to the start of the week so that you know everything that will be happening and what they will need!

On Water Wednesdays and Friday pool days, a towel, and their suits are needed. On Fridays, please come dressed in your bathing suits.

Every week we will do things according to the theme (a calendar will be posted.) Once a week we will have Water Wednesday (come in your suit and have a towel), Thursday will always be snow cone day - (no money is needed). We will have occasional ice cream days where the ice cream truck will come into the park and your child can purchase - optional! Your child can bring their money the day of to pay for their ice/ice cream.

We ask that everyone bring their CS cinch sac if we will be leaving the park and heading out in the community, (announced on calendar). Your child will receive their cinch sac their first day!

We have been very successful at keeping the germs down at camp and we will continue to take all precautionary methods to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will have lots of hand sanitizer, make many trips to the bathroom to wash up!

We try to be very flexible, accommodating and very approachable so if at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out!

We also ask (because we were all those things), please don't take advantage of our kindness and flexibility. We do have a program to run, and we try to keep it as successful as we possibly can so planning ahead is pertinent! A grace period has been given for changes and cancellations, at this time no other cancellations will be accepted with a refund.

We will give the kids frequent reminders to stay hydrated, they will have opportunities to fill their water bottles if they run out! Parents you can expect them to be tired upon pick up, as we will be constantly moving and keeping your kids active! We are outdoors, so please check your child for ticks after pick up!

All presentations are paid for by Camp Soar through your tuition, so no money is needed except for additional field trips that the children may go on outside of the park grounds. This may include a trip to the Whitfield house, Martin Guitar, Cobble Creek Mining, Emilys, 711, Bella Bean (however they are not mandatory) so if you do not want your child participating, they will stay back on campus.

We tend to accumulate a large lost and found bin throughout summer, please put your child's name on everything to ensure you get it back! Please remind your child to check for these items, if lost!

Reminder we are a technology/device free camp, please have your child keep them at home! If needed all counselors have phones!

In addition, we are also a bully free camp! We practice kindness and bullying is not tolerated. If your child is partaking in this type of behavior, they will get a warning, a parent phone call will be made, and if it happens a second time, we will ask that they leave the program. We also are not here to manage unruly behaviors! We have grown and we don't have the staff to be working 1:1 with campers who need extra attention, nor are a disruption to other campers.

The safety of our campers is our number one priority! The enjoyment of this program is our second priority! All campers will be respected, treated with kindness, and given the freedom to be who they choose! If your child is struggling or something has happened, we need to know immediately! We encourage your child to come to us with a problem, so that it can be handled (if we don't know about it, we can't do anything about it!) This might include the camper problem-solving and working it out!

At no time is name-calling or cursing acceptable behavior, again they will receive a warning and the second time they will be asked to call their parent.

We look for your tuition to be made on Monday of the new week. You can either pay through Venmo, cash, or check in an envelope (PLEASE address with your child's name, the week number, and grade). This envelope can be given to any of the staff at drop off.

All returned checks will be parent's responsibility at the cost of PNC Bank. If you need a tax letter, please ask Kathy at the end of your child's camp time. It's much easier to get it to you now, than during tax season.

Each morning after arrival we come together as a whole camp, we will exercise for half an hour and then split into groups by grades. We will continue in our groups throughout the day. Your child will become very familiar with their "team". The staff stay the same the entire summer long. This allows us to get to know your child, and your child to know and trust us! Kids come and go throughout the summer, so the weeks are different depending on how they sign up. If there is at any time that your child is not comfortable participating, please let that staff member know. The things that we do throughout camp are not mandatory, however we do encourage them to try new things and be open because they will get the best experience out of the program.

Thank you for trusting us with your children this summer, we know that they will love their Camp Soar experiences. Each day you can find a summary and pictures from the day's activities on our FB page, Instagram and our website! If you haven't already.... Like us, as we post lots of updates!

Much Appreciation,

Amy Pidgeon - Camp Coordinator

Jim Pilla - Camp Coordinator

STAFF NOTE:

Our 2024 staff has added and lost a few people. We will try and introduce each member in week 1 so you know who will be working with your kiddos this summer! However, with that being said, we pride ourselves on having some of the best staff around! Many of our employees have been with us all of our six years! We know that the program would not be as successful if we didn't have these amazing people supporting your child day in and day out!

ERIN BANGHART - CAMP NURSE:

If you have a medical bag that needs to be given to Erin at the beginning of camp, please stop in and say hello. Let her know any issues that may arise or concerns that you have. We will then keep that bag for the duration. (many times people get their bag from school and just pass it on to Camp.)

Please watch our FB page for our counselor shout outs! This is a great way to learn more about the staff working with your children.