



WELCOME

Welcome, Parents, to **Camp Great Adventure!** I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children this summer. My name is Patty Nickell and I will be your **Camp Great Adventure** director this summer. I am a lifetime resident of Bonner Springs. I received my degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Kansas State University. I currently work at Bonner Springs High School as a Paraprofessional. For 13 years, I substitute taught in the USD 204 School District. Prior to substituting, I spent 12 years working in an early childhood development center working in their childcare, preschool and school-age programs. I have always had a strong desire to work with people, and I especially enjoy working with youth. I am looking forward to another rewarding summer as Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation's **Camp Great Adventure** Director.

Many fun and exciting activities and events have been planned for campers this summer. I hope your campers will be excited to come each day, and filled with lots of great stories at the end of each day.

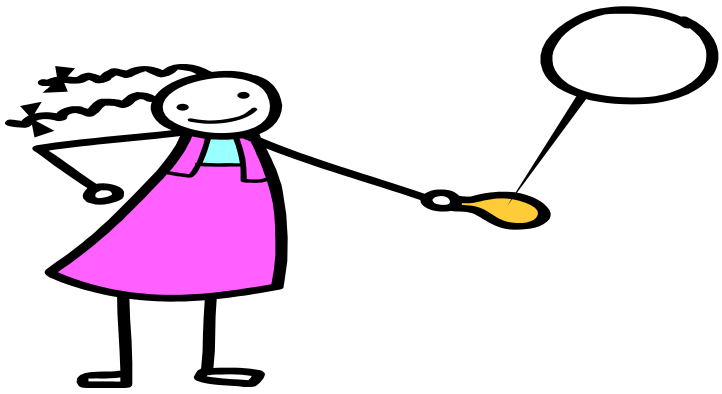
Thank You for signing up your child for the 2018 **Camp Great Adventure!**

Patty Nickell
Camp Great Adventure
Director

Camp Great Adventure

Objectives:

1. To provide a safe, healthy, fun-filled summer for campers.
2. To provide an environment that will help each camper grow in self-respect and self-confidence, while gaining a good feeling about his or her own abilities.
3. To create a community within our camp where pride is taken and the relationships formed with other campers are positive.
4. To give campers an appreciation of the outdoors and an opportunity to live in it free from as many material things as possible.
5. To enable each camper to make new friends and develop positive relationships with the counselors.
6. To encourage physical fitness and good health.
7. To introduce campers to a variety of new experiences and skills.
8. To develop an understanding and mutual respect for persons of diversity.
9. To develop leadership skills and the ability to use them responsibly at camp and in the community.
10. To foster a sense of social responsibility for each camper.

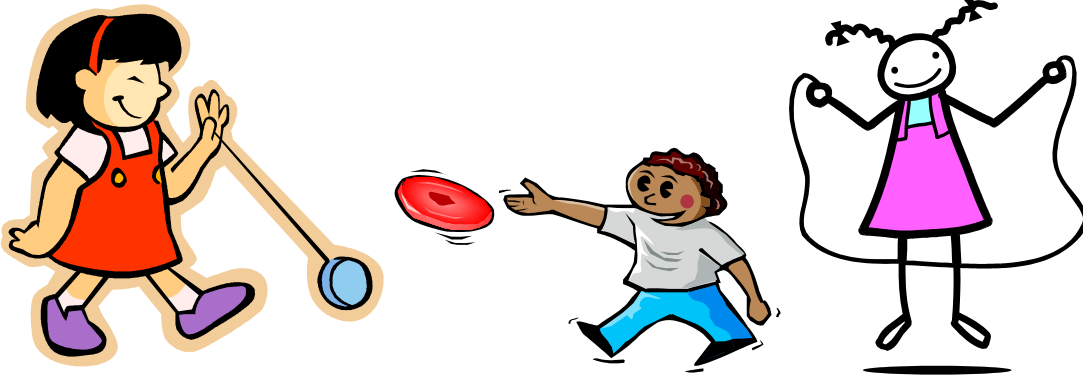


Mission Statement

The Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to enhancing the Quality of Life in our community by continually developing parks, facilities, and programs that meet fitness, leisure, and social needs within a safe environment.

Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation's Camp Great Adventure Background:

Camp Great Adventure has been a part of the Bonner Springs Parks and Recreation Summer Program since 2008. Prior to that, the summer camp program offered two week-long day camps and many individual trips for children ages 6-12. The city felt a need to expand the camps to last throughout the summer, therefore, Camp Great Adventure was implemented into the Summer Recreation Program.



Camp Location and Phone Numbers:

Bonner Springs Community Center: (913)422-7010

200 E. 3rd, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Recreation Office: (913)422-5321

The campers will be visiting local parks daily. They will also be going to the library, swimming and on various fieldtrips throughout the summer. The senior counselors will have their cell phones with them at all times. They must keep the line clear at all times in case of an emergency.

If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of your child, you may contact the Community Center front desk, and they will relay the message to the senior counselor.

****As a general rule, children are not allowed to call home unless there is an emergency or a disciplinary problem. Please do not give your child permission to call you while they are at camp.**

****Campers are not allowed to bring any electronics to camp, including cell phones, mp3 players or hand held video games.**

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

***CAMP GREAT ADVENTURE is set up into two 4-week camp sessions and one 3-week session. The first session begins May 26th and ends June 19th, the second session begins June 22nd and ends July 17th, and the third session will begin July 20th and end August 7th. **We will be closed July 3th.**

***COUNSELORS: As Camp Great Adventure Staff team members, we want to have fun with the Camp Great Adventure campers. The camp is planned to be interactive between campers and counselors. We believe this interaction will allow counselors to have fun and enjoy their work. In that respect, we feel our campers will realize the true impact of fun throughout their lives.**

***DROP OFF will be at the front of the Community Center between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00am. There will be a sign-in sheet to sign your child in each morning and directions as to where to take them within the Community Center. Opening meeting will start each day at 9:00am. On Wednesdays, we may be leaving early for a fun trip. Please have your child here, so they do not miss out on any of the fun.**

***PICK UP is from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. You will sign your child out at the sign in/sign out desk and your child will be called to the desk to go home. *Please let us know if someone other than the usual person will be picking up your camper(s).**

***EARLY PICK UP: If you need to pick up your camper between the hours of 9am and 3:30pm, you will need to contact the Community Center and let us know ahead of time, as the campers are not always at the Community Center during our these hours.**

***PAYMENT POLICIES: All payments must be made by Wednesday, the week before, to reserve a spot for the following week. Campers will not be allowed to attend on weeks when a payment has not been made. A \$10 late fee will be charged to anyone paying for the current week's camp.**

***FOR MANY REASONS: Campers should not bring any electronics, toys, cards (collectable or playing), money, jewelry or other unnecessary items.**

***HOW TO DRESS: Campers should dress appropriate for active play. This means comfortable clothes (that don't matter if they get dirty) and tennis shoes with socks.**

***SWIMMING/WATER DAYS: On swim days (Tuesdays and Thursdays), campers should bring their swimsuit, pool shoes (flip flops, sandals or crocs), and a towel.**

***HYDRATION:** Each day the campers need to bring a water bottle.

***LABELING BELONGINGS:** Everything that campers bring or wear to camp needs to be clearly labeled with their name.

***LUNCH/SNACKS:** Lunch will be provided at the Bonner Springs Elementary School for all campers from June 1st through July 24th. Campers will be required to bring their own healthy lunch during the 1st week, and the last two weeks of camp. Campers will need to bring two healthy snacks each day.

***MEDICATION:** All medication must be given to a director when you sign your camper in each morning. You must have a signed note giving us permission to give your camper medicine. For safety reasons the campers may not maintain possession of their medication during camp. Counselors will assume responsibility of all medications your child may need.

***CAMP GROUPS:** The campers will be divided into groups by age. Each group will have at least two counselors with at least one senior counselor assigned to them each day. The assigned counselors will be responsible for carrying out that camp group's scheduled activities for the day.

Camp Great Adventure: Sessions, Hours, and Fees:

Session I

Camp Closed Memorial Day

- *May 30th-June 2nd
- June 5th - June 9th
- June 12th -June 16th
- June 19th - June 23rd

Session II

- June 26th - June 30th
- July 3rd - July 7th (Camp Closed July 4th)
- July 10th - July 14th
- July 17th - July 21st

Session III

- July 24th-July 28th
- July 31st- August 4th
- August 7th - August 11th

Hours:

- Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm
- Extended hours available 1/2 hour before or after camp for extra fees
- 6-12 years old
- Lunch will be provided at the Bonner Springs Elementary School for all campers from June 5th through July 28th. Campers will be required to bring their own lunch during the 1st week, and the last two weeks of camp.

Fees:

Resident /Non Resident

Weekly Rates:\$90/ \$100

Session Rates:

Session I: \$324/ \$360

Session II: \$324/ \$360

Session III: \$243/ \$270

Extended Time: \$10 before camp/\$10 post camp

** Full payment must accompany registration*

**Camp will begin the week following the last week of the USD 204 2017-2018 school year.*

*** Camp will end the Friday before the week of the USD 204 2018-2019 school year.*

Camper Discipline:

Each camper will be asked the **FULL VALUE CONTRACT**. This contract is a very basic framework within which campers operate. It clearly states the expectations we have for campers and what the consequences will be should they break the contract.

FULL VALUE CONTRACT

*Have respect for yourself, for others, and their property.

*Work together as a group.

*Follow all camp safety and group behavior guidelines.

*Exhibit good sportsmanship.

CONSEQUENCES

***1st time contract is broken:**

The camper will be given a redirect.

***2nd time contract is broken:**

The camper will be removed from the activity and fill-in a form explaining their behavior that caused them to be removed from the activity, and how they can change their behavior. The camper will process with the lead counselor, and then be allowed to rejoin their camp group.

***3rd time contract is broken:**

Removal from activity and Camper and counselor will report to the Director to discuss the behavior.

***4th time contract is broken:**

Parent/Guardian will be contacted and the camper will be suspended from camp for 3 days.

***5th time contract is broken:**

Camper will not be allowed to return to camp.

***In the event of physical or extreme behaviors, the director reserves the right to bypass consequences.**

CAMPERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS!!

Parent Information: Camp staff and parents working together to keep one another informed is very important to the success of the Camp Great Adventure experience.

Parents should contact the director when:

- *Information on your registration or application has changed.
- *Someone other than those listed on our camper's application will be picking your camper up.
- *A camper is not able to be picked up on time.
- *An incident or change occurs in your camper's life that alters their attitude or behavior or causes emotional upset (i.e. divorce, death, loss of pet).
- * Your child has a contagious illness (i.e. head lice, pink eye, chicken pox).

Parents will be contacted immediately when:

- *Your camper has received an injury which could require immediate medical attention and/or paramedics have been called.
- *Your camper exhibits a medical condition which could be contagious or threatening to others involved in the camp.
- *Your camper is ill and unable to participate in the daily activities.
- *Your camper's behavior is uncontrollable or disruptive to the other campers.

MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM

Parent/Guardian Request:

I, the parent/guardian of _____ request that the medication prescribed by my child's physician be administered to my child. I agree to send an ample supply of the medication to the camp nurse.

Date Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

**** AND ****

Physician's Statement:

In order to protect the health of _____, it is necessary for him/her to have the following medication during camp hours.

Date Signature of Physician _____

MEDICATION INFORMATION:

Name of medication: _____

Reason for taking: _____

Dosage: _____

Time at which, or special circumstances under which medication shall be administered: _____

Length of time for which medication is prescribed: _____

Possible side affects of this medication: _____

Please understand that all medication must be labeled and stored in the original prescription container and in accordance with the physician's instructions. Medication cannot be administered if not sent to camp in the original container.