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2023 Summer Day Camp
Parent/Guardian Manual
Ages 7-21



“Providing year-round recreation, leisure activities, and life skills that add to the quality of life for those who participate and their families.”

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River Valley Special Recreation Association Summer Day Camp 2023

Camp Information

Ages 7- 21 yrs
June 12 - July 27
Monday - Thursday
No Camp on July 4th
Limit of 35

Camp Hours

8:30 AM-3:30 PM

Camp Location

Calvary Bible Church

2587 E Armour Rd, Bourbonnais / West Parking Lot & West Entrance

Fees

Full Day	Half Day
\$580 In District	\$360 In District
\$650 Out of District	\$420 Out of District
\$120 In District - Weekly	\$85 In District - Weekly
\$140 Out of District - Weekly	\$105 Out of District - Weekly

If you have any questions, please contact our office
at 815-933-7336 or rivervalleysra@gmail.com

River Valley Special Recreation Association General Rules and Regulations for Summer Camp

We are expecting a great camp season! Please take time to review the following camp procedures and rules with your camper. We understand that not everyone will agree with every rule but after many years of operation we feel they are important to the overall success of the camp.

The following forms located at the back of this packet need to be completed and returned before the first day of camp:

Annual Information Form
Camper Goals
Custody Release Form
Discipline Policy Form
Medication Dispensing Permission (if applicable)
Medication Information (if applicable)
Waiver and Release of All Claims
Receipt of Parent/Guardian Manual Form

River Valley Special Recreation Association in conjunction with the Kankakee Valley, Bourbonnais Township and Limestone Park Districts has developed this popular day camp to serve participants by providing them with a fun and safe supervised summer program. The purpose of the camp is to promote healthy recreational activities for campers in a safe and structured environment. The program will encourage social, physical, emotional and intellectual development.

Opportunities will be provided for:

Improving self-confidence

Developing greater self-discipline

Developing creativity

Sharing talents

Learning positive uses of leisure time

HAVING FUN!

Day Camp Activities include:

Games

Team sports and exercise

Swimming

Crafts

Movie time

Music

Cooking

Special Visitors

Field Trips

AND MUCH MORE!

ABSENCES

Please notify us if a camper is going to miss for the day due to illness or vacation. Please text or call the Site Coordinator, Kelsey Bright at 815-592-4223 or leave a message at the office at 815-933-7336.

Please do not send your participant to camp if he/she has been exposed to a communicable disease such as Covid-19, measles, mumps, chicken pox, ringworm, skin rash, vomiting, diarrhea, mouth sores, whooping cough (pertussis). Please notify Kelsey (815-592-4223) or the RVSRA office (815-933-7336) if they are exposed or have contracted one of these. Campers with colds, sore throats, flu, fever, or head lice should stay at home for the protection of all involved. If a camper develops symptoms of illness during the program, he/she will be separated from the group and their parents will be notified to pick-up their child. A child should not return to the Day Camp program until he or she is able to engage in a full program of indoor and outdoor activities.

EXPECTATIONS OF CAMPERS

Counselors encourage socialization skills, appropriate behavior and personal appearance. Respect for other campers, staff, guests, and facilities is expected. Campers are required to have independent self-help skills.

RVSRA reserves the right to place a new camper on a probationary period while camper abilities are assessed. Limited assistance is available when needed.

HALF DAY CAMPERS

We are aware full days can be too much for some campers and to better serve them these children can be signed up for half day camp. In order to accommodate all campers, we ask that you choose one: AM (8:30-11:30) or PM (12:30-3:30). There will be limited space in both half day slots so we might have to place a camper in a slot that is not your first pick. If this happens, we will take campers behavior and your schedules into consideration as well as communicate which slot your camper will be in prior to the first week of camp.

Half day campers will not have lunch with the group so please plan to feed your children before or after camp depending on their eating schedules.

On days we have field trips your half day campers will most likely be with us longer than regular camp days and/or we might have you drop off/pick up at the location of the field trip instead of Calvary Bible Church. These days will be scheduled in advance with instructions.

CLOTHING

Campers will work with many different materials, some of which can be messy. A good portion of the day will be spent being active and participating in group activities. Washable clothes are ideal for the Day Camp program. Campers should wear gym shoes and socks during camp hours. Campers may wear sandals ONLY on the days water is involved.

We encourage you to label ALL items with names or initials.

RSVRA will supply each camper with their own camp t-shirt. When we are going on field trips you will need to wear your camp shirt.

DISCIPLINE

The River Valley Special Recreation Association program encourages and promotes the concept of fun for everyone. Certain rules have been established to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all people involved. Examples of unsafe behavior include:

*The camper is endangering the safety of other campers, counselors, or self by demonstrating any of the following behaviors: hitting, kicking, biting, and/or spitting.

*The camper is destroying property of RVSRA or other cooperating agencies.

*The camper is fighting, swearing, or using bad language. This will not be allowed or tolerated. Respect for self, others, and facilities will be strictly enforced.

In the event any of the above occurs, the following procedures will be taken as a means to develop a successful behavior management plan.

1st Offense: Parents will be called by the Site Coordinator to discuss the situation. This can also occur in person at the end of the camp day.

2nd Offense: Parents are called and a meeting will be held to discuss the situation. The meeting will include the Site Coordinator, Camper, and Parent. Reasonable accommodations will be addressed and/or a behavior plan will be set in place.

3rd Offense: Parents are called and the Camper will be removed from camp for the day. Reasonable accommodations/ behavior plan made in the 2nd offense will be reviewed and discussed. Accommodations will be revised if needed.

4th Offense: Parents are called and the Camper will be removed from camp with suspension or expulsion dependent on the decision of the Site Coordinator, the Program Manager, and the RVSRA Executive Director.

BELONGINGS

Non-essential personal belongings from home are discouraged. Communication devices are acceptable. We realize some campers might have a personal toy, handheld game, or phone they want to bring for down time but we ask that you keep these items to a minimum as we can't share items from home and we can't store anything over night. **If an item from home is necessary, please limit it to one item.** Any items from home should be labeled including spare clothes. RVSRA is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken items.

Concerns about camp activities, discipline measures, and counselor actions should be immediately addressed in person or in writing to the Program Coordinator in order to assure swift and direct control of all situations. Call (815) 933-7336 or email rivervalleysra@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY

Day Camp is open to children and young adults ages 7-21 that have disabilities or special needs.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS

When arriving at Calvary Bible Church please pull into the West Parking Lot as this will be the entrance that is exclusively for our campers and parents, sign in with RVSRA staff member that will be posted at the door, & if your camper needs to be accompanied to the room you are welcome to go with them. This entrance is also where you will pick up your camper.

Please respect drop off and pick up times, drop off is 8:30, pick up is at 3:30. (Half day campers must get picked up at their designated times as well.) After a child stays 5 minutes past pick-up time, a late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged. Staff will be preparing for the day prior to 8:30am, no campers should enter early. If someone other than a parent/guardian will be picking up your child, please notify the Site Coordinator as soon as possible.

LUNCH

Full day campers are required to bring their lunch and drink on a daily basis. Please avoid microwaveable items as we do not have access to warm anything up.

A snack with a drink will be provided each afternoon.

We are happy to celebrate birthdays at camp. Please let us know a day in advance if you are sending treats. Any treat to be shared should be store bought. Counselors can provide a list of campers' dietary restrictions.

MEDICATION

If your camper is required to take medication during the day you will need to complete the attached Medication Dispensing Form. Under no circumstances will campers be able to carry or hold their own medication. All medication must be in the original bottle prescribed by the Doctor.

NEWSLETTER

A weekly newsletter, describing activities and upcoming events, will be distributed. We hope this information will keep you informed as to what is happening in the program. Please look for the newsletter each week and ask counselors if you need another copy.

STAFF/CAMPER RATIO

Camp will be staffed with four campers to one staff member. Each staff member has training and experience working with individuals with special needs. The staff is dedicated to providing a beneficial and enjoyable camp experience for each camper enrolled in the program. It is essential that campers function within this 4:1 ratio, including but limited to their behavior and self-help skills. Independent toileting skills are a requirement for camp participation. Our limit is 35 campers

PRIVATE CAMP FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a private group on Facebook that we invite you to join to see pictures of campers having fun as well as reminders on upcoming activities. Group name: RVSRA Summer Camp 2023.

