

**River Forest Community Center**  
**8020 Madison St.**  
**River Forest, IL 60305**

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# **Parent Handbook**

**2022**

**Adventure Camp (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
**Urban Safari Camp (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

<b>Week 1</b>	June 13 - June 17	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	June 20 - June 24	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	June 27 – July 1	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	July 5 – July 8 (No camp 7/4)	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	July 11- July 15	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	July 18 - July 22	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	July 25 - July 29	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	Aug 1 - Aug 5	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	Aug 8 - Aug 12 (Waitlist after 50 campers)	<b>\$170</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	Aug 15 - Aug 19 (Waitlist after 30 campers)	<b>\$170</b>

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## Welcome

The River Forest Community Center Camp staff would like to welcome you to our 2022 camps. The Community Center offers two exciting summer day camps with extended care options. Information about the policies and procedures for the camp program is contained in this handbook.

Activities are planned for the camps to promote positive relationships with adults and children outside of the home and to instill self-confidence through a group setting. Each camp is designed to encourage group participation and cooperation through organized games, art and craft activities, team sports, and field trips/swimming (if allowed) with the goal of offering a safe and enjoyable camp experience for all participants.

## Attendance

If a camper is ill or will be unable to attend camp, please call the Community Center (708) 771-6159 by 9:00 am to inform the Center of the absence. Since attendance is taken at camp each morning, it is imperative the Center is notified of any absences. If a camper is going to be late or must leave early, a parent/guardian must notify the Camp Director in writing no later than the end of the camp day before the absence.

Camp will begin at 10:00 a.m. each morning and will end at 4:00 p.m. Please do not send your child before 9:50 a.m. Any camper who is dropped off too early or not picked up on time can be subject to an additional charge for extended care fees.

## Calendars

The Community Center will have calendars available on a daily basis for campers and parents at the sign-in/sign-out table in the gym. Field trip dates, special events and themes are listed on the calendars and include information about what participants should wear or bring to camp on certain days.

## Camp Attire

Campers should wear shorts, T-shirt, socks, and GYM SHOES to camp. **No flip flops or open toed shoes** (except on water days) please. Due to the variety of planned activities, it is likely your child could get sweaty or messy at camp and should wear appropriate clothes. If field trips are scheduled, each camper will receive a camp T-shirt, which must be worn on each field trip or Forest Park pool day (if allowed). Please apply sunscreen prior to sending your child to camp each day. Please do not send money, toys, electronics or jewelry with your child to camp. The River Forest Community Center will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

## Field Trips

Planning of field trips or outings will be discussed as we get closer to the summer months. If summer camp programs are allowed to attend field trips under IDPH/CDC Guidelines, the Community Center will assess the current situation and make an informed decision about adding or excluding field trips/outings this summer.



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## RFCC/CDC/State of Illinois Public Health Guidelines

All participants are required to follow RFCC/CDC/IDPH Guidelines in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Covid-19 policies and procedures will be available on a daily basis for campers and parents at the sign-in/sign-out table in the gym

## Lunch/Snack (Peanut/Nut FREE)

Campers need to bring a sack lunch and drink each day. Due to allergies, **lunches should not contain peanuts or nut products**. Since a refrigerator is not available at camp, please plan your child's lunch accordingly. On **field trip days** please have the **lunch in a disposable bag with your child's name on it**. While the Community Center encourages the use of recyclable or disposable items as part of its "green initiatives" commitment, it cannot be responsible for lost or misplaced items, including insulated lunch coolers.

## Medication Policy

If a camper needs to take medication while at camp, a *Permission to Dispense Medication* form (included as part of the RFCC camp information forms packet) must be completed and returned to the Community Center in order for the medication to be dispensed. All medication must be sent in the original container with the following information on the label: Doctor's name, Patient's name, pharmacy, type of medication, strength, and dosage. Camp staff will complete the log on the medication form.

## Discipline Procedures

The Community Center strives to provide children with a pleasant and engaging camp experience. As part of providing a safe and enjoyable camp program for your child, certain procedures and rules have been established and are expected to be followed. On the first day of camp, these procedures and rules will be reviewed with campers. If a camper does not follow the procedures or rules, the counselor for the group will typically talk to the camper as part of an effort to address the behavior or concern before issuing a written warning.

If this approach does not work and disciplinary action needs to be taken, a strike will be issued for each occurrence of inappropriate behavior, and parents/guardians of the child will be notified by phone or written note. If a disciplinary or behavior problem continues after the parents/guardians have been notified, the camper may be subject to additional disciplinary measures, including suspension from the camp.

1. A camper who violates a camp rule will be given a written warning (strike) and parents will be notified.
2. If a camper is issued three strikes, he/she will not be allowed to attend on the next field trip day.
3. If a camper is issued six strikes during a camp month, he/she will be suspended from camp until the next month.
4. Ongoing misbehavior can result in a child being suspended or dismissed from the camp program without a refund being issued.

## Suspension from Camp:

1. A child's negative behavior jeopardizes the safety of another participant and/or employee.
2. Tuition is not paid when due.
3. A child is chronically picked up late from the program.
4. A parent, guardian, and/or child conducts himself/herself in a manner that is determined to be detrimental to the program.