

# Keyport Recreation Summer Camp

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at the Keyport  
High School  
Grades K – 8



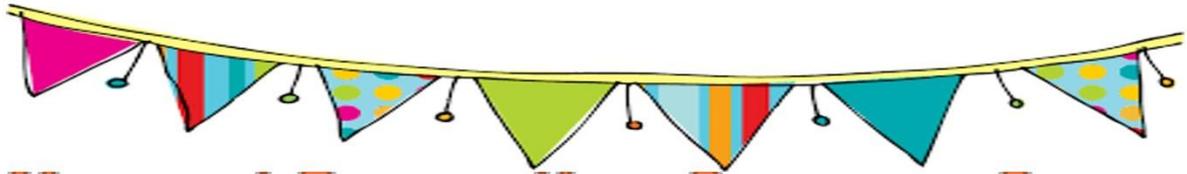
## Tuition Fees:

\$200 per camper  
\$150 per sibling

## Jam-packed with FUN!



For more information contact [Keyportsummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:Keyportsummercamp@gmail.com)  
To obtain a registration packet, visit [www.keyportonline.com](http://www.keyportonline.com), Keyport Borough  
Hall Administration Office or the KCS Main Office.  
Space may be limited. Please register at your earliest convenience.



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## Field Trips & Events



Chuckie Cheese

Brunswick Lanes Bowling

Hazlet Swim Club

A Day at the Farm, Wagon Ride & Picnic at Longstreet Farm

Mad Science & Radical Reptile Presentations

Make Your Own Pizza at Old Glory

Decorate Your Own Cupcake at Bridget's Bites

Decorate Your Own Cookie at the Munchkinette

Visits to the Fire Museum, First Aid Building and the

Historical Society Museum

Explore the Henry Hudson Trail

Intramural Sports & clinics

Minute to Win It Battles

Weekly Pokemon Club

Grand-friend's Day

Wet Down Day

Touch-a-Truck

Camp Art Show

Carnival Day

**& MORE !**

(Subject to Change)

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9:00am – 2:00pm  
at the Keyport High School  
for Grades K – 8

### Tuition

\$200 per camper  
\$150 per sibling of camper paid in full

The Keyport Recreation Summer Camp Program is a long standing tradition. Hundreds of children have attended our program and many return as camp counselors. We are excited to offer your children another year with exciting improvements.

It is our mission to provide a positive and enriching summer day camp experience where children can create lasting memories and friendships in a safe and fun-filled environment. Our goal is to provide your child with a structured day filled with activities that empower him/her to try new things, develop a sense of adventure, and strengthen the interests he/she brings to camp.

Our program is a co-ed camp that serves children **entering grades Kindergarten through eight this upcoming September**. Our staff is CPR and first aid trained and will be held to the highest expectation to lead by example while motivating all children to create, play, learn, and grow both socially and physically.

Campers will build self-esteem social skills as they explore individual and group activities. Sportsmanship and sports skills are encouraged through sports clinics and intramural programs directed by our assistant director, an assistant coach at Kean University. They will explore their interests through organized arts and crafts activities, story time and guided recreation. We will experience our community by way of walking tours and visits to some of Keyport's greatest attractions such as the fire museum and Historical Society Museum. Our campers will participate in outreach opportunities such as a food drive benefitting the Keyport food pantry and a letter writing campaign to support our troops

Camp isn't just for the kids! We are adding a family-friendly Camp Art Show and Photo Display. Family members are welcome to admire camper's artwork and view photos highlighting our camp experience. Campers and families are encouraged to attend

“Family Drive-in Movie Night” on the waterfront in the “box cars” that we will design during camp. More details to follow.

We value the uniqueness of all of our campers and families. If you an interest or talent to share and would like to schedule visit to camp please fill out the **Special Interest & Talent Form** included and return it with your registration packet and payment.

## TRIPS & GUESTS

Field trips are undoubtedly one of the most exciting things about summer camp. We are planning a variety of trips to engage all age groups and interests.

Sign-ups and payments for field trips will be accepted the week prior to the trip to guarantee all campers have a chance to enjoy at least one outing.

We understand that trip costs can add up. To provide all campers with the chance to experience something new and exciting, we have included on-site programs such wildlife and science shows for all campers **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Several no-cost walking field trips (with police assistance at crosswalks) are planned so our campers can enjoy some of the highlights of Keyport from museums to the Henry Hudson Trail. We have many exciting guests scheduled to visit us at camp, too.

Other great additions to our list of fun this year include Music and Movement Classes as well as Story & Craft times. Older campers will be able to feed their silly-side with Minute to Win It Olympics and team-building games as well as sports clinics.

It may be summer but we believe summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. If interested, your camper may participate in our Summer Reading & Math Workshops during the free choice portion of their day. We will provide a structured environment for campers to work on their assigned summer reading and math packets. Counselors will be available to assist. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please complete the **Summer Math & Reading Workshops Interest Form** included in your registration packet.

All of our campers will have the opportunity to celebrate our local first responders through camp visits and activities led by members of the Police, Fire and First Aid

Departments. Campers will learn valuable lessons in safety, making good choices and civic awareness. We will host a Touch-a-Truck for kids to explore emergency vehicles.

We are very excited to participate in the #KindnessRocks Project. Every camper will have the opportunity to paint a rock with inspiring art or a message, drop it in town, and motivate others. For more information, please visit [www.thekindnessrocksproject.com](http://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com).

## IMPORTANT POLICIES AND PARENT HANDBOOK

Please review the following policies and procedures. Your child(ren) will be in the care of skilled educators and experienced counselors. We intend to maintain a welcoming environment and to model positive behavior at all times.

Please note, due to the construction taking place in and around our schools this summer, campers **must adhere to all rules and directions for their safety and the safety of others**. Campers will be no be permitted to leave their assigned group activities and shall be supervised at all times. This includes scheduled bathroom breaks and a camp-wide lunch time.

Campers are grouped by grade. All activities, crafts, and sports schedules are designed to be age appropriate and differentiated by grade level. However, campers will have the opportunity to mingle with other grades and campers during scheduled and supervised lunch and "free choice" time.

The following is a sample of a camper's daily schedule. (Subject to change)

9am – 9:30am	<b>Good Morning</b> <b>Bathroom Reminder</b> <b>Daily Announcements</b>
9:30am - 10:15am	<b>Group Craft or Story and Craft Time</b> <b>Music &amp; Movement</b> <b>Group Activity or Competition (Older Campers)</b>
10:15am – 11:00am	<b>Playground or Field Time (Older Campers)</b>
11:00am – 11:45am	<b>Active Group Game</b> <b>Craft Activity (*Older Campers)</b>
11:45am – 12:00pm	<b>Bathroom Wash Hands</b>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<b>Lunch &amp; Board Games</b>
1:00pm	<b>Choice</b>
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<b>Clean Up and Sign Out</b>

## **CAMP RULES**

The Keyport Summer Recreation Camp strives to create an environment in which children are encouraged to develop an appreciation of their own rights and the rights of others. At the beginning of the camp, we will review, discuss and add rules that will help create and maintain a positive environment. The following rules will be shared with our campers and are expected to be followed.

Camp rules include:

- Listen to staff
- Remain within a specific area assigned for a specific activity
- Exhibit respect for the authority of all camp personnel
- Maintain and respect township and school property
- Speak and act respectfully
- Refrain from using inappropriate language or gestures
- Avoid placing yourself or others in danger of physical harm

- Refrain from deliberate or intentional hitting or touching
- Keep our school and school grounds clean
- Follow the rules
- Have FUN

At times, campers may forget the rules and need a gentle reminder. In situations when a gentle reminder is not enough, we will speak with a parent. If a behavior cannot be dealt with by staff or poses a danger, removal from the program may be warranted.

We anticipate many campers. If you have concerns for your camper or wish to supply information to help us better understand your child, please feel free to speak with the Director or an Assistant Director. We welcome your input. All information is confidential.

Certain severe behaviors may lead to immediate dismissal. Camp leadership reserves the right to take immediate action in situations of stealing, use of profanity, excessive violence and property damage.

There is a zero tolerance for bullying at camp.

Please indicate your understanding of our stand on camp discipline by completing & returning the portion the **Camp Discipline Receipt Form**.

## **POLICY & PROCEDURES**

The Keyport Recreation Summer Camp is an environment in which a child can grow, learn and develop. Achieving this ideal environment is the responsibility of camp employees, campers and every parent/guardian in our program. Each is required to behave in a manner that fosters safety, decency, courtesy, and respect. Failure to do so may result in suspension or expulsion from the program without refund.

### **1) Swearing/Cursing and Fighting:**

Camp is an enjoyable and safe place to learn appropriate behaviors and new skills. We have the highest expectation for our campers to arrive ready to put their best foot forward and to contribute to the overall camp experience. Offensive language and fighting will not be tolerated from parents/guardians, staff or campers. The use of inappropriate language or fighting may result in suspension or expulsion from the program depending on the severity of the incident.

No parent/guardian or staff member is permitted to curse or use other inappropriate language on camp property at any time. Such language is considered offensive by many people and will not be tolerated. The use of such language may result in removal from the property. Offenders may be prohibited from camp property thereafter and will be required to make arrangements for drop-off and pick-up with another parent/guardian.

There is absolutely no tolerance for the use of physical violence towards a child or staff member. Reports of such will be dealt with immediately and may result in suspension or expulsion from the program. We encourage campers to speak with camp staff if they feel out of control, bullied, or simply need space and time to regroup themselves.

## **2) Bullying or Threatening of Employees, Children, other Adults:**

There is no place for bullying or threats of violence in our summer camp program. We take the safety of our campers very seriously. Threats will be reported to the appropriate authorities for investigation. While apologies are appreciated, please understand that neither the Borough of Keyport and/or the Keyport School District will assume the risk of second chances.

Parents/guardians and children are responsible for their behavior at all times. Threats of any kind may lead to expulsion from camp. There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for bullying.

## **3) Behavior Concerns:**

We welcome open dialogue with our parents/guardians. If there is something we need to know to improve your child's experience please feel free to speak with a camp administrator. Behavior concerns about your child or another camper towards your child should be reported to the Camp Director. All dialogue is kept confidential.

## **4) Special Needs:**

We live in a diverse world and promote a climate of inclusion. If you have a concern for your child, please feel free to speak with the Camp Director. It is our pleasure to modify what we can to accommodate the uniqueness of our campers. While you are under no obligation to discuss your child's special needs with us, you can be assured

that as educators we are experienced with the special needs community. It is our aim to engage all campers.

### **5) Violations of Safety Policy:**

Parents and campers of the Keyport Recreation Summer Camp Program are required to follow safety procedures at all times. These procedures are designed to protect the welfare and best interest of the children and employees. Failure to follow the safety policy may result in immediate suspension from our program without refund.

### **6) Drop Off Policy:**

Camp begins at 9:00am. For the safety of all of campers and staff, children will not be accepted after 9:15am once doors are closed. Late arrivals distract the other campers and limit a counselor's ability to supervise his/her campers appropriately.

Due to scheduled construction, the following drop off procedures must be followed.

All campers will be entering camp from a Jackson Street entrance. Counselors will be present to escort children into the building. Pick up at 2:00pm is at the same location.

Parents/guardians of campers from kindergarten to fourth grade are asked to park on Atlantic Street and use the designated crosswalk at the intersection of Jackson Street and Atlantic Street to walk their camper to the sign in table at the entrance door.

Parents/guardians of campers from fifth grade to eighth grade are asked to park on Broad Street and use the designated crosswalk at the intersection of Broad Street and Jackson Street to walk (or observe their campers walking) to the sign in table at the entrance door.

Crossing guards are available at both crosswalks until 2:30pm. Walkers are asked to follow the safest route to and from camp and to use the crosswalks

### **7) Pick Up Policy:**

Only a person with expressed permission listed in your registration packet will be permitted to sign-in or sign-out your child. Your child will ONLY be released to

individuals listed in your registration packet. If you are designating an older sibling to escort a younger sibling home, please list the older sibling's name on the permission slip.

Please expect some delays with the signing in and out of our campers. For their safety our staff must be thorough. We understand you may be in a hurry, but we cannot risk our children by rushing the process. Please plan accordingly.

### **8) Late Pick Up Policy:**

Dismissal from camp begins at 2:00pm. Walkers with signed permission slips will be dismissed first. If you are picking up a camper, please note that a late pick up is considered any time after 2:15pm. It is up to the parent/guardian to guarantee pick-up. Abuse of this policy may result in expulsion from the camp program without refund. In extreme cases of lateness or excessive lateness, your child may be turned over to the proper authorities for their safety and welfare.

### **9) Payment Policy:**

Please be advised that space may be limited and it is recommended that you register at your earliest convenience. Returned checks will result in suspension from camp until payment is secured. No child will be able to start camp unless the registration payment and packet is received.

Payments are accepted in cash or by check or money order.

## **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Not only are cell phones and other electronics expensive and can get stolen or lost, but also their usage can interfere with a child's overall experience at camp. A camper that spends too much time immersed in technology may do so at the expense of getting to know fellow campers and counselors.

Campers will not be permitted to access their cell phones during camp. If you need to reach a camper in an emergency you may do so by contacting the Camp Director. Parents will be provided with the Camp Directors Cell Phone number for emergencies.

Cell phones may only be accessed during **Free Choice** time which is scheduled into each camper's day. There will be a designated area for cell phone usage away from other campers. However, for the purpose of safety and privacy, social media **is not** allowed. First offenses are last offenses.

If your child is permitted cell phone use during Free Choice time, please complete the **Video Game/Cell Phone Release Form** and return it with your registration packet.

## **VIDEO GAME AND ELECTRONICS POLICY**

We recognize that for some campers, video games create a fun and engaging way of connecting with people and developing social skills. When used properly, they can help develop cooperation and teamwork. Like cell phones, video game play will be permitted during **Free Choice** time.

Games rated above Teen are **NOT PERMITTED**. Campers will be supervised and reports of improper game play will result in the loss of video game privileges. Parents/guardians are solely responsible for their child's game choice and access to online play.

If your child is permitted video game use at camp, please complete the **Video Game/Cell Phone Release Form** and return it with your registration packet.

## **CAMP POKEMON**

Like video games, Pokémon Trading Cards present a unique opportunity for some campers to socialize in ways they typically would not. Camp Pokémon is an extension of the popular after school club held at Keyport Central School. This club was designed by a KCS student and has been active for the last three years.

Members of Camp Pokémon will meet on Mondays starting on July 8th and participate in Pokémon games, trivia and card trading.

Please be advised that this is a supervised activity and **ALL TRADES ARE FINAL**. Campers should not bring cards they do not wish to trade to others.

This activity is open to grades four and up. Please complete and return the **Camp Pokémon Permission Slip** if your son/daughter wishes to participate.

## **REGISTRATION**

Please use one registration form per child. Make your payment via check or money order payable to: Keyport Recreation Committee. Payment must be included with your registration packet.

Cash payments must be made in person at the Keyport Borough Hall Administration Office (second floor) or during scheduled after school registration days on:

**June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Broad Street School Entrance**

A camp employee will be available to accept registrations and answer questions.

**Please return your completed registration forms with check or money order payment to:**

Keyport Borough Hall  
Attn: Keyport Recreation Summer Camp  
70 West Front Street  
Keyport, NJ 07735

Thank you for your interest in the Keyport Recreation Summer Camp Program.

### **Sophia Lamberson, Camp Director**

Ms. Lamberson served six years on Keyport Borough Council and has been employed with the Keyport School District as a substitute teacher for over ten years. She is a Certified Elementary School Teacher as well as certified social worker.

### **David Jimerson, Assistant Director**

Mr. Jimerson recently graduated from Kean University where he worked as a student assistant and assistant football coach. He has worked as a camp counselor for the Police Athletic League since 2012.

### **Cerelle White, Assistant Director**

Mrs. White is a dedicated member of the Keyport School District Child Study Team where she serves as both a case manager and social worker assisting special needs students and families. She has previous experience with the Keyport summer camp.

**KEYPORT RECREATION 2019 SUMMER PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION PACKET  
July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Camper's grade level as of 9/2019 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we reach you during camp hours? \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS** Please provide three contacts in the order in which we should call in the event of an emergency

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Who has permission to pick up your children from camp?

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Please list anyone **NOT** permitted to pick up your child.

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Please indicate if your child will be walking to and from camp. Campers without expressed permission will not be permitted to walk.

**Yes**, my child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to walk to and from the Keyport Recreation Summer Camp Program from July 1, 2019 to August 2, 2019.

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if your child **MAY or MAY NOT** be photographed and his/her image shared on social media or for related purposes promoting the camp. Yes \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Child's Doctor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies or medical conditions we should know.

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(\* We cannot guarantee an environment free of known allergens. We cannot guarantee "free zones" and ask that you take that under consideration.)

## VIDEO GAME/CELL PHONE RELEASE FORM

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed as of June 2019: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the Video Game/Cell Phone rules, policies, and discipline procedures with my son/daughter.

We agree that by abiding by these rules, summer camp will be a positive and safe experience. Failure to follow these rules will result in the loss of privileges. By signing this form, we understand that neither the Keyport Recreation Summer Camp Program nor its staff, the Borough of Keyport or the Keyport Board of Education is responsible for loss and/or damages to personal property including cell phones, video games and any associated accessories.

Social media or behavior that violates the privacy of other campers and staff is NOT PERMITTED.

No game rated above TEEN is permitted for play at camp. Parents assume responsibility for their child's access to games and applications.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# CAMP POKEMON

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (as of September 2019) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that Camp Pokémon is designed to promote socialization and interaction with fellow campers in a structured and supervised environment that encourages discussion, fun, and fair card trading. All trades are final and campers are responsible for leaving their most valuable cards at home. The Camp Pokémon Leader will determine the accuracy of questionable trades.

Camper's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIAL INTEREST & TALENT FORM

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your son/daughter's interests:

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What three things are important to your son/daughter's camp experience?

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Has your child attended the Keyport Summer Camp before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Do you have a special interest or skill that you would like to share with our campers? (ie: knitting, guitar, yoga, etc.)

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Please list an email address for us to contact you to schedule a visit with our campers if appropriate.

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Thank you