

Safari Camp

Parents Information Packet



What does one find on Safari?

- ❖ New Friends
- ❖ Sports & Games
- ❖ Arts & Crafts
- ❖ Swimming
- ❖ Weekly Field Trips

Mission Statement

It is the intent and purpose of the Biddeford Parks & Recreation Department to provide supplemental educational, recreational, cultural and social opportunities for members of the community.





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Parent packet must be completed and turned into the office by **Monday, June 16th** to insure registration is complete for your camper!

Required Forms Prior To Starting Camp

- Acknowledgement of Packet
- Program Waiver
- Pick up List
- Camper Information/Emergency Contact

**Remaining Camp Balance MUST BE PAID
in full by June 16th**

Thank you.



Hello Campers, Parents & Guardians,

I would like to take this time and introduce myself as your camp director. My name is Linda Lapierre, some of you may have seen me at camp for the past 7 years and some of you have not, because you are new-comers. I also work the vacation camps and at the Biddeford Teen Center during the school year.

I have earned my Child Development Associate Credential at University of Southern Maine and have attended several classes at York County Technical College for Early Childhood Education. I have been working with children for over 25 years now from schools, sports, daycare and camps. Working with children as well as their families has been much of my focus and experiences. Children have always been fascinating to me, how their minds absorb everything you teach them.

I'm married and live in the Biddeford with my family. I have 3 growing boys that keep me very busy most of the time. I like to travel to different places and my hobbies are making crafts, reading, crocheting and knitting.

I look forward to the upcoming camp season and meeting you and your camper.

Sincerely,

Linda Lapierre
Safari Camp Director



Safari Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions Ages 5-10



What should my child bring to summer camp each day?

- ❖ A healthy lunch
- ❖ 1 or 2 snacks for the day
- ❖ **LOTS** of water
- ❖ Sunscreen and a hat
- ❖ Change of clothes (warm and cool) in backpack
- ❖ Towel and bathing suit **each** day
- ❖ A book to read
- ❖ **LOTS** of energy for many fun filled days

Are there things that my child should NOT bring to camp?

- ❖ Medications
- ❖ Any weapons or things that could be used as weapons
- ❖ Electronic games
- ❖ Water/Squirt guns
- ❖ I pad, I phone or IPods'/Mp3's
- ❖ Valuables

Do I have to register for the whole summer?

Priority is given to those who register for the entire summer. You can sign up for just one week or a few, depending on availability.

Can camp staff distribute medication?

NO we are not allowed to distribute any medications.

What if my child/children have an assigned Education Technician and or Support Staff in a school setting?

Please be advised that if your child has an education technician and or any other school staff person other than the classroom teacher assigned to your child in any type of school setting including but not limited to classrooms, gym, recess, after school activities, assemblies, and or field trips, and/or your child is placed in a specialty designed classroom setup other than a regular classroom for other than strictly educational purposes, this department will require that your child have one-on-one care for camp at the participants expense. The one-on-one care adult that would be assigned to your child must be approved by this department prior to participation.

How do I get in touch with the camp in event of emergency, or how will they get in touch with me?

If there is an issue and you need to reach the camp or your child's counselor, you can call the camp office (282-4167) and someone will get in touch with the counselors.

How do I get to the camp facility and where will before & aftercare be held?

Before and aftercare will be held at Biddeford High School Cafeteria @ 20 Maplewood Ave. Campers are bused to Rotary Park (550 Main Street) for afternoon activities.

What happens on rainy days?

Campers will remain at Biddeford High School for the day.

May I send my child to camp with his/her cell phone?

Camp is not responsible for phones lost or stolen. Campers **MAY NOT** take pictures with their cell phones of other campers or staff.

What will drop-off and pick-up procedures be?

Children should be dropped off at the Biddeford High School by 8:45 a.m., parents will have to sign-in their child. Before care hours are available 7:30-8:30 a.m. Children should be picked up at the same location starting at 4:30p.m, or no later than 5:30p.m.if using the aftercare service.

What is the weekly schedule like?

The schedule is going to be really fun. Thursdays are trip days weather permitting. Other days include arts and crafts, sports and games, special events, swimming at Rotary Park. Friday’s will be spent at Biddeford Pool Beach weather permitting.

* Field Trips and trip days subject to change due to inclement weather.

Are there additional summer programs that my children can sign up for?

Yes! There are programs that your children can sign up for such as basketball camps, plus many others. If you are interested in any of these programs or the many others we provide, contact the Biddeford Recreation Department at 283-0841. Transportation is not provided from Safari Camp to other programs.

What is the cost of sending my child to Safari and when is payment due?

Camp fees support this program, so in order for us to provide this service to your family, as a result, it is important for payment be made on schedule. Rates will be found on www.Biddefordrec.com.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to call the Recreation Department 283-0841.



**Biddeford Recreation Department
Safari Summer Camp Rules**



Behaviors

1. Children must remain under the supervision of a counselor at all times.
2. Campers must always remain with their designated group.
3. Children are not allowed to leave the camp site without permission at any time during the program.
4. All behavior should be appropriate or disciplinary action will be taken. Swearing or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated. Respect should be given to each other, counselors, adults, patrons on the beach, in the park, and on field trips. **WE HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR VIOLENCE, ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR AND BULLYING!**

Lunch

1. All trash must be cleaned up before boarding the bus for afternoon activities, including swim time.
2. Lunch is a time to rest, relax, and get energized for the remaining days' activities. During lunch, children will remain seated with their group for at least 20 minutes.

Swimming

1. Campers must remain under the supervision of their counselors. Camp counselors will be in or around the water's edge at all times. In addition, lifeguards will be on duty at all times during camp.
2. Running, throwing sand or rocks, or horseplay is not allowed.
3. Water shoes and sand toys may be brought to the beach but are your child's responsibility. Please label all toys and clothing.

Riding on the Bus

1. Campers must sit at all times while riding the bus.
2. They must keep all body parts inside the bus at all times.
3. They must follow the same rules for the bus as they do during school.
4. No eating is allowed on the bus.
5. Bus privileges will be revoked if the above rules are not followed.

Sick Policy - If a child is sick and cannot participate with camp activities the following steps are to take place.

1. Parent or guardian is notified and must make arrangements for the child to be taken out of camp.
2. Child may return when he/she can participate in camp activities.

Lice Policy - If a child is found to have lice at camp the following steps are to take place.

1. Parent or guardian are notified and must make arrangements for the child to be taken out of camp.
2. Child may return when a note from the child's doctor or nurse clears the camper.
3. Camp families are notified by a notice sent home the day we are informed or lice is found.

Discipline Policy: Behavior issues which warrant progressive disciplinary action may include, but are not limited to: endangering another person's well being, swearing or verbal abuse to staff or campers, stealing or destruction of property, disrespect staff or campers, inappropriate behavior on the bus, at the beach, or on field trips, and breaking any of the general program rules.

Consequences:

1st offense - Written notice from the director to parent or guardian regarding the problem/incident at the time of pick-up.

2nd offense - Immediate suspension from camp for the day; parent or guardian is notified by the director and parents must remove child from camp.

3rd offense - Suspension for the remainder of camp; no refunds will be given.

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Note: Director reserves the right to advance the consequences depending on the severity of the action or behavior. Especially those incidents that involve the inability to stay with ones group or may cause physical harm.

Sunscreen Notice: We do our best to prevent sunburns; however there may be times when campers will get sunburned. Please help us prevent sunburns by putting sunscreen on your child before camp each day and remind your child that the counselors will re-apply sunscreen throughout the day. Also, please make sure you send in plenty of sunscreen for the summer with a hat & shirt that you won't mind getting wet, because if the sunrays are strong your child will wear these items in the water.

Acknowledgement of Parent Packet:

I certify, by the signature below, that I have read and agree to comply with the rules and policies of this packet. Packet is due before child may attend camp.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Pick up List

PLEASE LIST BELOW THE PERSON OR PERSONS WHO WILL BE PICKING UP YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN FROM SUMMER DAY CAMP. PERSONS NOT LISTED BELOW WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP.

NAMES:

NUMBERS:

**BIDDEFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. Box 586
BIDDEFORD, MAINE 04005
PHONE 207-283-0841 FAX 207-286-0575**

Please read carefully

Release

I understand there are risks of physical injury in participating in sports and recreational activities or programs.

I hereby release the City of Biddeford, its employees, officials and agents from any and all liability or loss or damage to personal property that, my child or I may experience in connection with activities sponsored by Biddeford Recreation Department.

I hereby consent to emergency medical procedures deemed advisable for my child in the event I cannot be reached and my child has sustained an injury. The Dept. does not provide accident or hospitalization insurance for participants of its programs. All participants are advised to have adequate personal coverage. Please consider participant's own health, experience, and tolerance for risk before participating in any program. I also consent to the use of me or my child's photo, video, artwork etc. by the dept for flyers, presentations etc.

This release and consent shall remain in full force and effect for all future recreational activities and programs until revoked in writing by registrant.

Signature

Date

Name Printed

BIDDEFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
P. O. Box 586
BIDDEFORD, MAINE 04005
PHONE 207-283-0841 FAX 207-286-0575

Camper Information

Name of Camper _____ M__F__

School _____ Date of Birth _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Medical Problems _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell # _____ Cell # _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact # _____ Relationship _____