

Stomping Grounds Handbook 2010

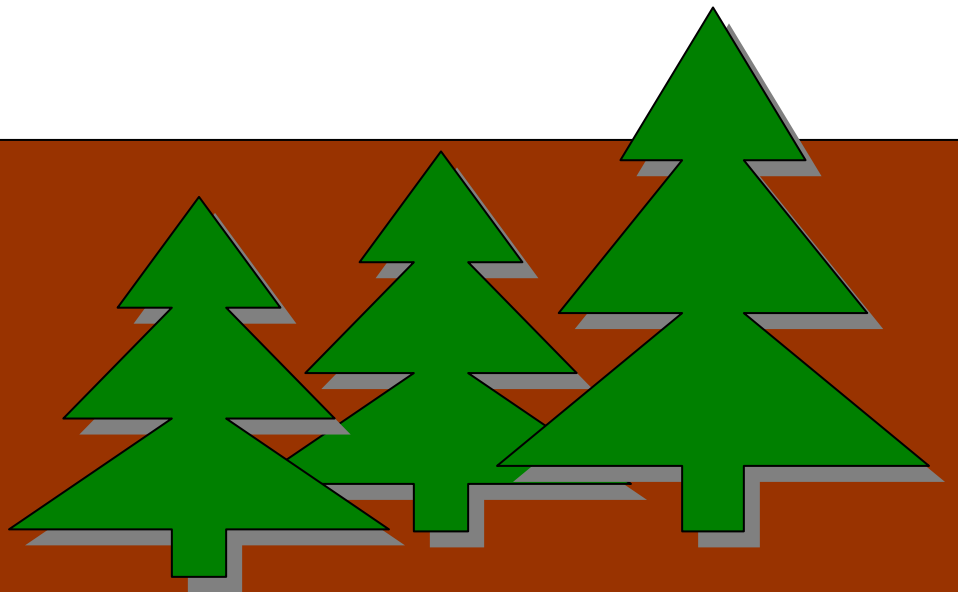


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A Note From Stomping Grounds

Welcome to Stomping Grounds Summer Day Camp. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's summer fun. We look forward to providing your child with a safe, positive, and fun environment.

Our staff has been busy planning a summer full of activities that will encourage your child to create, imagine, explore, and most importantly, laugh.

Please take some time to read through the following information. This booklet includes important times, numbers, and procedures. Additional daily information will be posted on a message board near the sign in sheet. Please take a minute and check the board when you drop off your child.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Sincerely,
Stomping Grounds Staff**

Valuable Information

Morning Drop-Off

Every Morning camp begins at 9:00 a.m. Your child can be dropped off at the Rivers Edge Building between 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. If you are going to be late or absent, please call Stomping Grounds and let the staff know. Stomping Grounds phone number 815-978-4219 or 815-978-4289.

Afternoon Pick-Up

In the afternoon, your child can be picked up at Cottonwood Park (weather permitting) between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Post camp ends at 6:00 p.m. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for every 15 minutes past 6:00.

When dropping off and picking up your child, you will need to sign in and out. If you will not be the person picking your child up, you must let the staff know who it will be. Photo ID will be required for all non-parents who will be picking up a camper.

We do understand that schedules change. If your child needs to leave early or arrive late, please speak with the Stomping Grounds Staff. This will allow the camp staff to tell you where to drop off or pick up your child.

Registration

You may register your child at the Administration Office located at 1006 W. Lincoln Avenue or at the Rivers Edge Building. You may register as far in advance as needed. We have a limited amount of space, so register early in order to guarantee a spot. Once your child has been registered, payments can be made with Stomping Grounds Staff. **No refunds or credits are given for days not attended. This includes holiday weeks and or vacation.**

Meals

Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for every camper at no extra charge. A tentative schedule of all meals is included in the handbook. We will try to notify you of any changes. If your child does not like the provided food, please send them with a sack lunch for that day.

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. Please have your child at camp by that time in order to make meal time run more smoothly.

Swimming

One of the camper's favorite activities is swimming at the park pool. We will go to the pool daily from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). Please send your child with a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen.

Discipline

It is important for children to learn and respect the limits of acceptable and unacceptable behavior at the Park District. The Stomping Grounds Staff will use disciplinary measures when needed. We use positive reinforcements for acceptable behavior. We also encourage the use of discussion between all who are involved before deciding on the consequence for the inappropriate behavior.

If the situation is of a serious matter, a situation report may be filed. This is a form that the leader will fill out about the incident, and the parent will read and sign. If the child receives three reports, a suspension will occur. The decision to fill out a report is at the discretion of the leader and the camp director.

All camp activities are considered privileges. The use of the pool and the participation in field trips can be suspended due to unacceptable behavior.

Keeping your Child Safe

Sunburn – Your child will be spending a great deal of time outside. It is essential that they are protected from sunburn as best as possible. Please teach your child the proper way to apply sunscreen, so they can help care for themselves. Stomping Grounds Staff will also have sunscreen and can assist in application if necessary.

Dehydration – With all of the outdoor fun that we will be having comes the potential for dehydration. Please pack a labeled water bottle for you child each day so we can encourage them to drink water throughout the day.

Medication – If your child needs to take medication, a medication release form **MUST** be signed. Medication must be in the original container, with the child's full name on it.

Illness – If your child becomes ill, you will be contacted to pick him/her up. If we are unable to reach you, we will call your emergency contact.

We CANNOT take any children into camp if they have any of the following symptoms: temperature, diarrhea or vomiting, a rash, or discharge of the nose, ears or eyes.

Field Trips

The campers look forward to the special trips that we take each week. You child will be given a Stomping Grounds shirt and should wear this on all trip days. We leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will return by 4:00 p.m. If there are any changes to the departure or arrival times, you will be notified by the Stomping Grounds staff.

Specifics information about each trip will be posted on our message board.

Where do we get our staff?

We are very proud of our summer staff here at the Belvidere Park District. The majority of our staff is returning from previous years. We are also excited to welcome a few new and energetic people. All of our staff is required to go through an interview process, a background check, and a camp training course. They are also required to be AED, and CPR/First-Aid trained and certified. We want to be sure and provide your child with a safe environment in which to have a great camp experience.

Backpack Packing List

What to Bring

- Towel
- Bathing Suit
- Bag for wet clothing and towel
- Spray Sunscreen
- Sweatshirt or light jacket (mornings are cool)
- Swim shoes for the walk to the pool (optional)
- Book, game, or song to share at pre-camp (optional)
- Blanket for rest time (Scamper Camp Only)
- Favorite Stuffed Friend for rest time (Scamper Camp Only)
- Great Attitude!!

What to Wear

- Comfortable clothes – temperature appropriate, layer if needed
- Hiking shoes or sneakers

In order to help keep track of your child's belonging, please make sure everything brought to camp is labeled (including socks).

Although every effort is made to help campers keep track of their belongings, Stomping Grounds cannot be responsible for lost items.

There will be a lost and found box placed near the sign in table every morning. Please check box regularly for any missing items.

After camp ends, all left over items will be donated to charity.

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