



THANK YOU FROM THE CAMP STAFF

Here it is—the final newsletter for the 2025 Summer Camp Season! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the campers who participated in our program this year. Each of you has left a lasting impression on our staff and our department. A special thank you to the parents for entrusting us with the care of your campers this summer. As the season winds down, we will be sending out a survey to gather your valuable feedback. We eagerly anticipate your constructive insights. Once again, thank you for an incredible summer, and we look forward to seeing you in 2026!



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, & Aqua Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 10. We hope your campers enjoy this week of camp!

Reminders:

Bring the following items each day!

- Sack lunch and snack
- Refillable water bottle
- Swim suit and towel
- Backpack to carry items
- Wear socks & tennis shoes
- **SUN SCREEN**
- A smile and a happy attitude

DO NOT BRING: electronics, Pokémon cards, valuable items, or smart watches.



SAFETY

- All Campers must be dropped off in person at the appropriate drop off locations. As you exit your vehicles please keep your camper close and watch for other traffic in the parking lots.
- Check your camper in with a counselor at drop off and get a verbal confirmation from the camp staff your camper is checked in.
- At pick-up, be sure to have your ID out and ready to show to the counselors. Showing your ID at pick-up is required.
- Any changes for Camper pick up, such as picking up early or having an alternate person pick up (i.e. Grandparent), please email the Camp Director at least 2 hours prior; campdirector@ballwin.mo.us

MISSOURI STATE EXEMPTION STATUS

Ballwin Parks and Recreation has been approved by the State of Missouri for Exemption Status for a childcare facility. Ballwin Day Camp meets all the required statutes to meet the exemptions set forth in Missouri Statute, sections 210.201 and 210.211, RSMo, which is monitored and enforce by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Ballwin Parks and Recreation takes pride in offering quality & safe Day Camp to the Ballwin area.



BALLWIN DAY CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe
Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe
Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - **Vlasis Park**
 • Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt
Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe
Friday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe (Kona Ice)
 For those that purchased
 Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



CAMP CHAT...

Some of our most memorable events in 2025

- Swimming at North Pointe on Thursdays!
- Day Camp visiting Big Joel Safari
- Teen Camp visiting Main Event
- All the Gaga Pit and 9 Square games
- Camp Director Maddy screaming out of the room when Serengeti Steve brought out all his reptile friends.
- Camp staff dressing up!
- And Specialty Camps brought to you by local coaches, teachers, and high school teams!



DAY CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, Camp will have a field day at Vlasis Park. Drop off and pick up will be at Vlasis. Campers will have a chance to check out the new playground, jump on bounce houses, and a special guest from Metro West Fire - a fire truck to spray the campers to cool off.



SWIMMING DAY CAMP

- **Monday & Tuesday** - Water Games/Sprinklers
- **Wednesday** - Field Trip - Fire Truck Spray
- **Thursday & Friday** - North Pointe,
 - drop off & pickup - Holloway Park Pavilion.
- Campers need to bring a towel, on all days campers are getting wet.
- Please bring your own US Coast Guard approved Lifejacket if your child is required to wear one!
- Swim tests will be administered Thursday this week.
- **INDOOR POOL CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE!**



BALLWIN TEEN CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe

Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe

Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe

- Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt

Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe

Friday - 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe (Kona Ice)

For those that purchased
Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



TEEN CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday Teen camp will head over to Chesterfield Aquatic Center for an afternoon of swimming and fun. The campers will get on the bus at 10:00 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 pm, to The Pointe. (PLEASE NOTE: Teen Camp drop off and pick up will be at The Pointe)



TEEN TALK...

See You Later, Teen Camp!

We came for fun, not math or tests,
Played games, made friends, took snack-time rests.
We sweated, laughed, and lost our shoes,
(And maybe bent a camp rule... who's?!)
Now camp is done—no more moody strikes,
No Gaga ball, 9 Square or water fights.
But don't be sad, we'll shout "Woo-hoo!"
Because next year, camp comes back... & you do too!



SWIMMING

TEEN CAMP

- **Monday** - Water games/Sprinklers
- **Tuesday & Thursday** - North Pointe
 - drop off - Holloway Park Pavilion
 - pick up - Inside North Pointe
- **Wednesday** - Field Trip - Chesterfield Aquatic Center
- **Friday** - North Pointe
- Campers need to bring a towel, on all days campers are getting wet.
- Please bring your own US Coast Guard approved Lifejacket if your child is required to wear one!
- Swim tests will be administered Tuesday this week.
- **Indoor Pool Closed for Maintenance!**





BALLWIN AQUA CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

- 9am - 4 pm - North Pointe Aquatic Center
- Drop off at Pavilion by Holloway Park
- Pick up inside North Pointe Aquatic Center
- **Friday - Kona Ice available for purchase**

For those that purchased

Club PM 4-6pm

(NO Club AM)



BUBBLE TALK...

Each day Aqua Camp will meet at the Pavilion at Holloway Park. Once all campers are checked in they will head into the facility for activities/games, eat lunch, and swim during open swim. Remember to bring your sun screen and be ready to apply multiple times during the day. Swimming can be exhausting, so campers will always have an option to get out of the pools, hang out in a shaded pavilion, & do other activities other than swimming. Concessions is available, but each camper must bring their own \$. Ballwin Bucks is an easy option to add funds to a key fob to be used at concessions, Ballwin Bucks can be purchased at the front desk.



NEW FOR AQUA CAMP

Again this year, Aqua Camp requires all campers to be able to pass a Swim Test. The swim test will be swimming 25 yards unassisted and tread water for 2 minutes. This is to ensure campers possess the sufficient swimming skills to participate in swimming activities and games. All campers will be tested on Monday. Those that do not pass, will be transferred to regular Day Camp, which will include a \$20 transfer fee.



SWIMMING AQUA CAMP

- **Monday - Friday - We Swim Every Day!**
- Campers need to bring a towel every day, preferably more than one.
- Please bring an extra set of dry clothes.
- Swim tests will be administered every Monday.
- In the case of Inclement Weather, we may move Aqua Camp to the Golf Course Event Center. Camper's parents/guardians will be notified via TextCaster.

DAY CAMP @ VLASIS PARK

VLASIS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

- Club AM* - 7:00-9:00 AM
- Camp Starts - 9:00 AM
 - 9:30am-12:00pm - Bounce Houses, Games, Park Play, and possible Ballwin Police visit
 - 12:00-1:00pm - Lunch
 - 1:00-2:00pm - Fire Truck Spray
 - 2:00-4:00 pm - Games and Activities
- Camp Ends - 4:00pm
- Club PM* - 4:00-6:00pm

(*For those that purchase Club AM and Club PM)



FIRE TRUCK

Metro West Fire District is scheduled to visit Vlasis Park at 1:00pm. The campers will be escorted to the "Spray Zone" to enjoy some cooling water from the fire truck. Since this will take place in a grassy area of the park, **ALL CAMPERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SHOES!** Campers may bring a second pair of shoes or strap on sandals (no crocks, no flip flops, no slides). This is for the safety of the campers. Since there are limited restroom space, we encourage campers to wear their swim suits under their camp shirts or breathable clothes that can air dry after the fire truck leaves.



BOUNCE HOUSES:

Campers will be able to use a variety of bounce houses while at Vlasis Park. All bounce houses will be monitored by camp staff and campers will follow all designated rules for each bounce house. Campers will NOT be able to wear shoes on the bounce houses. Please talk to your campers about taking off and putting on shoes for the bounce houses. Please have them wear shoes they are comfortable taking on and off.



CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be moved to The Pointe. A textcaster notification will be sent out before camp starts. The bounce houses will be moved to the Gym and the fire truck will be a showcase and walk around tour - sorry no "spray zone" available at The Pointe.



CAMP NOTIFICATIONS

Ballwin Camps will be using TEXTCASTER, as it's notification method this year. In the event the schedule changes or an update on camp that needs immediate attention, we will be using TEXTCASTER.

DIRECTIONS:

Step 1: Scan the QR code

Step 2: Sign up by filling in name and zip code.

**Step 3: Click on -Yes to receive texts
(email is also an option)**

Step 4: Choose the "SUMMER CAMP" message group.

Step 5: Add in your secure code and follow prompts.



SUNSCREEN

Sunscreen is required for each camper to bring to each day of camp. Camp Staff have scheduled sunscreen application times throughout the day. Campers will be required to apply and re-apply sunscreen regardless of how sunny or cool the weather. Please provide enough sunscreen for your camper to apply during the entire week. Sunscreen must be SPF 30 or higher. It is suggested campers come to camp familiar with their sunscreen and how to apply it.



LIFE JACKETS

New this year, Ballwin has included a lifejacket question to all camp registration. If you indicated you want your camper to wear a lifejacket, we will require them to wear one at all swimming times (No exceptions). You are required to send your camper with their own life jacket.

- Note: All life jackets must be US Coast Guard Approved with a clear label. Any unapproved Lifejackets will not be allowed and will affect your campers access to swimming.



Every Friday, Ballwin Day Campers and Specialty Camps located at The Pointe will have the opportunity to purchase a treat from Kona Ice. If your camper wants to partake, please send them with cash on Fridays. This is optional and may not be offered on days of bad weather. Kona Ice costs between \$5-\$7 depending on size of cup.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CAMPERS OF THE WEEK

Each week the camp leads will select a few campers that have shown great Ballwin Spirit, Kindness, and Good Attitudes during the week. On Friday's we will recognize these campers!

A big Thank you to Oberweis for sponsoring this program.



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STAFF "CHAMP AT CAMP"

Ballwin Camp Staff have been challenged to provide superior care and memorable experiences at camp. By doing so they put aside the daily challenges of being a counselor and showcase a positive attitude and a go getter mentality. If you want to nominate a counselor for this award, please use the link below.



A Champ at Camp is a creed that stands for "Counselors are Heroes, Ambassadors, Mentors, and Practitioners" at Camp. Each week we will take nominations from parent using the link below. Camp counselors will be able to win three categories of recognition; Peoples Choice (your nominations), Directors Award, and Most Spirited camp counselor. The camp counselors will be recognized each Friday with the Campers of the Week, and also receive a congratulations gift!

NOMINATE YOUR CAMP CHAMP: CLICK HERE