WELCOME TO NORTH SALEM DAY CAMP AT MT. LAKES!

We have a fun-packed summer in store for your campers! Please see our full calendar, Packing List and Parent Handbook on our website, along with many other useful resources: <u>www.northsalemdaycamp.org/parents</u>

NSDC HAPPY CAMPER

Campers should bring a water bottle, lunch, bathing suit, towel and raincoat to camp each day. Sneakers MUST be worn at all times.

All campers, CITs, and camp counselors will be bused to Mt. Lakes Park from Pequenakonck (PQ) Elementary School (173 June Road). Campers may arrive at PQ for bus pick-up no earlier than 8:35am. Buses will leave at 9am. Campers will return to PQ in the afternoon and pickup will take place between 3:10 and 3:20pm. **There will be no daily dropoffs/pick-ups at Mt. Lakes Park**

The A La Mode ice cream truck will make it's first appearance of the summer on Wednesday. This is an optional activity. If your camper would like to purchase an ice cream or candy from the truck, please use the price list & order form on <u>our</u> <u>website.</u> All money should be sent to camp in a labelled bag or envelope.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday: First Day of Camp

Tuesday:

Red, White and Blue Day Show your patriotic pride by wearing Red White and Blue

Wednesday:

Ice Cream

Truck (optional activity) View <u>price list/order</u> <u>form</u> on our website.

Thursday & Friday: Closed

Don't Forget Camp is closed on July 4th & 5th

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WEEK 1: 7/1-7/5

THE DIRECTORS CABIN

Dear Parents and Campers,

I am so excited for you to join us this summer! We have a great schedule lined up with some of our favorites and some new activities as well!

I'd like to introduce myself to all of our new families and say "welcome back" to our returning families. My name is Lauren Rosasco and I am the Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of North Salem. I have been coming to NSDC since I was a Kindergarten camper. I was a junior counselor under Miss Janice in our PreK group as well as a head counselor to many of our current staff when they were campers!

We are working on some new activiites for this summer. We have revamped our popular Color Wars week. Typically this runs the final week of camp but we have added new ways to incorporate campers from all three sessions in the fun.

Campers will have the opportunity to earn points for their color wars teams throughout the whole summer! This year's theme is "Out of This World!" Teams are: Blue Moons (Chipmunks, Blue Jays, Eagles), Red Rovers (Tadpoles, Bobcats, CITs), Green Aliens (Frogs, Bears, Falcons), Orange Asteroids (Foxes and Hawks).

A special thank you to the Westchester County Parks staff at Mt. Lakes and the North Salem Highway Dept for all they do to help us get camp up and running! It was a rough week for all with the many storms we had and both groups of people jumped in to help us out, even though they had extra work themselves recovering from the storms.

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TOP 10 TIPS TO MAKE A "HAPPY CAMPER"

- 1. Read the <u>Parent Handbook</u> to prepare for the first day.
- 2. Print & review our <u>Packing List</u> each morning so your camper has everything they need.
- 3. Discuss dismissal plans with your camper each morning so there is no confusion at the end of the day.
- 4. Pack plenty of water! We have many refill stations available.
- 5. Leave your camper's swim band on as long as possible so they aren't delayed at the pool.
- 6. Check the weather each morning - pack a raincoat or warm clothes if necessary.
- 7. Wear sneakers! We do a lot of walking and hiking daily.
- 8. Get a good nights sleep camp can be hot and exhausting!
- 9. Check the backseat at AM drop off for any forgotten lunches!
- 10. Encourage campers to try every activity - you never know what will become a new favorite!