



Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Specialty Arts Camp Week 7: August 15 – August 19

Welcome to Week 7 – Under the Ocean!

My name is Lela Filipovski and I am the Director of Specialty Arts Camp. On behalf of all Specialty Arts Camp staff members, we are really excited to offer your child a safe, fun, and enjoyable week. Please read the attached information carefully. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Specialty Arts Camp will operate out of the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex, Arts Studio from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm, Monday to Friday.

Campers taking the Bus to Camp

For campers taking the bus, they should board the bus at their designated pick up point every day. If there are any changes to these arrangements, please send a note with them in the morning or call the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex and let us know at 905.420.4660 ext. 3246. **Please be at your stop 10 minutes prior to your pick up time, and allow extra time for delays in pm drop offs due to construction, traffic etc. Campers who are not met by parent/guardian at their bus stops after camp (as arranged) will be brought back to the Recreation Complex. Parents will be called to pick up - please ensure you are at the stop to meet your child at the designated time.**

Campers Coming to Camp with a Parent/Guardian

For the safety of all campers, we ask that you walk your child into the Arts Studio when dropping them off, and to pick them up. Please ensure that you sign your child in and out with the designated staff person. If someone else is picking up your child, please inform the staff in the morning. **Anyone that you have designated as alternate pick up contacts, will be required to show Photo ID to camp staff prior to your child being released to their care. Please ensure that they are aware of this protocol.**

Campers should be dropped off in the Arts Studio daily at **9:00 am**, and picked up at **3:15 pm**.

Safe Arrivals/ Absenteeism

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent from camp, please send a note stating the camper's name, and the day that they will be away, or you can call me at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex 905.420.4660 x3246. Attempts will be made to contact parents of campers who are absent without prior notification.

Swimming / Wrist Bands (please keep on for the full week at camp)

Campers will be swimming at the Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex on Thursday. Campers should bring a towel and bathing suit (in a separate bag) with them. Campers 7 years and under are given priority in the Turtle Pool. When the Turtle Pool is full, campers will wear a lifejacket and swim in the shallow end of the large pool. All campers are accompanied by camp staff with a 2:1 ratio. To swim in the deep end of the large pool (without a lifejacket) they must demonstrate the ability to pass a swim test to the Lifeguard's satisfaction. However, even if they do have a note and pass their swim test, there must be a counsellor available to swim with them, as we must adhere to a 4:1 ratio. Therefore, your child may not be able to swim in the deep end of the large pool at all times. If your child will not be swimming for the day/week please send a note to let us know.

Wristbands are essential to the safety of your child at camp. We share the swimming pool with other camps and members of the public, and it is critical for us to be able to keep track of all campers and the wristbands allow us to do so to ensure no campers get lost.

Clothing

All campers are advised to wear comfortable clothing and are asked **not** to bring valuables to camp, as they will be responsible for their own belongings. Please label campers belongings (i.e. lunch bag, extra clothing, coats etc.). This helps to avoid confusion when campers misplace their belongings. Also, please send indoor shoes (running shoes would be great!)

Lunches

Campers are required to bring their lunch with them to camp every day. It is recommended that they pack an extra drink, as they will find this refreshing after a busy day.

Allergies – Important Notice!

Please be sensitive to any food allergies that may be brought to your attention (i.e. peanut allergies that can be life threatening). For this reason, **Please do not pack peanuts, peanut products, or any products containing traces of nuts in your child's lunches for camp.** If staff are unsure of snacks (i.e. granola bars), campers will be asked not to eat them at camp. Fruit is always a healthy and allergy safe snack! Please feel free to send a copy of the ingredients of any items we may be unsure of (i.e. cookies). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of Specialty Arts Camp theme days and special events:

Monday August 15	Tuesday August 16	Wednesday August 17	Thursday August 18	Friday August 19
Welcome. Visual diary. Getting to know each other. Under the ocean puzzle. Clay project: coiled pots with ocean theme.	Visual diary. Applying underglaze on clay project Making 3D sculpture using plaster- Under the ocean world	Visual diary. Painting plaster sculpture.	Visual diary. Sketching sea monsters and creatures. Swimming. Making them in clay.	Visual diary. Wheel throwing. Applying underglaze on wheel thrown pieces.

The following attachments will be provided to your child(ren) on the first day of camp. Please complete and return (only those applicable to your child) on the second day of camp:

1. 2022 Camp Medication Form
2. City of Pickering, Photo/Model Release Form – allows staff to take pictures for City / Camp promotions

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, Lela Filipovski, at the Recreation Complex at 905.420.4660 x3246.

Looking forward to a great Summer!

Lela Filipovski
Director, Specialty Arts Camp