



Camp Olmsted Parent Handbook

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in Camp Olmsted. This handbook is designed to give you the most up to date information about our camp program, our camp policies and walk you through our paperwork process.

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Overview of Camp Olmsted Program

Camp Olmsted is operated by the United Methodist City Society, which is a multi-service, community-based organization that manages a variety of programs including after-school, drug treatment centers, day camp programs and a retreat program. The United Methodist City Society has been in operation since 1838 and the programs supported by the City Society are open to all regardless of religious affiliation.

Camp Olmsted is located in Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York and has been serving children from New York City's under-served neighborhoods for over 120 years. Our program serves boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 15 years and often provides the first opportunity these children have to experience the world outside of New York City. During our program campers enjoy swimming, hiking, art, reading and ropes challenge course activities. These activities are designed to build their self-esteem and enhance their social skills.

Location

The Camp Olmsted property is located at the foot of Storm King Mountain and overlooks the Hudson River. It is about 1 and ½ hours outside of New York City and 15 minutes away from Bear Mountain, West Point Military Academy and Woodbury Commons Outlet Mall.

History

Camp Olmsted began in 1901 when Sarah and John Olmsted gave Five Points Mission a 21-acre parcel of land with a 3-story Victorian house on it. It was the desire of Five Points Mission to have a place in the summer to take immigrant mothers and their children, the people to whom they ministered in New York City. In the late 1960's the Methodist Camp Service began providing registration assistance for Olmsted. This association helped identify students from the targeted population of "inner city" children for camp.

Olmsted Today

Camp Olmsted is a day camp and overnight summer camping program, which is accredited by the American Camp Association and licensed by the Department of Health. The program has the capacity to serve 400 children each summer.

The camping program is divided into three twelve day sessions which begin in June and end in early-August. The cost per camper ranges from \$460 with a \$35 registration fee. However, since the mission of Olmsted is to serve children from local communities that would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend camp this cost is a reduced rate from our actual service cost of \$1,000 per camper.

Program activities include swimming, hiking, nature study, baking, arts & crafts, as well as organized recreation and academic computer games. Olmsted also

offers High and Low Ropes Challenge Courses, which teach cooperation and team building, as well as build self-confidence.

Olmsted Program Goals

We offer a Christian-centered program designed to address the educational, social and spiritual needs of children. Our goal is to give campers the opportunity to grow emotionally and spiritually in an environment of Christian Fellowship.

It is our expectation that campers who participate in the program at Olmsted will be exposed to a new activity and/or learn new skills, improve current skills, demonstrate improved social interactions (both on an individual and group basis), develop ways to express his/herself creatively and make new friends.

The Program Goals of the Summer Camp at Olmsted Center are as follows:

- Provide campers with an outdoor camping experience in a safe environment outside of NYC;
- Provide campers with the opportunity to express themselves artistically and creatively;
- Provide campers with the opportunity to utilize their reading, writing and communication skills (including computer skills);
- Provide campers with opportunities to build their self-esteem and confidence;
- Provide campers with the opportunity to work together as a group;
- Provide campers with the opportunity to meet new people in a diverse setting; and
- Provide campers with the opportunity to learn a new skill.

Camp Staff

The program is staffed by a total of 25 – 30 part-time staff persons that are hired on a seasonal basis. These staff persons may include a director, program administrators, a nurse, a cook, two lifeguards, ten to twelve counselors who oversee camper groups and activity leaders who lead our special activities.

Camp Staff Screening and Orientation

All staff persons are required to be over the age of 18 years and preference is given to those who have prior experience working with children. All staff candidates go through an interview process and are asked to provide references who can verify their skills and experience. As a final step in the hiring process staff candidates are given background checks which reveal any possible cases of criminal activity and/or possible sexual abuse.

Once hired staff persons are required to participate in a one week orientation and training held at the camp. During this week the staff is given information on first aid practices/universal precautions, West Nile virus prevention, pool procedures, playground procedures, USDA procedures and night dorm. They also are given training on such topics as child development, child abuse and prevention and fire safety.

Camp Olmsted Policies and Procedures

Camp Emergencies

The phrase “no news is good news” really does apply when it comes to camp! Olmsted staff will only contact a parent when there is a problem with a camper. Such problems may include but are not limited to:

- Inappropriate and/or unacceptable behavior (such as fighting, cursing, sexual contact and/or discussion);
- Camper seems upset and/or homesick;
- Camper accident, illness, injury or self-harm; and
- Emergency situation on the property (hurricane, fire, tornado, etc.).

Camper Illness/Injury

In the case of a camper illness or injury the parent or guardian of the camper will be contacted as soon as possible by a senior staff person (the Camp Director, Camp Nurse, Camp Program Director or Agency Associate Executive Director). If the injury is serious the camper will be rushed to the nurse or hospital for appropriate medical attention. A staff person will also accompany the child with a copy of the health form and medication/emergency consent form for the doctor’s review. Where applicable staff will also complete and submit accidents reports for our records.

Camp Olmsted has a full time nurse on staff. Our facilities are a five minute drive from the nearest full service hospital (St. Luke’s Cornwall) and about 15 minutes from a walk-in diagnostic clinic which is staffed by Doctors and Nurse Practitioners. Both facilities have a long-term relationship with Olmsted staff and experience working with our campers.

Parents may not be notified in the case of minor injuries or illnesses such as insect bites, cuts, scrapes, minor headaches, stomach aches, etc.

Cell Phones/Electronics/Other Devices

Campers are not allowed to have cell phones, electronic games or such devices as iPads and tablets. Should a camper bring such items to camp, Olmsted will not be responsible in the event of loss, theft or damage of such items.

Email / Regular Mail

Campers are discouraged from sending and receiving emails. The time that campers are in the computer lab is for structured program activity time.

We know parents love to get mail from campers! Help your child get his/her letter to you by giving him/her a self-addressed stamped envelope or post cards and a pen. Children also love to get mail --- so please be sure to write your child/children. Send all mail to the following address:

(Child's Name)
c/o Camp Olmsted
114 Bay View Avenue, PO Box 291
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520

You should also know that your child may not write home at all. If you don't hear from your child it does not automatically mean that something is wrong, it may mean that he/she is too busy to write.

Food

The Olmsted program provides three nutritious USDA approved meals and one snack per day for each camper. Therefore, there is no need to send your child with additional food or snacks to camp. All food and/or snacks sent to the camp will be confiscated by staff.

Should your child have a special diet or require special food products, please let our staff know during the registration process and we will work with you to ensure that his/her dietary needs are being met.

Please note if your child has a limited diet (child only eats pizza and potato chips) he/she will be strongly encouraged to expand their meal choices. Should our staff and/or nurse feel that your child's limited diet poses a danger to his/her health while they are at camp, we reserve the right to send your child home.

Phone Calls/Visits

Campers are only allowed to get phone calls in the case of an emergency. Parents are encouraged to only call the camp in the case of an emergency so as not to distract the campers and staff from the operation of the program.

If you do need to call the camp, our office hours are 9am – 5pm. Should you need to contact someone after office hours you should contact the emergency number on your confirmation letter. We prefer that you direct any non-urgent issues and questions to our main office staff at (212) 870-3098.

Parents are also discouraged from visiting the camp while camp is in session. Camp is the opportunity for your child to meet new people and gain new experiences. It is better if they are able to do this without interruption.

Please Do Not Bring

There is no camp store on the Camp Olmsted property and campers do not go off site except for local trips to the river and the museum. Therefore, there is no need for campers to bring money to camp.

In addition to cell phones and electronic games and devices campers should not bring radios, jewelry (i.e.: watches, rings, bracelets, earrings, etc.) or expensive cameras to the camp program. **Camp Olmsted will not be responsible for the loss, theft or destruction of any valuable items.**

Scholarships

All scholarships are based on financial need. Parents requesting scholarships must present proof of income for all adults in the household before any type of scholarship award can be approved. Those parents who refuse to provide proof of income will not be considered for scholarships.

There is no deadline for scholarship applications - funds will be awarded to families on a first come, first serve basis. So get your application in early!! ☺

Refunds

Partial refunds are available for cancellations made at least 14 business days in advance. Credit for attendance at another session (space permitting) will be awarded for cancellations made 5 business days before departure. **Any camper that is a “no show” on the date of departure will result in a forfeit of all fee payments.**

Please note the registration fee (\$35) is not refundable under any circumstances.

Weapons / Drugs

Parents are responsible for making sure that children do not bring any weapons, drugs or related paraphernalia into camp. Any camper found with weapons or drugs or related items will be sent home immediately and will forfeit all camp fees.

Unacceptable Behavior

We will not tolerate any behavior that is violent or threatening to other campers or camp staff. Any camper that is violent or creates a hostile environment for campers and/or camp staff will be sent home immediately.

Please note - If your child is sent home for behavioral reasons, you are **not** entitled to a refund of any portion of the camp fee.

If you have any additional questions and/or concerns, feel free to e-mail us at OlmstedCenter@att.net or call us at one of these numbers: (212) 870-3098 or (845) 534-7900.

OLMSTED OVERNIGHT AND DAY CAMP DATES AND DEADLINES

OVERNIGHT SESSION DATES FOR SUMMER 2022

Session 1: Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 8th
Session 2: Monday, July 11th - Friday, July 22nd
Session 3: Monday, July 25th - Friday, August 5th

DAY CAMP DATES FOR SUMMER 2022

Week 1: Monday, June 27th - Friday, July 1st
Week 2: Monday, July 4th - Thursday, July 7th
Week 3: Monday, July 11th - Friday, July 15th
Week 4: Monday, July 18th - Thursday, July 21st
Week 5: Monday, July 25th - Friday, July 29th
Week 6: Monday, August 1st - Thursday, August 4th

PAPERWORK AND PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR SUMMER 2022

All paperwork, electronic documents and payments are due two weeks before each session starts. We will NOT accept documents and payments on the day of departure.

Also if there is a payment balance on your child's account on the day of departure he/she will not be able to attend.

Overnight Camp Registration and Payment Deadlines

SESSION 1 Deadline: Friday, June 17th
SESSION 2 Deadline: Friday, July 1st
SESSION 3 Deadline: Friday, July 15th

Day Camp Registration and Payment Deadlines

WEEK 1 & 2 Deadline: Monday, June 17th
WEEK 3 & 4 Deadline: Monday, July 1st
WEEK 5 & 6 Deadline: Monday, July 15th

Camper Arrival / Orientation/ and Screening

Arrival

- When campers get off the bus at the camp they are greeted by Olmsted staff. Staff will also do a head count after all campers and staff have left the bus to ensure that everyone has gotten off the bus.

Orientation

- Depending on when the campers arrive the camp director will lead campers and staff to the dining hall or pavilion for orientation about the camp program, the activities at camp, their group/counselor assignment, where they will sleep, what will happen to them on the first day and staff introductions.
- Campers will also be taught the Basic Camp Rules and Regulations for Camp Olmsted:
 1. **Hands Up!:** Whenever there is an announcement and/or we need to get your attention one of the camp leaders will call “Hands Up!” which means that everyone should stop what they are doing and listen quietly.
 2. **Stay with your group:** When moving from one activity to another make sure that the campers in your group are still with you. Campers sometimes like to wander away from the group when you are not looking.
 3. **No fighting:** If one camper has a problem with another camper he/she should be encouraged to talk to the counselor or another staff person about the issue/disagreement.
 4. **No cursing:** Cursing demonstrates a lack of vocabulary. Campers should be encouraged to find other words to express their frustration and/or dissatisfaction.
 5. **Respect:** campers should show respect for his/herself, the staff and the property of Olmsted.

Camper Screening

After campers have eaten lunch and are checked into their cabins with their assigned groups, all campers are instructed to change into their bathing suits for a head to toe screening by the nurse.

During this screening the nurse checks each campers overall health and wellness by examining the head, throat, skin and feet for evidence of fever, rashes, cuts, sores, ulcers, head lice, ringworm, athletes foot and exposure to any communicable diseases (within the last 10 days). Any camper found to have a condition that compromises or could pose a risk to the health and wellness of any other campers will need to leave the camp program immediately.

CAMP OLMSTED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

These are the activities that comprise the Olmsted Program. By registering your child for camp you are agreeing that your child is physically and developmentally capable of participate fully in all of these activities and the Olmsted Program.

Each activity is approximately 45 – 60 minutes long.

Computer Lab / Creative Center

Campers complete writing assignments, play educational games and work on a camp newsletter. In the creative center campers read, draw, write, use computers and do a number of writing and computer projects or play games under the direction of the activity leader.

Hobby Hut

Arts and crafts projects specially designed for each age group. At hobby hut campers are led through arts and crafts projects by the Activity Leader. In addition to regular projects done just for fun, groups will use time in the hobby hut to work on props and costumes for the evening programs.

Kid's Kitchen

Campers prepare special treats for their after dinner snack. At kiddies kitchen campers and counselors learn how to cook meals and treats. Ideally this activity incorporates nutrition (through preparation of healthy meals and snacks) and math (through incorporation of measurement). This activity will be led by our cook and he will be assisted by his daughter.

Mountain Hike / River Hike

Campers make trips up scenic Storm King Mountain and along the Hudson River. All camper groups have at least one hike, a trip to the river and visit to the museum. These trips are usually done with more than one group. Any time a group leaves the main campus they need to have a cell phone and/or walkie-talkie with them to ensure a means of communication with the main office and they need to sign out. There are also backpacks in the camp office and counselors need to take water and cups with them.

An activity leader will almost always accompany groups on hikes. Groups are expected to walk to the river but they can be picked up and brought back to camp by the camp van.

The younger groups hike up to the first level where they can then sit on the rocks and look out on the camp and the Hudson from above. Older groups often climb to the top of Storm King Mountain, which takes about two hours.

Museum Trip / Nature Center

Campers take a trip to the Museum of Hudson Highlands. Campers in the youngest and middle age groups will go on trips to the local Museum of the Hudson Highlands. During these trips campers will see exhibits on birds, insects, dinosaurs, etc. There is also an outdoor section where they can do more advanced studies.

Pool

Campers enjoy instructional and supervised swim periods. All campers are given the opportunity to swim twice a day during instructional swim and free swim.

Instructional Swim: During instructional swim the lifeguards will teach campers how to swim and be safe in the water. During this time campers may also learn different games that can be played in the water. The pool staff may often ask counselors for help running a game/activity.

Free Swim: Free swim allows campers to have fun in the pool. They are able to interact with friends and peers and put into practice what they learn during instructional swim. During free swim counselors should be watching the campers. If counselors are not in the pool, they will be asked to spread out around specific posts to monitor the gate and help with all of the children at the activity. Your camper group should be able to find you at all times.

Program Practice

Each session there will be a special program performed by each group. Every night campers are involved in different programs and performances. On some evenings camper groups will be performing plays that they have written, on other nights they will watch movies, and on other nights they will be watching skits that you perform for them.

Recreation

Various sports, games and fun! During recreation the campers engage in different sports and games led by an activity leader. Planning the program is the responsibility of the activity leader, but counselor participation is expected. It is important for the counselor to participate and set an example for the campers, who can sometimes lack the motivation to engage in physical activity.

Ropes Course

Campers participate in two of the three types of ropes course activities (high ropes, low ropes or tower climb). Camp Olmsted has two ropes course facilities: high ropes and low ropes. The High Ropes Course consists of a collection of cables that are extended between trees about 30 feet in the air. The low ropes course also consists of cables, as well as planks, rope, tires etc. The facilities are extremely fun and very safe. There are certified climbing instructors who will lead this activity and instruct you and your group when using the course.

Chapel Service

As you know Olmsted is a Methodist Camp, therefore daily prayers and chapel service are a vital part of the camp program. Twice a week the campers have chapel service (Sunday morning and Wednesday night). The chapel services will be led by clergy volunteers, the program director or lay people from the church.

Overview of Olmsted Forms

This guide is intended to help you with all of the camp registration forms. All forms must be completed accurately in order to provide the best possible service to you and your camper. Failure to complete one of the forms will prevent your child from attending Camp Olmsted!



REGISTRATION FORM

Every camper needs to have a registration form. Under “Family Data” make sure to put the name of the person that the camper lives with and a close friend/relative. Remember to check the box next to the name of the person the camper lives with! Emergency contacts, Public Assistance Info and Health Insurance Data are all very important. Take the time to fill the information in accurately. For food allergies don’t write what the camper doesn’t like – we need to know what foods the camper will have a reaction to if they eat that food item!!



OLMSTED CENTER MEDICATION FORM

Sometimes campers get sick or have an accident that requires us to take them to a doctor. Camp Olmsted’s Health Director needs as much information on your child as possible. Any medication that your camper is taking (prescription or over the counter medication) should be on this form. Parents should only enter the campers name; date of birth; any known allergies; and any Standard Over the Counter Medication the child may be taking. If your child is on prescription medication **the doctor** must fill in the Prescription Medications section AND **sign and stamp this form**. Don’t forget to list emergency contact! You should list yourself and anyone else we can contact in the event we are unable to reach you. Clearly enter contact information for yourself and at least 2 other people. This should include work, home and cell numbers.



INCOME ELIGIBILITY FORM

You only need to fill out one form for your entire household! List all children that are currently attending school. Don’t forget their grade/teacher and school. Most importantly you absolutely must enter the required information in section 4! Enter EVERYONE’S name that lives in your household along with the current income/pay

period for each person. Include how often this amount is received. Don't forget to sign the bottom and include the last four digits of your social security number.



MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS VACCINATION FORM

We are required by law to inform you of the dangers of meningitis. Your child doesn't have to be vaccinated but talk to your doctor first. Then put a checkmark in the box next to the decision you agreed on with your child's doctor. Don't forget to sign the bottom and put your campers name on the form.



HEALTH HISTORY & EXAMINATION FORM

If there was ever a form that you absolutely could not go without completing this would be it! Under no circumstances will we allow a camper to come to camp without a physical! No excuses! Parents please don't forget to sign the box on the bottom of the front page! The custodial parent/guardian's name must be on this form, along with their address and phone number. A second parent or emergency contact person's info must also be present. **This form MUST be taken to your child's doctor for them to complete. Don't let that doctor get away without their signature and stamp!** Please note – we do NOT accept health forms that are more than 12 months old. It is important for the health and safety of our campers and staff.



CAMPER RELEASE FORM

We care about the safety of your children. To make sure your child goes home with an authorized adult, make sure to complete this form and list everyone you give permission to pick your child up from camp. Make sure to provide their first and last name along with their phone number.

3/1/2022

Statement



Five Points Mission
475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1922
New York, NY 10115
www.campolmsted.org/Camp/index.html



Phone: (212)870-3098
Fax: (212)870-3091
Tax ID: 13-5602324

Account Information #644961

Secondary Test
123 Test Ave
Michigan, MI 12345

Primary Phone: (888) 888-8888
Alternate Phone 1: (888) 888-8888

Financial History for 10/31/2021 to 10/31/2022

Current Balance: \$0.00

Fees			
Date	Item		Amount
		Total Charges	\$0.00

Sample Confirmation/Departure Letter

June 11, 2022

Dear Parent:

Your child is ready to leave for Session I of the Camp Olmsted Summer 2022 program. The dates for Session 1 are Monday, **June 27th** – **Friday, July 8th**. All Camp Olmsted campers will be meeting the bus for departure on **Monday, June 27th** at:

**Salem United Methodist Church
2190 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd
New York, NY 10027**

CHECK IN TIME IS 8:00 A.M. SHARP!

During check in we will verify that we have received full payment and all necessary forms. No camper will be allowed to attend camp without full payment of fees and a health form that is signed and stamped by a doctor.

Please do not send children who have fevers, rashes, ringworm or other signs of communicable illness. If a child is on medication, please be sure he/she brings enough for the entire stay and the container is clearly marked with the child's name, contents and the dosage. Please include clearly stated instructions for the camp nurse.

Session 1 ends on Friday, July 8th. You will pick up your child on **Friday, July 8th** at Camp Olmsted's Registration Site at **10:30 a.m.** A child looks forward to seeing someone from home when the bus gets to the city. Therefore, it is important that you are at the site when the buses arrive. If you are delayed while in route, please notify camp staff at (646) 874 - 4707.

If an emergency arises and you must contact your child, please call Camp Olmsted at (646) 874-4707. However, **visits and phone calls to camp are discouraged** - your child is trying to participate in activities and make new friends. You may also write to your child at this address:

(Name of child)
Camp Olmsted
PO Box 291, 114 Bay View Avenue
Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY 12520

Camp Olmsted - Departure / Pick-up Procedures

Camper Check-in

- The buses for camp will leave from our Harlem location at 9am sharp. You should arrive for check in no later than 8am.
- If there is a problem on the day of departure and you need to reach us you can call the camp hotline starting at 7:30am on the days of departures. Please note we will not delay or “hold” the bus for your child if you are late. This is not fair to the parents and campers that arrived on time.
- At check in you will pick up luggage tags and register all medications that your child will need for camp. If your child’s file is not complete at the time of check in your child will not be able to attend camp.

Loading of Bus and Luggage

- Please allow Olmsted staff to direct the loading of campers and the transport of luggage.
- When it is time for campers to start getting on the bus Olmsted staff will direct parents to the appropriate loading area.
- Olmsted staff will be at the door of each bus to ensure that only those children properly registered (all required forms and payment have been submitted) for camp are allowed to enter the bus.
- Olmsted staff will read out the names of each camper that will be allowed to enter the bus. Campers will get on the bus after their name is called.

Bus Policies

- Each bus is staffed by a minimum of two counselors and a senior staff person. These persons are supplied with the names of all the properly registered campers that will be on their bus.
- Olmsted staff persons supervising the trips to and from the camp for each session have copies of the medical form and emergency treatment form for each child on the bus in the event of an emergency. Therefore it is critical that this information is accurate should there be an emergency during transport to and from the city.

- All of the buses used to transport Olmsted campers are equipped with air conditioning and bathrooms. During the bus ride to and from camp campers are able to watch movies, talk to friends or sleep.
- All campers are required to remain in their seats while the bus is in motion.
- Parents are not allowed to get on the bus. Please say your goodbyes prior to boarding. You are free to remain at the registration location until the buses leave.
- Buses usually arrive at the camp no later than 11am (subject to weather and traffic conditions).

Food

- Food will not be provided on the bus. Campers are fed soon after their arrival at camp (usually arrive at around 11am and eat at 12noon). We would prefer that you do not give you child food to eat on the bus. However, if you feel your child will need something to eat during the trip please make arrangements ahead of time - do not wait until we are loading the bus to purchase food for your child.
- We will not delay or “hold” the bus for the arrival of a parent bringing food to a camper.

Camper Pick-Up

- Olmsted staff has flyers available for parents to serve as reminders of the date and time when campers should be picked up on the day of return.
- For camper pick up – you will need to arrive at the registration location no later than 10:30am. If you are unable to pick up your child at that time you will need to provide us with the name and contact information of the person you authorize to pick up your child for you. Please check in with Olmsted staff when you arrive to pick up your child.
- Any parent that does not pick up their child as scheduled will jeopardize their child’s future attendance and participation at Camp Olmsted.

Camp Olmsted Participation Agreement

Please Note: You must agree to all of the terms listed below or your registration will not be complete.

Program Consent

- I have read and understand Camp Olmsted's goals, activity list and fact sheet. I give my child permission to participate in these activities. I understand that in order to remain at camp, my child must cooperate with the camp policies and activities.
- In addition to the traditional camp activities, the Camp Olmsted program includes strenuous indoor, outdoor and water-based activities such as the following: swimming (both instructional and recreational); hiking; bowling; sports activities (basketball, soccer); high and low ropes challenge courses. Campers also take trips outside of the camp property (river, museum, bowling, etc.) and may be transported using camp vehicles and privately owned vehicles.

By registering your child for the Camp Olmsted program (1) you acknowledge that your child will be participating in all aspects of the program; (2) you give permission to your child to participate in these activities; and (3) you affirm that your child is in the appropriate physical condition to participate in these activities.

Parental Consent

- I give consent for medical, surgical or dental treatment including hospitalization for my child, if necessary while he/she is away at Camp Olmsted. I give consent for medical personnel treating my child to release any medical records to Five Points Mission. I also give permission for my child to be transported in a privately owned vehicle in case of an emergency.
- I permit, Five Points Mission, in case of illness or accident, to use the proceeds of whatever hospitalization or medical coverage my child may have.
- By registering your child in the Camp Olmsted program you are giving Olmsted staff and representatives the right to take pictures of your child and use your child's image on our camp brochures, website, facebook page, promotional materials, etc.

Program Policy

- Camp Olmsted is not responsible for lost, stolen and/or damaged items on our property or at the bus pick-up/departure site. Parents are strongly encouraged to label all of their child's clothing to increase the possibility that items come back home with him/her.
- Campers are not allowed to have cell phones, electronic games or such devices as iPods, iPads and MP3 players. Should a camper bring such items to camp, Olmsted will not be responsible in the event of loss or theft of such items. In addition, campers should not bring jewelry (ie.: watches, rings, bracelets, earrings, etc.) or expensive cameras to the camp program. Camp Olmsted will not be responsible for the loss, theft or destruction of any valuable items.

- Parents are responsible for making sure that children do not bring any weapons or drugs into camp. Any camper found with weapons or drugs will be sent home immediately. Please note: If your child is found to be in possession of such items and is sent home, you will not be entitled to a refund of any portion of the camp fee.
- Camp Olmsted will not tolerate any behavior that is inappropriate, disrespectful, violent or threatening to other campers or camp staff. Any camper that creates an uncomfortable and/or hostile environment for campers and/or camp staff will be sent home immediately. Please note: If your child is sent home for behavioral reasons, you are not entitled to a refund of any portion of the camp fee.

I have read and agree to the terms listed above.

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Summer Camp Program - Do's and Don'ts for Parents

Do's

- ✓ Get your documents in on time - we will not accept any documents or payments on the day of departure.
- ✓ Give camp staff accurate contact information (i.e. phone numbers, emergency contact information).
- ✓ Clearly label your child's clothing and other items. Camp Olmsted will not be responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.
- ✓ Remember to pack your child's medication in a separate bag that is easy to access during check-in. (the medication should be labeled and in the original container).
- ✓ Talk to your child about the "camp experience" and what it means to be away from home.
- ✓ Write to your child – campers love to get mail!
- ✓ Be on time for camper departure (Mondays at 8:00am) and camper pick-up (Fridays no later than 10:30am).
- ✓ Send your child to camp with at least 15 days' worth of clothing (see packing list).
- ✓ Make payments by money order or online payment (we do NOT accept checks).

Don'ts

- ☹ Don't send your child to camp with new clothes, jewelry, cell phones, electronic games, iPads/tablets, or money – **Camp Olmsted will NOT be responsible if these items are lost, stolen or damaged.**
- ☹ Don't call the camp for information on your application or the status of your scholarship (call the main office @ (212) 870-3098).
- ☹ Don't send a sick or contagious child to camp (this includes but is not limited to COVID-19, fever, colds, flu, rashes, ringworm, lice, etc.).
- ☹ Don't call the camp during your child's session unless it is an emergency (do not call to check in or because you need to hear your child's voice).
- ☹ Don't mail your child candy – we give campers enough “treats” at camp.
- ☹ Don't send your child to camp if he/she really doesn't want to go or is not ready to go (he/she will usually find a way to get sent home).
- ☹ Don't send your child to camp with food.
- ☹ Don't hesitate to ask questions during the registration process.
- ☹ Don't be rude to camp staff – we are all working very hard to provide the best experience possible for your child.
- ☹ If you have an issue or concern about your child's stay at Camp Olmsted, please address it to camp management sooner (immediately) rather than later at main office (212) 870-3938.