

**Playground Only!
Register Now!
Mail-In or
Drop Off!**

Berkeley Heights Recreation Summer Playground Camp

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE PLAYGROUND

This year's camp runs from June 29th thru August 14th (9:00am-3:30pm/Monday thru Friday). There is no camp on July 3rd! Camp will be held at the state-of-the art facility located at Lower Columbia Park and is offered to **Berkeley Heights residents only** entering grades 1-8 in the fall of 2009. Children will be able to take shelter *from brief summer showers* under our 40' x 60' pavilion while taking part in arts and crafts, board games or organized sports. For an additional \$20.00 fee, your child will be escorted from the cafeteria at 10:30AM, 11:30AM or 12:30PM from the summer enrichment programs located at Columbia Middle School to our camp facility for lunch and a fun filled day. Children requesting the escort to the playground will meet a counselor in the cafeteria. Escorts to Tennis Courts located on the nearby courts are included in the original fee. Head Counselor Carolyn George will coordinate the playground, arts & crafts and sporting events assisted by a Certified Teacher. All Berkeley Heights' children are welcome. If your child requires special assistance (i.e. 1:1 ratio), a buddy/counselor can be provided. Information regarding the buddy/counselor option can be obtained at the Recreation Office. Please call Lena Bendush, Program Director at 464-0550 ext. 13 or email lbendush@bhtwp.com with any questions regarding our summer offerings.

Camp may be closed during *extreme weather* conditions (thunder and lightning) – call 464-0625 for playground status.

NEW POLICY: Families will be charged a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute past 3:30PM.

Playground registration is ongoing throughout the summer. Please write 1 check per household.

Playground Camp Fee: \$125.00/Residents Only- 7 Week Program - **Section: A1**

Escort from Columbia Middle School Cafeteria: \$20.00 additional fee - **Section A2**

Each camper will receive a water bottle on their first day at camp! Summer Playground Camp T-shirts will be available at the playground for purchase- These shirts are great for Tie Dye days!

Each week will offer a scheduled special event. Exciting events planned for this summer include: Face Painters, Balloon Sculptors, Petting Zoo, Amazing Science Show, HAM Radio, Bugs & Critters presentation by Chamber of Commerce/Clean Communities and more!

Food and Snacks! Children have the option of purchasing food or snacks listed below. Orders and payments for Pizza, BBQ, Pretzels and Ice Cream Social must take place at the front desk.

Mondays- Pizza Day \$2 for a slice with a drink

Wednesdays- BBQ Day- \$3- alternates between Hot Dogs or Hamburgers, comes with chips and a drink

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays- alternates offerings of Free Snow Cones, Free Popcorn, Hot Pretzels-\$1, or Ice Cream Social-\$2.

Enjoy an exciting craft each day! Crafts run 9am-12:30pm. Crafts may include: tie dye, plaster painting, stepping stones, building piñatas, finger painting, make sidewalk paint & slime, scrapbooking with Jody, mosaic trays, hair wraps, decoupage art, crystal sun catchers, volcano building and eruption, and building solar energy ovens to cook s'mores.

Fun sports take place each day! Sports run 10-11am and 2-3pm. Organized sports (physical activities) include: archery, basketball, kickball, ball hockey, capture the flag, hoppy ball races, tee ball, dodge ball, tennis, wall ball, soccer, potato sack races, tug of war.

Theme Days run all summer such as Hawaiian Day, Berkeley Heights Shirt Day, Patriotic Day, Wet and Wild Day, Crazy Hair Spray Day, Temporary Tattoo Day, Pokeman Trading Day and Carwashes.

Everyday activities may include- visits to the playground (featuring new playground equipment), water balloon toss, board games, Connect 4, chess, Nok Hockey, lanyards, beads, Pitch Burst, Uno.

Cool Off at the Berkeley Swim Club (Membership is not required)

From 12:30PM to 2:30PM every Tuesday and Thursday for an additional **\$8.00** per visit to the pool. The pool sign-up can be done one day in advance or the morning of the visit at the playground, if space is still available. A parent (not a caregiver) must sign a pool visit permission form (included on the registration form), once during the season. Children will be escorted to and from the pool by the Berkeley Heights Recreation Staff. Your child must bring (from home) everything they need for their stay at the pool. Each 2-hour visit at the pool costs \$8.00 cash in addition to your Recreation Playground Registration Fee. If your child is a member of the pool and is able to swim without a parent present, we will also escort them to and from the pool **ONLY** at 12:30-2:30PM. Children will not be dismissed from the pool; they will need to return to the Recreation Playground Registration Desk to sign out. Children must pay the pool fee at the time of sign up. If the weather changes during their visit to the pool, we do not refund or credit money. If it rains before their visit or if your child decides not to go to the pool, we will refund their payment. Payments must be made in cash. Bathing caps are not required. Payment is due when you sign-up, which is the day before or the morning of your pool visit. This will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

**We would like to make your child's camp experience a safe *and* enjoyable one.
Towards this end, the following guidelines are in place for the entire summer:**

Fees: Fees covering registration (\$125 per child) and Columbia Enrichment escorts must be paid at the Recreation Office (56 Columbus Avenue) not at Camp.

Hours: Camp is open from 9:00am-3:30pm. Please do not leave your child off before 9:00am and be prompt when picking him up at 3:30pm.

Camp Confines: Campers are not just confined to the fenced-in area beyond the front desk. They are escorted to/from the bathroom, Berkeley Swim Club and playground area (swings, slides, etc). The *playground area* (featuring New Playground Equipment) is available to campers from 10:15am until noon and again from 12:45pm until 3:00pm. Campers are not permitted beyond the tennis wall.

Front Desk: While campers may come and go throughout the day, they must sign-in when they arrive and sign-out when they leave. Campers will be provided with a wrist-band that must be worn during their entire stay which will be cut off when they sign-out. They will receive another wrist-band if/when they sign back in on the same day. *Please provide a note if your child is able to sign-out on his own.*

Columbia Enrichment: If your child is attending Columbia Enrichment programs and you paid for an escort, please call the Recreation Office at 464-0550 if he is not to be picked up on a certain day. Otherwise, a counselor will be looking for him!

Attendance: Please do not call the Recreation Office on days that your child is not attending Camp! It is not necessary.

Lunch: Be sure to include an ice pack in your child's lunch box or cooler- thermal lunch bags are a must. Lunch boxes and/or coolers should be placed on the table by the fence (not on the ground by the shelter). All Campers will eat lunch starting at 12:00pm.

Valuables: The Recreation Department is not responsible for personal items left at the Playground. Game Boys, iPods and hand held electronics are not allowed at the Playground. They will be taken away! Trading cards (such as Pokeman) are not permitted at the Playground. Children will have the opportunity to bring them on "Pokeman Themed Day". There is a phone at the Playground site for children to call their parents. It is not necessary for your child to bring a cell phone- we are not responsible for lost phones.

Sunscreen: Sunscreen should be applied before campers get to the Playground. We do not supply sunscreen! Note that campers may get wet throughout the day when we play with water balloons.

Cash: Campers should bring *limited* amounts of cash to the Playground to be used to purchase Italian ice from the Mr. Penguin truck or ice pops and ice cream sandwiches (\$.50) from specified counselors. Fees covering Pizza Day (Mondays \$2.00), BBQ Day (Wednesdays \$3.00), the Berkeley Swim Club (Tues/Thurs) and hot pretzels/ ice cream socials will be collected at the front desk. Pizza and BBQ orders must be placed by 11am.

Labels: Clothing, water bottles and lunch boxes must be labeled with your child's first and last name! The Recreation Department is not responsible for a camper's personal belongings.

Protective gear: Bicycles, scooters and roller blades are permitted in designated areas as long as campers wear a helmet. *Campers are not permitted to use other camper's bikes and scooters!* We tell them "if you didn't bring it, you can't use it".

Parents:

- ◆ Parents are not permitted in the gated area. If you would like to pick up or speak to your child, counselors staffing the front desk will call the child or go get them to meet you at the front desk.
- ◆ In addition, please drive slowly at all times in the parking lot! In addition to Playground Camp, several sports camps are held on the lower Columbia ball fields throughout the summer.
- ◆ For your child's safety, Epi-pens and other special considerations should be written on the registration form so that we may contact you with any questions. These needs should also be addressed to Carolyn George the first day of your child's visit.

Berkeley Heights Recreation – Summer Playground Registration Form ONLY

Please update all emergency phone numbers (Home, Cell, Work, Emergency Contact)

Make checks payable to B.H. Rec. & mail to 56 Columbus Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Parent/Adult's Name: _____ Address: _____

Town: (circle one) Berkeley Heights Murray Hill Other: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: (other than above numbers) Name: _____ Phone: _____

MEDICAL RELEASE: I recognize that participation in contact sports may occasionally lead to injury. The most common injuries are abrasions, bruises, sprains, and strains. Less common injuries, but perhaps more serious may occur. I hereby authorize emergency medical care for my child. If, in the judgment of the staff, treatment is required for an injury or illness, I hereby also authorize the administering of anesthetics and recourse to other procedures deemed necessary by the attending physician. I understand that whenever possible I will be notified prior to medical treatment of my child, or at the earliest possible time should prior notice prove impossible. I am financially responsible for expenses for medical care or transportation incurred.

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: I agree to abide by the conditions herein and agree to hold harmless, waive and release any and all rights to claims for damages against the Recreation Commission, Township of Berkeley Heights, and its agents and employees and other such individuals who may be involved in the planning and implementation of this program.

All information will be passed along to the instructors/coaches to better prepare them during programs.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPANT #1

Participant's Name: _____ Grade in Fall 09 _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender: M / F

Sections: (circle) A1- Summer Playground \$125 A2- Columbia Escort Additional \$20- check time 10:30 11:30 12:30

Special Considerations/ Buddy Option: _____
(Attention Situations, Balance Impairment, Allergies, other)

If your child may be interested in visiting the Berkeley Swim Club, please sign this section of the permission slip:

***Each child must have a signed permission slip on file before they will be permitted to sign up for Pool Visits. This form gives permission for your child to visit the pool throughout the summer.**

I, the parent or guardian of the swimmer named above, do hereby give my permission in my absence for any necessary emergency medical treatment to be administered by a licensed physician. I also give my approval for his/her participation in the Berkeley Heights Swim Club activities and assume all such risks and hazards incidental to participation. I absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless Berkeley Heights Recreation, Berkeley Swim Club and other participants from all such risks and hazards.

POOL PERMISSION SLIP- Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARTICIPANT #2

Participant's Name: _____ Grade in Fall 09 _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender: M / F

Sections: (circle) A1- Summer Playground \$125 A2- Columbia Escort Additional \$20- check time 10:30 11:30 12:30

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PARTICIPANT #3

Participant's Name: _____ Grade in Fall 09 _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Gender: M / F

Sections: (circle) A1- Summer Playground \$125 A2- Columbia Escort Additional \$20- check time 10:30 11:30 12:30

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