



**Worth Township**

**Youth Commission**

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# Worth Township Youth Commission 2025 Summer Camp Information

Summer Camp is a **seven-week program / four days a week (M-Th)** that includes arts & crafts, recreational sports, planned activities, weekly swimming, and field trips. This is an organized program with many fun and exciting activities planned both indoors and outdoors throughout camp.

Registration Dates and Times: April 7 – June 5, 2025

Monday thru Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00 pm or until filled. *60 Campers MAX*

## **Seven Week Program - 4 Days a Week (Monday-Thursday)!!**

Ages 5\*\* years old - 12 years old (\*\*must be 5 years old by July 1, 2025)

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

June 23 - August 7, 2025

Rate: \$650.00

Registration includes a camp shirt, field trips expenses and transportation.

## **Registration – In Person or Online**

Payment must be made in full at the time of Registration.

T-shirts will be provided to campers the first day of camp. Additional t-shirts may be available for an additional \$10.00 each (if available).

Form of payment: Cash, Check and Credit Card (online)

Registration will not be accepted after June 5<sup>th</sup> – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

No Refunds will be issued after the first day of camp for any reason. If you register your child(ren) and must withdraw from the program before camp begins, you will be issued a refund minus a \$25 processing fee (per child).

Registration will not be considered complete unless all forms have been completed and payment in full. The information requested is necessary for our records and your child's safety.

For those parents/guardians asking for their child(ren) be placed in a group with his/her friends, this request must be made at the time of registration. We will **attempt** to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee placement. No rearranging of groups will take place once camp has begun.

### **Weekly Schedule:**

**Mondays:** Planned activities - both inside and out (outside coned off area in back parking lot), arts & crafts, recreational sports, theme days

**Tuesdays:** Swimming – Pick up at Alsip Pool (St. Terrance Church Parking Lot)

**Wednesdays:** Planned activities - both inside and out (outside coned off area in back parking lot), arts & crafts, recreational sports

**Thursdays:** Scheduled Field Trips (field trips will be planned once we get an accurate count for campers and parents will be notified)

### **CAMP RULES:**

**Absence from Camp** – Please call or email the Township office if your child(ren) will not be attending camp on a specific day. This will enable us to have an accurate count of children for an activity or field trip. Some of our scheduled events require a firm head count several days in advance. Please give us as much notice as possible.

In the event your child(ren) has contracted a contagious illness, please inform us accordingly. There are some instances when it is appropriate to send an email to the camp parents alerting them to a particular disease. This is done anonymously.

**Summer Camp Discipline Policy** – The Camp Staff will do their best to create a safe and enjoyable environment for all camp participants. In order to do so, the cooperation of every individual is expected. All campers are expected to abide by the following rules:

- ◆ Campers must listen to and follow any instructions that are given to them by a camp counselor, supervisor, or director.
- ◆ Campers must behave respectfully to their counselors and supervisors, as well as fellow campers.
- ◆ Campers must always demonstrate good sportsmanship while participating in activities.
- ◆ Campers are to inform a counselor, supervisor, coordinator, or the Youth Commission Director when being disturbed or taunted by another camper

- ◆ Fighting, the use of offensive language, or any other demonstration of inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstance.
- ◆ Any inappropriate physical contact\* with another camper, counselor, coordinator, supervisor, or director will result in immediate disciplinary action and possible removal from camp. Violence towards others will not be tolerated. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

\*Inappropriate physical contact is defined as hitting, punching, biting, spitting, pushing and such.

Please discuss these rules with your child(ren). Failure to comply with the above stated regulations will result in immediate disciplinary action. The first offense will result in a verbal reprimand. The second offense will result in a 20-minute time out in the Director's office and parents will be notified. The third offense will result in parental notification and possible removal from camp. Removal from camp has, and will be, enforced. **Refunds will not be issued for campers who have been removed from camp due to disciplinary problems.**

### **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION:**

Below are several guidelines for summer camp.

We ask that all parents read this information very thoroughly.

- ◆ Camp is held rain or shine.
- ◆ Campers should bring lunch with a drink to camp each day inside a backpack. Lunches should be in a throwaway bag with the camper's name and group number on both sides.
- ◆ Counselors and employees are prohibited from holding camper's belongings and/or money. Worth Township and/or its employees will not be held responsible for lost or stolen items.
- ◆ Campers are *never* allowed to leave camp during camp hours without a written note from a parent or guardian. This includes walking home after camp.
- ◆ Please label all things brought to camp with your child's name.
- ◆ Cell phones are allowed at camp; **however**, children are not allowed to take pictures of other campers/staff without their consent and or video fellow campers/staff without their consent and ***will not be allowed to play games on cell phone during normal camp hours*** (except for bus rides)
- ◆ Worth Township, its agents, and staff are not responsible for lost, misplaced, stolen cell phones or any other personal items brought to camp.

## **FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN:**

- **Drop-off Procedure:** You must enter from Springfield Avenue (southbound) in the back lot and drop off camper(s) at rear gym entrance. Follow the traffic pattern turning back east to exit out to Springfield Avenue turning right (southbound). Children will be dropped off at the gym door with the supervision of our counselors walking from your car to the gym. Their group counselors will meet them inside the gym to greet and take attendance.
- **Pick-up Procedure:** Traffic will follow the same procedure for pick-up. Children will be inside and as you pull up, the counselors will step inside to bring them out to the car.
- If you need to speak with your child's counselor or the Director, you must park your car in the parking lot and come into the building. When all the children have been dismissed, we will be happy to assist you.
- If someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up your child(ren) from camp, and their name is not listed on the pick-up form - we require a letter handed to his/her counselor that morning or email to youthcommission@worthtownship.com.

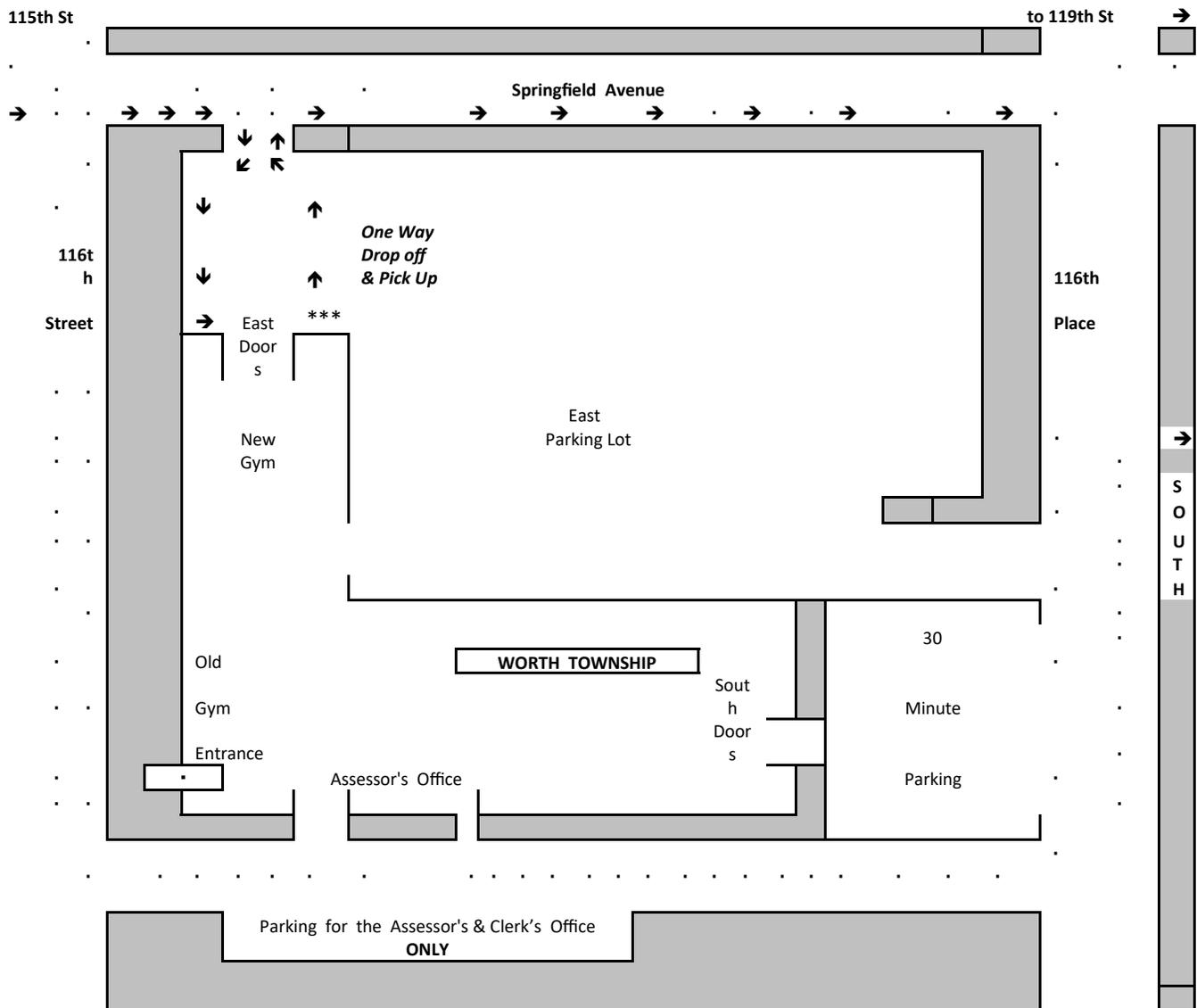
### **The letter or email must include:**

- ⇒ Name of the person designated to pick up your child(ren) and date
- ⇒ The person's phone number
- ⇒ Your signature
- ⇒ That individual must be prepared to show proof of identification
- ⇒ In addition, be certain your child(ren) knows who is picking them up

If an emergency arises and you need to contact the Director, please email at youthcommission@worthtownship.com or call 708-972-7837

## Below you will find the drop off and pick up information

### DROP-OFF and PICK-UP MAP



- We are not responsible for your child(ren) before 9:00 a.m. or after camp ends. If your child(ren) is not picked up by the designated time, he/she will be brought upstairs to the Youth Commission Department. You must then come inside and sign out your child. If you are repeatedly late, we have the option of dismissing the child from the program without a refund.
- Parents - Please allow our counselors to help your child(ren) in and out of the vehicle. The traffic line will move along more quickly if you stay in your car. Please do not park or get out of the car. We are happy to assist your child(ren).

## **Camp T-Shirts**

Must be worn on scheduled swim days and field trips. This is a safety issue. If your child(ren) does not wear the camp shirt as required, he/she will not be allowed to participate in the event scheduled for that day and will be sent home. Please remember to write your child's name on the tag of the shirt.

## **Field Trips**

- Busses will leave promptly at the scheduled times listed on the program that was given to each parent prior to the start of camp.
- *Parents are not allowed to drop off children at our field trip destination for any reason. If your child misses the bus for our scheduled field trip for whatever reason, they will have to miss the full day of camp. No exceptions.*

## **Swim Test**

On the first scheduled swim day, children that have parental permission are evaluated for their ability to swim in deep water and go off the diving board and/or slides (must meet the height requirement as well). Please make sure you sign the permission form. The certified lifeguard staff administers this test at Alsip Pool. If you know that your child(ren) does not possess the ability and/or maturity to swim in the deep end of the pool, please indicate on the permission form and your child will be restricted to the shallow end of the pool. Your child may request to retake the swim test and it will be up to the discretion of the Pool Manager on duty.

## **Swim Bracelets**

Bracelets will be provided on each swim day. If a swimmer deliberately tears off their bracelet, he/she will lose their swimming privileges for the remainder of the day and sit on the side of the pool.

Children whose parent/guardian has chosen to restrict them to the shallow end of the pool or children who do not meet the requirements of the swim test, must wear a **yellow** bracelet. Written permission will be required and mandatory if you choose to allow your child to take the test after you have checked the "do not allow" swim test box. Parental emails will be accepted, and emails can be sent to [youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com).

If your child can swim but appears not to be a strong swimmer, he/she will be given an **orange** bracelet. This will limit the child to a larger swimming area but will not let him/her go to the deep end of the pool or be able to go off the diving boards or slides. (Must meet height requirement for slides)

If your child passes the swim test and appears to be a strong swimmer, he/she will be given a **green** bracelet and not be limited in the pool, unless the height restrictions on the slides prohibit usage. Campers are not allowed to go inside the fenced baby pool area for any reason.

- \* **Swim Day Procedure** – On swim days we will walk from Worth Township to the **Alsip Park District Aquatic Center** located at **11930 S. Kostner in Alsip. (Phone: 708-396-1133)** Your child(ren) is to be brought to Worth Township in the morning by 9:00 a.m. At approximately 11:00 a.m. or earlier, the entire camp will walk to Barnes Park 117<sup>th</sup> & Kolin Avenue (behind Stony Creek School) for lunch. Children will have the opportunity to play at the park until all campers have finished lunch. **At approximately 12:00/12:15pm we will head to the pool.** Pool opens at 12:30pm for our camp.
- \* **Campers** will be released at **St. Terrance Church Parking lot (4300 W 119<sup>th</sup> Place)** across the street from the pool between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m.
- \* **Attire on Swim Day** – Campers should wear their swimsuit to camp on swim days under their regular clothing. It is mandatory for campers to wear their camp shirt on swim days. Campers can only wear swim shirts or a plain white t-shirt over their swimsuit with no writing on it in the pool.
- \* **Swimming Necessities** – Please send a towel with your child(ren) which has his/her name on it, along with his/her lunch in a backpack. The backpack should also have your child's name on it. The counselors cannot carry every child's belongings; therefore, we recommend the backpack for the child's convenience.

**Protection from the Sun** –Please have them bring their sunscreen every pool day inside their backpack.

**Pool Toys** – Water wings, flotation devices or toys will **NOT** be allowed in the pool.

**Concession Stand** – You may send money with your child(ren) for the concession stand. However, counselors cannot and will not be responsible for their money.

**Pool Regulations** – Campers are not allowed to play in the bathroom showers during the lifeguard breaks nor are they allowed in the bathroom area alone. If a camper needs to use the restroom, he/she can obtain permission and a staff member will accompany them.

**Weather** – If weather turns bad, we have alternative plans in place at the Township if we cannot go to the pool. If we are at Barnes Park during our lunch period and a storm should arise, we may return to the Township for dismissal at the regularly scheduled time. If the situation warrants, campers may be shuttled back to the Township in a Township vehicle. If the weather has deteriorated and you are uncertain as to where you should pick up your child, please call the Township.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call us on our direct line at 708-972-7837 or email us [youthcommission@worthtownship.com](mailto:youthcommission@worthtownship.com)