



Hi all! Here is a quick break down on some issues we want to make sure parents are thinking of during camp this year.

Add-ons: Tennis lessons have available spots for camp this summer and a special rate if your camper is interested in taking group lessons during camp with one of our college and high school aged tennis coaches! Special rate of \$25/child/week for Zena Rec members and \$40/child/week for non-members. Let Brian know by emailing camp@zenarec.com if you'd like to have your camper sign up for 50 minute lessons daily through this program.

Issues related to what campers need to bring:

1. ***NOT REQUIRED, BUT....*** We strongly advise that you send both sunscreen and insect (specifically tick) repellent with your child to camp. We will be reminding our counselors to regularly have campers reapply both.
2. Please remind your campers to collect all of their things as you pick them up. If your child came home without something, they are encouraged to check to see if any of the found items are theirs the next morning. We dedicate some of the cubbies we use as a "lost and found" area.
3. Lunch is not provided, however both a morning and afternoon snack are. Please send your child with their lunch and also a reusable water bottle (preferably labeled with their name). We have back up plastic water bottles just in case they are needed, but we encourage the use of reusable water bottles because we love our planet!

Issues related to start and end timing for the camp day:

1. This summer, we will not be accepting campers until exactly 9 AM. We ask that parents, guardians, and campers **remain in their cars or the parking lot until 9am** as we do not want to crowd the pavilion.
2. Each camper has a specific drop off location. They will know it as their "meet-up spot." Our littles (5's, 6's, and some 7's) will be dropped off each morning at the pavilion where parents and guardians will sign their camper in with their counselor each morning. For our middles (7's, 8's, and 9's), drop off will be at the playground -- parents/guardians will locate their camper's counselor to sign them in each morning. The bigs (10's, 11's, and 12's) drop off will be in front of the cubbies near the bathrooms out by the pool, where parents and guardians will also sign their camper in with their counselor each morning.
3. All campers must be signed out with a counselor just as they were signed in.
4. This summer, our late pick-up policy has been updated. **Parents are required to pick up children by 5:00pm each day.** A child who is picked up late can get anxious and counselors who have worked a full day need to be able to count on leaving their job promptly. Being on time is a significant contributor to the job satisfaction of all of our counselors, and to the happiness of the children. Our camp closes at 5:00pm.

Parents arriving after 5pm will be required to pay additional fees -- for every minute late to pick up your child, there will be a \$1 fee (i.e. \$10 for 10 minutes, \$7 for 7 minutes, and so on), payable directly to the counselor who had to stay beyond their scheduled hours that day. It is due at the time of pickup. If a parent has not arrived to pick up their child by 15 minutes after pickup time, and cannot be reached by phone, we will call the emergency contact(s) listed on the registration form.

Note: If this is found to be a recurring issue, a meeting may be set up with the parents, the Camp Directors, and Zena Recreation Park Board Member(s) to discuss the continuation of participation in Camp Zena for the family. Thank you for your cooperation on this!

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Tools to help us better communicate:

1. If you haven't already, PLEASE join our REMIND App! This is where we would like to communicate about all camp announcements. Please download the app, turn on push notifications, and sign into the group. This will allow you to contact your child's counselors directly without exchanging phone numbers as well as the camp directors, Sarah and Nick. Through Remind you will be able to receive our "blast" announcements, which we send to all involved in camp. Click this link! <https://www.remind.com/join/campzena> This is an important way for us to communicate going forward -- especially with the chance for wet weather in the second half of the week.

Thank you all so much again for your patience and understanding as we work through these issues and continue another wonderful summer. We are in this together! Go Team Zena!

Warm regards,

Sarah & Nick

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