

May 16, 2011

Dear Showbiz Kids Campers and Parents,

Welcome to Showbiz Kids Camp 2011! We have a very exciting and fun filled summer ahead of us! We have created a wonderful mix of ballet, jazz, hip-hop and pom dancing along with singing, acting and arts and crafts. We will also have games, swimming, a field trip to see a play and many other great activities! Our hope is that throughout the summer, your children will have tons of fun learning and preparing different types of dance, singing and acting for a final performance at the end of each session of camp.

Please note, this will be the ONLY correspondence that will be mailed to your home. All other correspondence from camp will be sent through e-mail or posted on our website. If you have any questions or would like to make sure your email address is up to date, please just let me know.

As the summer quickly approaches, it means it is almost time for camp to start! Below you will find some useful information campers and parents need to know:

- ☺ Our camp orientation/meet and greet is scheduled for Monday, June 6th from 7-7:45 p.m. at the Alcott Center.
- ☺ If you have any friendship requests, please submit them IN WRITING by Friday, June 3rd. This year, we will only be allowing ONE request and it must be a mutual request from each party. You can email friendship requests to zutschig@bgpkr.org
- ☺ Each camper needs to supply his/her own jazz (or ballet) shoes to be worn for dance class and performance. Shoes should be black, white, or tan and need to be purchased on your own. We have a limited supply that will be selling on clearance at orientation.
- ☺ We will meet every day at Tripp School. Drop off and Pick up will be at the front of the building, in the circle drive. If you would like to escort your child to the door, please park your car in a designated spot. We appreciate your adherence here, as it will ensure everyone's safety. Camp begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Our days are very full and prompt arrivals and pick-ups are greatly appreciated!
- ☺ Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt and backpack the first day of camp.
- ☺ Every day, your child will need to bring to camp...
 - Dance shoes
 - Camp attire comfortable enough to allow full movement.
 - Water bottle
 - Backpack
 - Healthy snack for mid morning
 - Sac lunch and a drink. We have no access to refrigeration for lunches, so please plan accordingly.
 - Gym shoes and socks. This is a Park District policy. If your camper does not come to camp with gym shoes and socks, you will be called to bring them a pair.
 - Please label ALL items that are brought to camp (shoes, shirts, etc)

- ☺ Our campers will have swim lessons every Monday and Wednesday at the Aquadome Pool. They will also have free-swim every Friday at the Spray and Play. Please make sure your camper has a swimsuit, towel and a change of clothes on these days. Campers can wear flip flops ONLY at the pool. They need to have socks and gym shoes for the rest of the camp day. We expect everyone to swim. If you have any concerns about your camper and the pool, please address them, in writing, to your counselor.

- ☺ We will be going on the following field trips:
 - June 22- Morke's Chocolates
 - July 20- Metropolis Theatre

- Campers need to wear their camp t-shirt for all field trips. Details about each field trip will be sent home in the weekly camp letters.

- ☺ If your child has any dietary restrictions, and /or if you have any concerns, please address them, in writing, to your counselor.

- ☺ If your child will need to take medication during the camp day, please visit our website to get a medication dispensation form PRIOR to the first day of camp.

- ☺ Campers will be putting on a final show at the end of each session where parents are invited to come and see all the hard work the dancers have been doing.
 - The final performance for the 1st session will be Thursday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m.
 - The final performance for second session will be Thursday, August 4 at 11:30 a.m.
 - Campers who are attending camp for both sessions will be in both performances.More information will be sent home in the weekly camp letters.

- ☺ We have a wonderful staff of counselors/dancers/actors this summer! Our camp staff includes Zanne Utschig as our Site Supervisor and many returning and new friendly face for our counselors.

- ☺ We will have a camp cell phone number should you need to reach our staff during camp hours. Please make sure you call the camp cell phone if your child will not be at camp for any reason. The phone number will be available at orientation.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call at 847-850-2105 or send us an e-mail. We are looking forward to a fun and fabulous summer!

Thank you,

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