



ISC SUMMER DAY CAMP

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Dear Camp Parents,

On behalf of ISC Mt. Laurel, I am so excited to welcome you into our camp family! We know that finding the right summer camp can be a tough decision, but we can assure you that your children will have the most amazing experience at ISC Summer Day Camp. Camp is a place where your children will make friends, gain confidence, enjoy the various games and activities, and just have FUN!

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Lynne Prairie and for the past 14 years I have been the Administrator for the ISC Summer Day Camp. I have worked for ISC for 23 years and along with Rich Gerner, I co-run our facility. I have many duties but running the summer camp is by far my favorite. I have four grown children, two 1 year old grandsons and a granddaughter on the way. All of my children grew up participating in ISC activities and worked here throughout their high school and college years. With the exception of a short vacation in July I will be at the camp every day of the summer. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know your children.

In addition to our regular camp activities and field trips, we have invited many special guests to put on shows on Fridays and "Oh How Healthy" nutrition program is coming once a week teach our campers about healthy eating.

If you have missing paperwork, please get it to us ASAP so that we can complete your enrollment. All camp paperwork is due in our facility on Thursday prior to your child's first week or day of camp. Please do not bring camp paperwork with you on your child's first day- as all information must be in our database prior to camp for the safety of your children.

We have over 875 children attending our camp this summer with an average of 300 – 450 campers each day. We are closed to the public during the camp hours. All Campers are placed in the grade that they just completed. We will have a fire drill and emergency evacuation drill every week that camp is in session. We hold a New Jersey Camp License and receive an annual inspection from the Burlington County Health Department, the Mt. Laurel Fire Department, and another inspection every other year from the State of New Jersey.

Attached please find a copy of our “Meet the Staff” guide. This was created to highlight our counselors and to help you get to know the individuals that will be with your children on a daily basis throughout the summer. We have listed all of our staff, their position at the camp, their years at the camp, some background information and what they do in the “off season”. Please take a moment to look through it as this will help you put a face to the names your child will come home with. We have also included a Camp Enrollment Packet. Please review this as it will help answer many of your questions about payments, field trips, lunch, etc.

I would like to share some facts about our camp staff:

- We have 72 staff working at the camp this summer
- 53 returning and 19 new
- All of our staff, with the exception of 2, are over 18 and only 11 are under 20
- 37 are college graduates
- 15 Have Master’s Degrees or are currently in graduate school
- 2 have 2 Masters Degrees
- 1 is an acting Principal in an elementary school
- 27 are teachers
- 1 is an elementary school guidance counselor
- 18 are high School and youth coaches
- 7 of them are parents (6 with children in camp)
- All 72 have current CPR for the professional rescuer certification

Several of our staff have siblings or cousins working attending the camp. The owner’s grandchildren who are 3 and 8 attend our camp. Dan McGinley, one of our directors, has 3 children that have attended our camp since they were 3 years old. The facility manager’s son attends camp all summer. We have several former campers working at our camp who are now in college. Some of our staff grew up working at the facility prior to becoming part of our camp staff. We consider our camp staff a large family.

All of the Directors and Assistant Directors wear teal shirts to help you distinguish them. If you have a question or concern these are the people who can best help you. If they don’t know the answer they will find out and get back to you. Our head counselors and counselors wear green shirts and our support staff wears orange.

MONEY FOR EXTRA LUNCH AND GAMES: All extra money should be turned in at the Check-in Desk—it will be placed in an envelope marked with your child’s name and grade. Campers will have access to the money during lunch time and it will be handed to your child during Free Time. Campers may purchase a second lunch for \$3.50.

CAMP SHIRTS AND CAMP BAGS: Your child will receive their camp bag and camp T-shirt at the end of their first day of camp. We have plenty so do not worry. If their first day is a field trip, they will receive it at check in.

BULLETIN BOARD: Each Friday our Camp Bulletin Board, that is located on our website will be updated with information for the following week, Campers of the Week for each grade, Counselor of the week, short descriptions of the past week, and any special activities that we have planned will be updated regularly. We also include pictures that we have taken of our campers and staff that week. Also listed on are the camp days and trips that are closed. Please visit this website every weekend to see our latest updates.

FIELD TRIPS/SWIM TRIPS: Itineraries for all trips are located on our website. Although some trips have closed, there are many trips that are still available. Please see the Bulletin Board on our website for up to date information on field trips openings.

SPORTS CLINIC/ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS: All information regarding these programs is located on our website and in the Camp Enrollment Packet. The Sports Clinics are included in your tuition. If you would like to add your child to any of the Sports Clinics please just email me. We have excellent coaches as part of our staff who are excited about teaching your children new skills. These clinics are for children of all skill levels. The campers will be back in time to change their clothes before they have lunch.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR CAMPER CHECKED IN BEFORE 9:00AM IF THEY ARE ATTENDING A FIELD TRIP OR SWIM TRIP. WE WILL NOT MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS AFTER 9:00AM. CAMPERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR FIELD/SWIM TRIPS, WHO ARRIVE AFTER 9:00AM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD/SWIM TRIP. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN, AS MANY SAFETY CHECKS OCCUR BEFORE THEY BOARD THE BUSES.

CAMP DATES: Per the Enrollment Contract, parents are responsible for all days previously selected for each week. There are no refunds, cancellations, substitutions, or credits on enrollments. If your child is absent for any reason, you will not receive a credit for that particular day. It is not necessary for you to call us if your child will not attend camp.

PLEASE NOTE: Although you cannot remove any camp dates, you can reschedule them as long as it is done by Thursday for the following week. You can fill out the Schedule Change form located on our website and at the Camp Desk or you can simply email me the request.

Just a few reminders:

- Please bring ID when you pick up your child at all times. We will **NOT** have the same counselors at the check-out desk every day.
- Please apply sunscreen on your child every day before he/she comes to camp.
- Please do not bring your child to camp on days that you are not scheduled, as we cannot accommodate any campers on a drop-in basis.
- Please do not send your child to camp if he/she is sick or has something that is contagious. This is for the safety of all the other campers.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS: If you have a question or concern about your child, please do not hesitate to call or email me during the day. We want this to be a positive experience for you and your child , and your child is very important to us so please let us know if we can do something to help make their camp experience the best ever.

I am often away from my desk once camp begins, but I will return your call or email by the end of the day. Our camp staff is only here Monday through Friday. You can fill out a Request for Contact and leave it at the Front Desk. I will always get back to you by the end of the day. If you would like to see me in person, please ask the front desk to page me and of course, in the event of an emergency, please have the front desk page me. You may also direct any concerns to my Directors and Assistant Directors.

Wishing all of you a fun, safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely,

Lynne Prairie