



Brewster Rec Playground News

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Welcome to Summer '22!

Welcome to the Brewster Recreation Department Summer Playground Program. The Brewster Rec Team is so excited for another fun, game packed summer of the Playground Program. Our main goal is to provide each and every child with a fun and safe place to play, learn, and build friendships.

The Playground Program Director is Lexi Napolitano, who will be in her first summer as the Director, but has been with Brewster Rec since kindergarten!

The first step is to always hire a caring staff willing to work at achieving the goals The Recreation Department has set for the summer. As in past years, the summer's focus will be on "safe fun in the sun." We would like all children to feel comfortable during the time they spend with us here at the Summer Program. To reach this goal, many of 2021 staff have returned. The 2022 summer staff is comprised of

Leanne Kender as the Assistant Director; Molly Daley, Ryan Cook, Emily Fowler, Grace Curtis, Sophie Christopher, Brad Hagopian, Emma Hale,

Ryan Cook, Jeanne Henchy, Mathew Campbell, Dylan & Carolina Darcy, Asa McLoughlin, Seamus St. Aubin, Chris Barber, Dylan Joy, Julia Wilkinson, Liana Liszka, Dylan Filteau, Landon Shuttleworth, Sadie Barnhorst, and Alex Melano as our counselors. All staff is certified in CPR & First Aid.

Plus we have staff that work one on one with some of our kids. Each session, kids will participate in different art projects, games, field trips, and themed days.

The entire staff is eager to begin working with your child/children beginning Monday, July 5th. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to do so. We are confident you will like what you see!

DATES & HOURS:
MONDAY—FRIDAY JULY 5TH—AUGUST 12
MORNING SESSION 7:45AM—12:00PM

ALL GRADES MENTIONED REFLECT THE GRADE YOUR CHILD IS GOING INTO.

Brewster Rec Summer Rules

A list of rules has been established for the well-being of all children. We fully expect each child to abide by these rules and each parent or guardian to support the consequences resulting from a child unable to do so.

If an infraction has been committed the child will be given a warning. These warnings will be documented by the counselor of the child and given to the directors of the program as soon as possible. At the director's discretion, continued neglect of the rules may lead to a loss of field trip privileges and the possible suspension or expulsion from the program.

Please ensure your child understands the Playground Rules stated below!

PLAYGROUND RULES **CHILDREN MUST REMEMBER:**

- 1 Respect counselors and each other. (No putdowns!)
- 2 Stay with the group!
- 3 No fighting, punching, kicking, biting, spitting, throwing rocks, etc. (Keep your hands to yourself!)
- 4 Use appropriate language at all times.
- 5 Children are not allowed to leave the programming areas that include the gym, cafeteria, outside soccer field, playground or baseball field.
- 6 No going into the woods.
- 7 No climbing or going behind the bleachers in the gym.
- 8 No entering the teacher's room unless you are going to summer class.
- 9 No loitering in the bathrooms.
- 10 No running around the school.
- 11 Leave personal belongings at home. (Toys, Smart devices, Game Systems.)
12. No Gum

For Safety's Sake

As mentioned, safety is our main goal, but it has two parts: physical and emotional. Everyone has the right to their own physical space, especially during this pandemic, which must not be violated by a counselor or another child (see rule #3) Also, each child should expect no verbal abuse, which is every bit as dangerous as physical abuse. With this in mind, it is stressed that no "put downs" be used while at the playground. This falls under rule #1.

For safety's sake, attendance will be taken on a daily basis. It is important to know who is present at all times. If you drop your child off after 8:30am, please bring him or her directly to the Rec office.

We want to be sure that your child is accounted for at all times!

If you are picking a child up early, please send in a note to the counselor who will record the change on his or her daily attendance sheet. If someone other than a parent or legal guardian is to pick up your child, then please let the program director know. If it is to be a long-term situation, then one note detailing the time frame. This step is considered a necessary precaution.

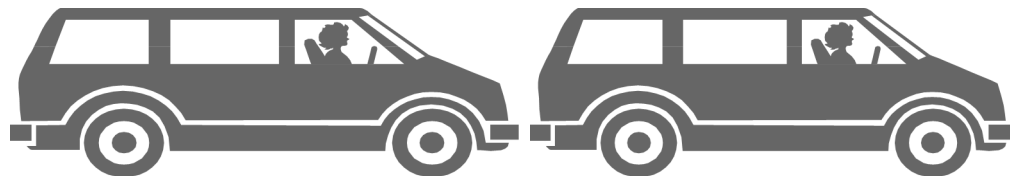
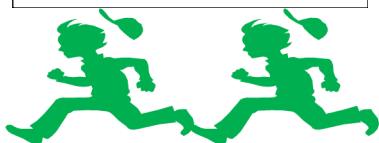
Early drop off will be from 7:45am until 8am. Regular drop off will be from 8:30-9am. The morning program ends at 12 noon. **All children must be picked up by NOON.** Repeatedly late pick-up may result in a fine. Many of our staff have other jobs to go to, and Mike and Steve may not be in the office to stay with your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

What Is Appropriate Clothing?

Due to the nature of our program, the children are active a good portion of the day. For reasons of safety, therefore, they should be dressed accordingly. Most importantly, **children should wear sneakers to Rec!** Other than that, whatever is comfortable for them and allows freedom of movement is acceptable. Also realize that we often work with paints and other art supplies that can possibly stain clothing, so it is not wise to dress your child in apparel that you do not want to see damaged.

Lastly, if it is going to be a sunny day, you may want to take the precaution of applying sun screen to your child before sending him/her off to Brewster Rec for a day of fun in the sun!



Pick-up & Drop-off Procedures

THE PICK-UP & DROP-OFF POLICY:

- 1 **DROP-OFF.** Parents, guardians, or babysitters will drop-off children using the driveway in the back of the school. There will be stations set up, and a counselor will guide you to the appropriate one. Cars must come to a complete stop before a child is allowed to exit or enter a vehicle. **EARLY DROP OFF IS FROM 7:45-8AM. REGULAR DROP OFF IS FROM 8:30-9AM .**
- 2 **PICK-UP.** Just like the morning, pick-up will take place in the rear of the building near the gymnasium. Parents or guardians will be picking up the same way they dropped off, via stations. Please do **not** get out of your car to locate your children as this may cause delays for other parents. When the counselor comes to your window, give him or her the name of the child or children you will be picking up. The children will be called and will meet you in an appropriate station of pick-up determined by the counselors on duty.
- 3 Do **not** pass a car that has stopped to drop-off or pick-up a child.
- 4 Please be patient the first few days, as we are still working out the kinks! If there is rain or severe weather, pick up procedures are subject to change.

Transportation Policy

The Town of Brewster Recreation Department is not responsible for transportation to or from the program. Employees are prohibited from transporting program participants. Field trip transportation will be provided by bus or van unless there is an illness or behavioral problem. If this should happen, the Recreation Director or the Assistant Director will bring the child back to the Eddy School and notify the parent/guardian.

Odds & Ends from the Director

COVID-19 Update:

As of now, there are no restrictions, but we still encourage staff and kids to wash hands frequently and stay home if you are not feeling well.

- There will be theme days this summer. They are indicated on our summer calendar of events and are further explained on this newsletter's last page.
- **We do not provide snacks!** Please make sure your child comes with a snack & beverage. **All food brought to playground program needs to be nut free.** Three and a half hours is a long time to go without food or drink.

If your child has something with nuts in it, they will eat in the Rec office.

- Children should wear play clothes. They will get dirty.
- **Meals 4 Kids will provide lunches for those who need them. Please have your child tell their counselor at drop off, if you need one.**
- If you need to get in touch with us, please call the Recreation Department at 508-896-9430 or email Mike Gradone at mgradone@brewster-ma.gov

**If you are not picking up your child and you want the staff to know who is, please either drop off a note with the staff or call the office to let them know.*



Medical Policy

The following policies are for the protection of the participants and the staff at the Summer Program. Unfortunately, the facilities are not conducive to accommodating children who are not feeling well. Our Staff is CPR and First Aid certified and therefore will have the final decision as to when a child needs to be sent home.

For example, your child would be sent home if:

- They are running an elevated temperature (100.0°F or higher).
- They show signs of any type of rash.
- They have a contagious illness/condition.
- They are nauseous, vomiting or are complaining of a headache.
- They receive an injury that requires further medical attention.

Children who are sent home with a contagious illness/condition will not be re-admitted to the program without a doctor's note. For any emergency medical situation, the Brewster Fire Department will be notified first, followed by the parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian is instructed to pick-up a child, transportation for the child must be arranged within the hour. If we cannot reach the parent/guardian within 20 minutes, we will call the first person listed as child's emergency contact. A message will then be left with parents/guardians to notify them as to who the child is being sent home with.

Medications

Staff are not allowed to administer any prescription or over the counter medications. Please administer all medications prior to the start of the program. Please do not send your child to the program with any type of medication. If your child is in need of medication in the event of a bee sting please bring this to our attention upon registering your child.

**If your child or anyone in your family is showing signs of Covid-19, please keep them home and notify the Rec Dept. ASAP.*

Discipline Policy

The Brewster Recreation Department endorses fair and age appropriate program rules, which ensure a safe and orderly environment. Program staff, parents and guardians working together, can teach respect for others, the necessity for group rules and the need for peaceful resolution of differences. Within our program, participants are expected to adhere to the same behaviors that are required within the classroom. Recreation Department Staff have final say over what is considered appropriate or inappropriate behavior.

Examples of Discipline Procedures:

When a child's behavior departs from the program's standards of acceptable behavior, any of the following may take place as deemed necessary by Recreation Department Staff.

- Conference with child and staff members
- Loss of program privileges
- Removal from group
- Parents notified
- Loss of field trip/special event privileges
- Suspension from program. Suspension length can vary from 1 day to permanent suspension and is at the discretion of the Recreation Director.

End of the day:

All participants are brought to a designated area by 11:40am to prepare for morning dismissal. We ask all parents/guardians not to arrive until at least 11:45. Counselors will be located in the back of the building prepared to start letting cars in for station pick up. If you are picking up early or late, please come to the Rec office.

THEME DAYS

This summer, the playground program has scheduled ten dress-up days in coordination with our Theme Weeks. This summer's dress up days will be: **Mis-match Day, Karaoke Day, Team Sports Day, & Talent Show!**

Tuesday, July 12th is **Karaoke Day**. We'll be singing some of our favorite tunes in the cafeteria!!

Monday, July 18th will be **Mis-Match Day**. Polka dots and stripes, black and white, two different sneakers. It's up to you. Be creative!!

Friday, July 22nd is **Team Sports Day**. Support your favorite sports team by wearing clothing that has their logo. You could even paint your face!

Monday, August 8th is the **Talent Show**. Our kids (and maybe staff) will be showcasing their talents in the cafeteria. Singing, dancing, playing music or magic tricks! It's up to you. Come cheer on your favorites!!

It promises to be a fun-filled summer...we're glad you decided to join us! Any questions, please call Brewster Rec at 508-896-9430.

Please see below for all our field trips in 2022

Mini golf & ice cream

Bowling Ally

Museum of Natural History

In-House Entertainment

Amazin' Gamin'

Scott Jamison, the magician

Knucklebones

Laser tag

Brewster Recreation Covid-19 Health agreement

Brewster Recreation will do the following:

- ⇒ Provide a safe and healthy environment
- ⇒ Provide supervision to all children according to CDC and Massachusetts guidelines
- ⇒ We will have a separate space for any child that is displaying Covid-19 symptoms
- ⇒ Contact a parent or guardian if their child is showing symptoms
- ⇒ Will notify a parent or guardian if their child was in close contact with another person that tests positive
- ⇒ Communicate and health and safety concerns to all families in the program
- ⇒ Continue to monitor data from the Town, State, and Federal government

Families will need to do the following:

- ⇒ Conduct a daily health checklist each morning before they leave the house
- ⇒ Refrain from send their child to Rec if they show any symptoms of Covid-19
- ⇒ Contact the Rec Dept. if their child is absent due to symptoms or a positive test
- ⇒ Pick up your child with in 30 minutes if notified that your child is showing symptoms
- ⇒ Abide by all current guidelines regarding a return to Rec after any illness
- ⇒ Children will not be allowed to bring any personal items to Rec
- ⇒ Make sure your contact information is up to date in the Rec's database
- ⇒ Sign off on the Recreation Department's Health Agreement before their child starts the program

If you do test positive, isolating is key. You should isolate until you have a negative rapid test or for at least 5 days. Any close contacts need to quarantine if they are not vaccinated, and if they are vaccinated, they should test five or more days after exposure just to be sure. Making is recommended and the right thing to do for everyone for 5-10 days.

For more information please contact Brewster Recreation at 508-896-9430 or email Recreation Director Mike Gradone, or Assistant Director Steve Headley. mgradone@brewster-ma.gov
OR sheadley@brewster-ma.gov

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you and your family!