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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Camp Apollo's 51st season. This summer promises to be fun and exciting for all! The entire staff is looking forward to providing your child with a safe, happy and enjoyable experience. In this letter you will find some key information and reminders to help you and your child feel more excited about the upcoming summer season.

CAMP SEASON

- All camp programs will be located at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School. Camp starts on Monday, July 8, 2019 and ends on Friday, August 16, 2019.

ABSENCES

- Campers are absent for a number of reasons; family plans, illness, doctor's appointment, etc. If your child will be absent for more than 2 days, we would appreciate if you could call us and let us know. For early pick-up please send in a note so we can have your child ready for you in the office.

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

Arrival

- The regular arrival time at camp begins at 9:45 a.m. You can drop your camper off or park and bring him/her to the appropriate area. If you are dropping your child off, there will be a drop off line of cars at the front of Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School (POBMS). A staff member will assist your child out of the car and get him/her to the appropriate group. This can only be done from the passenger side of the car.
- All pre-kindergarten and kindergarten campers will meet on the benches outside the auditorium. The first and second grade campers will meet at the main entrance of POBMS. All campers in grades 3 to 7 will enter through the main entrance of POBMS and will be directed to their group's homeroom.
- If you are in a car pool with teens in the Teen Travel, the Teen Camper will be directed to enter through the pool/gymnasium entrance. Your child will be directed to his/her appropriate drop off location.
- If you wish to bring your child to the group, you must park in the parking lot and escort your child to the group. Please follow the instructions of the staff member directing traffic and only cross the loop directly in front of the main entrance.
- If due to a special need or circumstance it is necessary to drop your camper off early, you can do so as early as 9:15 am until 9:45 am. The camper/campers should be brought to the main entrance at POBMS, where staff will be available to meet them. Please note that the regular camp day begins at 10:00 am.

Late arrival or early dismissal:

- After 10:05 am all campers coming to camp late or who need to leave camp early, must be signed in or out through the camp office. Please enter the building at the main entrance to POBMS, sign in at the security desk, then follow the signs to the office. The camp office is located in the After entering the main entrance of POBMS, go right to the first room on the right after the staircase.

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ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL - continued

Dismissal:

- **At dismissal time you must park your car and come to the main entrance or the pool/gym entrance (to the right of the main entrance) of POBMS to pick up your campers.**

- All Mini-day campers will be dismissed outside the main entrance
 - All Pre-Kindergarten to 2nd Grade campers will exit from the main entrance.
 - Any 3rd to 7th grade campers with siblings or carpools in the lower camp will exit with lower camp through the main entrance.
 - All other 3rd to 7th grade campers will be dismissed from the pool/gymnasium entrance.
 - On a regular day all Teen Campers will be dismissed from Central Park Road.
 - On a regular day a Teen Campers is in a carpool with regular camper's they will exit from the pool/gymnasium entrance.
- For safety reasons no camper will be allowed to cross the parking lot unattended. You must come and get your child from his/her group.
- If you have a child in both lower and upper camp programs or are in a car pool with both lower and upper campers, you may request in writing that your upper camper be dismissed with the lower camp group.
- If you have a child in both the Teen Travel Program and the Regular Camp Program, or in a car pool with a Teen Camper, the Teen can be dismissed at the pool entrance on days the teens return at 5:00 pm. This request must be made in writing and sent to the camp office.
- All parents, or their designee (which must be an adult), will be identified by the senior counselor or teacher. If someone other than yourself is picking up your child, you must inform Camp Apollo in writing or by telephone.
- At arrival and dismissal, lower camp group counselors will have signs so that you can locate your child's group easily.

CONTACTING CAMP

- Camp phone numbers: Regular camp Pre-K to grades 1 to 7, Tweens, and Teens 516-938-2670
- The camp office is in room 217. After entering the main entrance of POBMS, go right to the first room on the right after the staircase. The office will be open on Friday, June 28th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Monday, July 1st to Wednesday, July 3rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. When camp starts the office will be open each camp day from 8:00 am to 5:45 pm.
- Please check our website at www.campapollo.com for updates, including camp pictures and forms. Any medical questions can be answered by going to campapollomedical@gmail.com. You can also follow us on twitter @campapollo.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

- On all non-trip days campers will rotate for some activities on a 2-day cycle. This will enable the campers to experience all the activities camp has to offer. Campers must wear sneakers to camp.

Option – For grades 1 to 7

- On regular camp days there is one period set aside for campers to select an activity of their choice. We will provide a menu of activities from which the campers will be able to choose. Some of these activities may include but are not limited to: Art, Basketball, Dance, Game Room, Kickball, Newcomb, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball.
- On Trip days, all Full-Day Kindergarten campers will have an opportunity to participate in the Option Program.



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DAILY ACTIVITIES – continued

Swim:

- The swim period is a double period. It will include instructional and free swim. The double swim period has proven to be more effective and provided more productive instructional time with less time wasted changing into bathing suits twice daily. The swim schedule will be sent home once the season has started.
- All campers will only need one bathing suit and one towel because their swim periods are combined into a double period. Names should be placed on all towels and other clothing in order to prevent loss.

HOURS OF CAMP

Pre-K, K, Grades 1 to 7, & Tweens	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mini-day Program	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

LOST/FOUND

- Occasionally our campers misplace items. Campers and parents can check the Lost and Found near the office.

LUNCH/SNACKS

- Lunch should be brought in a brown bag clearly labeled with your child's name and group name. Please do not send glass bottled drinks to camp. During regular camp days, lunches are refrigerated. If your child is allergic to any food product we can separate his/her lunch and refrigerate it separately so that cross contamination does not occur. Please inform us of this situation.
- We are requesting that you do not send your child with a lunch with peanut butter or snacks containing nuts since we have numerous campers with allergies to peanuts and nut by-products. Campers and staff may not only have an allergic reaction digestively, but also may have an airborne allergy to products close by them.
- Treats sent in for special occasions like birthdays are always appreciated for your child's group. With the number of children with allergies, we are unable to allow home baked goods. Store bought items with the ingredients listed will need to be evaluated by the Camp Medical personnel. Any items that state they may have been made on the same assembly line as nuts are not permitted in camp (e.g. Dunkin Donuts). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
- Snack is offered every regular day in camp. Campers can choose between an ices and ice cream snack. Mini-day campers will have snack at approximately 2:30 p.m., while the regular campers will have snack at approximately 3:00 p.m.

MEDICAL

- All campers must have a valid medical on file by the first day of camp. This medical must contain all necessary information requested on our medical form. Please do not forget to fill out the front of our medical form. This is a requirement of the Department of Health and cannot be overlooked.
- A Request for an As Needed Medication form must be filled out in order for the camp to dispense any medication, including over-the-counter medications. Your signature and your physician's signature must be included. **ALL** medications need to be in their original packages. If you need another form or need additional information, you can print forms from the Camp Apollo website or call the camp office as soon as possible.

TRIPS

- You will receive a letter home prior to each trip describing everything you should know about each trip. All campers must wear their camp shirt on all trips. Reminder: On water trips, campers need to have a change of clothes for the trip home.



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WEEKLY INFORMATION

- Each week a newsletter will be sent home informing you of the upcoming weeks' events. If needed, updated information will be provided in writing. Please check your child's camp bag daily for letters, notices, and other important information. All letters will be posted on the website, www.campapollo.com.

Below is a list of activities for the first week of camp:

- Monday, July 8th - Regular day - Camp starts today.
 - Camp Apollo shirts will be distributed today.
- Tuesday, July 9th - Regular day
 - Camp Apollo shirts will be distributed for those who did not get one yesterday.
 - To continue celebrating over 50 camp seasons, we will be sending home a camp drawstring bag. Please put your camper's name on the bag so we can identify misplaced bags. There is a white space banner under the logo that is provided for that purpose.
- Wednesday, July 10th - Regular day
 - Parent Orientation for parents whose campers are going on overnight trips. The Orientation will meet in the POBMS Auditorium right after the end of the camp day. Campers are welcome to attend.
- Thursday, July 11th
 - All non-trip campers will have a regular day. There is swimming.
 - All trip campers (Grades 1 to 7 campers) have an **early in at 9:00 am** for the trip to *Splish Splash*. More information will be provided in a letter on the first day of camp.
 - All Tweens will have an **early in at 7:30 am** for their trip to *Splash Down*.
- Friday, July 12th - Regular Day
 - Ralph's Ices for everyone at Snack

Camp Show:

- The Camp Show is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th. The Dress rehearsal is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 12th.

Carnival Day at Camp Apollo:

- On Wednesday, August 14th. All mini-day campers are invited to spend the entire day at camp.

- Attached to this letter is a water component permission slip for campers going on trips. This slip must be filled out, signed and returned to camp in order for your child to participate in trips that have a water component.

- Please have your child wear the enclosed name tag on the first day of camp.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Smith, the Building Director, his staff or me at the camp office, 516-938-2670.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child so that this experience can be safe, happy and enjoyable for all.

Yours Truly,

Ed

Ed Broad
Director

The Public Health Law in relation to children's camps has been amended to require that operators of children's camps within the State include on the camper's enrollment application form and/or contract form a written statement, which declares:

- a. That such camp is required to be permitted to operate by the Nassau County Department of Health;
- b. That such camp is required to be inspected twice yearly; and
- c. The inspection reports concerning such camps are filed at, 200 County Seat Drive, Mineola, NY 11501
- d. Inquiries can be made Monday to Friday, 9:00 am and to 4:45 pm.

