

Welcome to 2017 Swim Camp!



We are very excited about Swim Camp this summer! This letter is for both the Preschool Swim Camp Session I, and School Age Swim Camp, Session I, II and III.

- The first session for Preschool Swim Camp: June 5th -23rd (3 weeks).
- School Age, Session I is June 5th - June 9th (1 week long).
- School Age Session II is June 12th - June 16th (1 week long).
- School Age Session III is June 19th - June 23rd (1 week long).

Swim Camp

Beginning on Monday, June 5th both the Preschool Age and School Age children will meet for Swim Camp at the gate to the left of the pool entrance on Park Avenue. When you arrive you will be greeted by Ms. Tiffany and Ms. Ina who will have ready for you the sign-in clipboards. It is important that you sign your child in on this clipboard each day **and** indicate if your child will attend extended day.

- Apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child before coming to school and we will support children in reapplying after their lesson with school purchased sunscreen and bug spray.
- Children need to come to school dressed in their swimwear with lightweight and comfortable clothing on top (NO rompers). Boys **MUST** wear swim trunks with netting inside (per Grant Park Pool rules).
- Children need to wear comfortable shoes for walking that are easy to get onto wet feet, and safe for climbing playground structures (NO flip flops or converses). Previously, full-laced converses and flip flops have been uncomfortable and un-safe for children to walk in. We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** Keens or other hiking sandals (i.e. sandals with non-slip gripping capabilities for the playground).
- Send your child with a **BACKPACK** that contains a small towel (big towels tend to be too large and too heavy for the children to maintain and carry all day), **labeled water bottle**, and a second set of clothing also labeled (in case of accidents or clothes getting wet).
- The Grant Park Pool Regulations **strictly prohibit pool toys and floaties**. We will spend a significant amount of time exploring the area around the pool and playing on the playground, so we want to make sure the children are as comfortable as possible.
- We will also spend a lot of time dressing and undressing. Therefore, dress your children in clothing and shoes that will make these points of the day as stress free for them as possible. The children will be responsible for carrying their own bags throughout the day.

The lifeguards will provide flotation devices and kickboards to support the swimming instruction. Children are welcome to bring their own **LABELED** goggles, if they require them. We suggest that if any item is particularly special to the children or your family they do not bring it to swim camp.

*Tips for towels: It may be helpful to include a reusable bag for your child's wet towel post pool time. It will save other items in their backpack from getting wet and potentially smelly.

Snack Information

- Snack needs to be prepared and dropped off one to two days ahead of time.
- Snacks and lunches should be non-perishables and cannot be heated up.
- GPCP will provide snacks for the School Age Children.

For the Preschool Camp Only:

- One parent is designated as snack provider for each day for each group.
- Snacks must be prepared at school or purchased in pre-packaged portions for their group of up to 13 children. (Example: box of raisins, cheese sticks and bags of veggie buddies.)
- Snacks should be packed in baggies (one for each child). Dry snacks are suggested.
- Snacks may be delivered and/or prepared the day before your scheduled snack day, and they will be stored in the refrigerator for you.
- Snacks must be ready no later than 8:30 am on your assigned day so the educators walking to the pool may transport them.
- **Due to allergies, snack should be nut and egg free. This includes food that is processed in factories or with equipment shared with any form of nuts or eggs. No kiwi, foods with mustard, sesame, shellfish, fish, apples with skin, or tree nuts brought for snack.**

Lunch Information

- ALL children MUST bring their own lunch. - Because lunches will be stored in a wagon at the park, your child's lunch should be nonperishable.
- **Lunches must be nut and egg free. This includes food that is processed in factories or with equipment shared with any form of nuts or eggs.** In addition there should be **no kiwi, foods with mustard, sesame, shellfish, fish, apples with skin, or tree nuts brought for lunch**, due to severe allergies.

Early Arrival

- If your child will participate in early arrival they will need to be dropped off at the Grant Park campus by 8:20am. There will **not** be anyone to walk the children from the school to the pool after 8:20am.
- All permission forms for both sessions will be ready and available first thing on Monday morning at both the school and the pool drop-off. We recommend that you arrive early to the school (if you are doing early arrival) OR at the pool (if you are doing regular drop-off time at 9am) Monday morning to sign all required forms for the entire session.
- If your child is attending Early Arrival or Extended Day you **MUST** sign these forms in order for us to transport the children back and forth from the school.
- All children must also have Enrollment forms completed on the first day of camp. These can be accessed and completed ahead of time. Please find them on the Summer Camp page of our website.

The organization for swim camp is as follows. Please be sure to contact one of the educators if you have any questions or concerns.

8:00-8:30am- Early Arrival at Grant Park Campus

8:30am- Nathaniel and Amanda will walk with children from early arrival from the Grant Park campus through the park to the Grant Park pool

8:45am-9:00am- Early Arrival at the pool entrance with Ms. Ina, Ms. Tiffany, and Mr. Julian

9:00am-9:15am- Morning meeting

9:15am-9:30am- Snack

9:30am-12:15pm- Pool time/playground time: One group will prepare to go to the pool and then enjoy one hour in swim lessons, twenty-five minutes of free practice in the wade pool, and fifteen minutes changing clothes in the restrooms during this time. Then, the groups will switch. The other group will spend approximately forty-five minutes on the playground.

12:15pm- All children eat lunch together on the grass outside of the pool.

1:00pm- Afternoon Appointments:

Pick up is at the pool in the same area as drop off . Educators will walk back to the GP campus with **Preschool age children attending Extended Day**. *EXTENDED DAY CHILDREN CANNOT BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE PARK TO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED. **School age Extended Day** children will be transported in educator vehicles to the Cabbagetown Campus. Car seats and/or booster seats for school age children should be stored in educator's vehicles upon drop-off. *EXTENDED DAY CHILDREN CANNOT BE TRANSPORTED FROM THE PARK TO THE SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED OR CAR SAFETY SEATS.

- As much as we would enjoy sunny and clear skies every day during swim camp, we must be prepared for rain.
- If the weather predicts rain, we will look at the hour-by-hour forecast on weather.com and we will decide whether the camp will take place at the pool or on campus and we will let you know by email.
- In the case of light rains during the day in the park; pick up will be in the gazebo at the top of the hill behind our regular pickup and drop off location (just keep straight down the hill and you will see the gazebo at the top of the next hill).

IF the forecast prevents us from being outside completely, you will be notified by email. **Preschool children should be dropped off and picked up at the Grant Park Campus. School Age children should be dropped off and picked up at the Cabbagetown Campus.** The children will then follow the morning program from the other camps.

We are looking forward to Swim Camp. It is going to be AWESOME!!!

Your swim team: Nathaniel, Amanda, Tiffany, Julian, & Ina