

February 2024

This year the 2024 Poestenkill-Sand Lake Summer Camp will be held at two separate locations through the weeks of July 8-August 9. The first week of camp (July 8-July 12) will be held at **Poestenkill Fire Department**. The remaining four weeks (July 15-August 9) will be held at **Algonquin Middle School**. Camp will run Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, July 8th – August 9th. **An early camp drop off this year will be available beginning at 7:30AM and a post camp care will be available until 5:00pm depending on if there are enough applicants.**

Summer Day Camp: This is a program for campers **entering Kindergarten to 8th grade**. Days are filled with a variety of activities including arts and crafts, STEM projects, playground time, games, field trips and more.

*Cost: *Price changes reflect the increase in minimum wage.*

	Residents (Poestenkill or Sand Lake)	Non-Residents
Camp Tuition: Before April 30	\$185 per week per child	\$200 per week per child
Camp Tuition: May 1-May 21	\$215 per week per child	\$230 per week per child
Camp Tuition: After May 22	\$255 per week per child	\$270 per week per child
Early Camp Care Drop Off	\$35 per week per child	\$40 per week per child
Post Camp Care Pick Up	\$25 per week per child	\$30 per week per child

When enrolling more than one child from the same household a %10 family discount will be offered for each additional child for camp tuition (this excludes before and after care). Poestenkill or Sand Lake Residents are people who live in the property tax paying district of Poestenkill or Sand Lake.

Registration Forms:

Registration is accepted on a first come first serve basis. Attached you will find a 2024 Poestenkill and Sand Lake Summer Camp Registration Form. **Please fill out the form completely and be sure to include immunization records and payment.** Return forms to either the Poestenkill or Sand Lake Town Hall based on the area in which you reside.

Poestenkill Town Hall: 38 Davis Drive, Poestenkill, NY 12140

Sand Lake Town Hall: 8428 NY-66, Averill Park, NY 12018

Payment:

Cash, check or credit card are accepted for payment. Credit Card information must be provided at the time of registration. Checks may be payable to the *Town of Poestenkill* or the *Town of Sand Lake*. Refunds will not be given after May 21st.

Transportation:

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide transportation to and from Summer Camp. Transportation for field trips will be on buses.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Children will need to be signed in and out of camp each day. A written note will be needed for any person picking your child(ren) up from camp who are not on the designated pick up list.

Campers dropped off before the specified start time will not be supervised and the Town of Poestenkill and Town of Sand Lake will not be responsible for them. Before camp drop off starts at 7:30am. Camp drop off begins at 9:00am. If dropping your child off before the drop off time is a continuous issue, then your child will not be allowed to return to camp and a refund will not be issued. When picking up your child it is imperative that you arrive by 4:00pm or 5:00pm for post camp care. If late pick ups continue to be an issue, then your child will not be allowed to return to camp and a refund will not be issued.

Field Trips:

A **tentative** field trip schedule is below. Field trips may change and field trips may vary by group.

Week 1- FunPlex

Week 2- Billy Beez, Five Wits

Week 3- Air Museum, MySci Museum, Valleycats Baseball Game

Week 4- Get Air Trampoline Park

Week 5- Great Escape or Zoom Flume

Field trips are still being added. Some other possibilities include Sand Lake Town Beach, Grafton Beach, Huck Finn's, and Movies. Additionally, we will have "in- house" visits planned for campers. Once a field trip schedule is finalized those additional costs will be released.

Any camper who attends camp on a field trip day will be attending the trip. If you do not want your child(ren) to attend a trip, do not send them to camp.

Camp t-shirts are required for all field trips. All campers will receive one shirt.

Meals:

Please send a lunch and snack with ice packs each day as there is no refrigeration available. With summer heat and the amount of time participating in physical activities, it is important for your child(ren) to have a refillable water bottle. At this time we do not have details on a lunch program at camp, but information will be out at a later date.

There will be pizza lunch offered once a week. More information will come during updates as we get closer to camp.

Clothing:

Your child(ren) should dress appropriately for camp activities. Sneakers **MUST** be worn, **NO FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS, OR CROCS** except on Grafton beach trip days. Make sure everything is clearly labeled. There will **NOT** be a Lost & Found this year. It is highly recommended that an extra pair of clothes or swimsuit and towel be packed daily. If water/messy activities are done at camp, it is suggested to have additional footwear for them. Your child(ren) should be dressed appropriately for a variety of activities including some that are messy or wet.

Items from Home:

Your child(ren) can bring electronics, cell phones, toys, etc., however Poestenkill-Sand Lake Summer Camp is not responsible for these items. There will be limited opportunities to use electronics and toys. Campers will not be allowed to ride bikes, skateboards, RipStiks or anything of that nature once at camp until they leave camp for the day.

Medication, Sunscreen, and Medical Issues:

A physical and immunization record must be on file **before** your child can attend camp and dated within the past two years. We recommend sunscreen for all campers, but we are not responsible for providing it. Please generously apply sunscreen to your child every day before camp.

If your child requires medication, he/she must be able to administer it to him/herself. All medications must be provided in clearly marked original containers with the name of the prescribing physician (if a prescription drug), the name of the medication, the dosage and the frequency of administration. This included sunscreen. Be sure to bring enough medication to last the entire length of camp. **You must provide the Medical Director with an original script for each medication!!! IT IS A VIOLATION FROM THE COUNTY/HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR US TO HOLD ANY MEDICATION WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT, AND THEREFORE WE CAN NOT HOLD IT UNLESS PROVIDED WITH THE ORIGINAL SCRIPT!**

Children should not be attending camp if he/she does not feel well, has or had a fever, had a contagious illness, vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours. A more indepth protocol regarding returning to camp after being sick will be given at a later date.

Notifying Parents/Guardians:

A weekly update will be provided on our **Town of Poestenkill-Sand Lake Summer Camp Facebook Page**. We will keep you updated on any camp happenings for the week, including any changes to schedules, or plans for the day due to weather/unforeseen circumstances.

Parents will be notified by phone when a child must be picked up early due to:

- Your child sustains a serious injury requiring immediate medical attention.
- Your child sustains an injury that is likely to result in a mark, bruise or swelling; or one that may require non-emergency follow-up treatment.
- If it is believed that your child has a contagious illness.
- If your child is misbehaving, unable to maintain control of him/herself, is at risk of hurting themselves or others, is using inappropriate language, or exhibits other inappropriate behavior.

Please feel free to contact the Camp Directors at any time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding the program. We are looking forward to a fun summer camp!

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CAMP BEHAVIOR

Discipline and guidance shall be consistent and based upon an understanding of the individual needs of the child. Camp staff shall direct discipline to the goal of maximizing growth and development of the child and for protecting the group and the individuals within it. Campers have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interests of the camp program, its campers and staff.

Parents/Guardians have a responsibility to go over the Camper Behavior Contract with their camper(s), as we want to make all camper experiences a positive one. Poestenkill camp staff have a responsibility to support your child in the camp setting, be a role model and to follow all safety protocols, including behavior management. The Behavior Contract waiver should be discussed with your child. Agreeing to the waiver is not only a parent's acknowledgement of the Behavior Contract but also an agreement that it was discussed with your child. The waiver is agreed upon in the camp registration online.

BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

WHILE AT CAMP, I WILL:

- Show respect and kindness to other campers and staff.
- Show responsibility by being helpful.
- Be honest with other campers and staff.
- Respect the property of the camp and other campers.
- Respect other people's feelings and differences.
- Have fun and make it fun for others.
- Respectful of the property at school and any other location I visit while attending camp.
- Follow the directions given by camp staff or staff at any location I visit while attending camp.

WHILE AT CAMP, I WILL NOT:

- Fight, "rough house" or behave unsafely.
- Threaten or bully other campers.
- Take things that don't belong to me.
- Use inappropriate language.
- Litter, vandalize or destroy items that do not belong to me including

What will happen when this contract is violated?

First Violation: A staff member will address the issue with the child and give them a warning.

Second Violation: A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The child may be removed from an activity for the day, such as swimming, free time, etc. Parents will be contacted during the day or at the end of camp depending on the time and severity of the incident.

Third Violation: A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. The parent or guardian will receive a phone call and may be asked to pick up their child within the hour. The child may or may not be allowed to attend camp the next day. No refunds will be given for any missed days of camp.

Fourth Violation: A staff member will address and document the issue directly with the child. Parents may be contacted immediately to pick up their child from camp. The child may be suspended for up to 3 days depending on the severity of the incident. No refunds will be given for any missed days of camp.

Fifth Violation: Child will be dismissed from camp for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be given for any missed days of camp.

