

# SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

## PARENT INFORMATION

The Whitehall Borough Summer Recreation Staff would like to welcome you and your children to the summer program, under the direction of Kelly Joyce and George McCormack. The following information provides you and your children with details of our program. Please take the time to read it carefully and feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

The parks will be open and staffed by our counselors Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. beginning Monday, June 14th and concluding on Friday, July 23rd. You must be a Whitehall Borough resident between the ages of 6 and 15 years old to attend. Park locations are Frank, Snyder, Overlook Acres, and Union. We will also be working in conjunction with the South Hills Interfaith Ministries at Prospect Park.

Please be advised that program attendance is voluntary. Children are not required to come every day, nor are they required to stay for the full four hours every day. If you have restrictions concerning your child's transportation to and from the park, you must inform the counselors on site. The counselors will **NOT** be responsible for children who have left the park site on their own. Parents, please be mindful of the 1:00 p.m. closing time and make every effort to be on time to pick up your child.

Attached is a registration form and 2010 calendar which details our theme, "*Summer of Sports.*" Every day the children will participate in a variety of games, crafts, and sports. The purpose of the calendar is to highlight the **main** feature of the day, special events, fieldtrips, and locations to which parks may be traveling that day.

The following provides more detailed information regarding the schedule and special event days.....

### SCHEDULE CHANGES AND RAIN DAYS

- Please note the parks will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observation of Independence Day.
- In the event of rain, the parks will be closed. The shelters at each site are not large enough for everyone to have adequate protection from rain or a thunderstorm. If a storm and/or rain develops after the parks open, please make arrangements for your child to be picked up as soon as possible. The counselors will remain on site until all children are picked up.

### SPECIAL EVENT DAYS

- ❖ **SWIM DAYS:** Swimming days will be held at Whitehall Borough Pool. Children will meet at their parks in the morning and a bus will transport them there. They should wear or bring a bathing suit and towel. No flotation devices are permitted in the pool. Pool tags are **not** necessary and admission is free.  
\*\*\* All children attending on swimming days **MUST** be able to swim independently\*\*\*
- ❖ **INTER-PARK PLAY:** On these days, children will be transported by bus to other parks to compete in games and sporting events. Please note that **all** children and counselors will travel to the designated park on the schedule. No one will remain on site. Refer to the calendar to see which days your child's park is scheduled for inter-park play.

- ❖ **PIZZA DAYS:** Pizza will be delivered every Wednesday starting on the second week of camp. The cost is \$3 per person and includes 2 pieces of pizza, a drink, paper plates, napkins, and delivery. Your child does not have to participate in this group lunch - it is voluntary. A count must be given first thing in the morning so please make sure your child arrives promptly at 9:00 am on pizza days. If that is not possible, they may pay and place their order a day in advance. The counselors at each park will have a record of those who are participating.
- ❖ **SPORTS CLINICS:** New this year! In addition to our daily games and crafts, this year we will offer four different voluntary sports clinics throughout the program where the children will receive instruction in tennis, karate, cheerleading, and basketball. These clinics are one hour long and strictly voluntary. We will bus the children to and from the appropriate location if they choose to participate. If not, they can remain at the park with a counselor and do alternate activities.
- ❖ **JUNIOR OLYMPICS:** Each park will hold a sporting event competition in which they will earn points as a group and compete with the other park scores. All members of the winning park will receive ribbons. The top winners in each event will compete for their park in the finals at Snyder Park on the last week of the program. Medals will be awarded to the winners in the finals.
- ❖ **FIELD TRIPS:** We will be taking two field trips this year. Although they will not take place until July, it is very important for us to plan in advance for the number of children that will be attending these trips. Therefore, permission slips and money will be collected with your registration forms. Please note, we will **not** be able to accept registration for field trips after the first week of camp - **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Only cash will be accepted. Parents are welcome to take the bus and attend any field trip. There is no fee for parents unless they are actually participating in the activity (golfing or bowling), however it is necessary to indicate that a parent is attending on the registration form.
- ❖ **COOK OUT DAY:** Each park will have their own cook out. The children at the site, along with their counselors, will decide whether they will grill at the park or order fast food that day. The counselors will determine the cost of what their park is doing and instruct the children to bring the appropriate amount of money with them in advance. This will be a nominal fee of \$5 or less depending on the type of food being ordered.
- ❖ **FUN DAY AT SNYDER:** On this day, everyone will travel to Snyder Park for a day of games, inflatables, and fun. It is a great way for all the children to come together and celebrate the end of camp.

We are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable summer with your child!

Kelly Joyce, Whitehall Borough Recreation Director  
George McCormack, Assistant Recreation Director

**Please feel free to contact Kelly Joyce at 412-334-5646 with any questions or concerns now, or at any time throughout the program.**