



OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

In week 4 we are continuing to work on independence. Camp helps children learn independence by encouraging them to make decisions on their own, away from their usual home environment. They gain confidence as they take responsibility for tasks like keeping track of their belongings and managing their daily routines. Through new experiences and challenges, campers develop a stronger sense of self-reliance.



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Soccer Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 4. 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 similar items



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

The Reptile Experience

CAMP CHAT...

Day Camp is a great place to make new friends outside of the school setting. Campers have many opportunities to make new friends through shared activities and group adventures. Working together on challenges builds trust and connection quickly. Camp creates a fun, welcoming environment where kids can be themselves and feel accepted. These friendships often last long after camp ends, creating lasting memories. If your camper needs help making friends, have them reach out to a camp counselor.



DAY CAMP ONSITE ENTERTAINMENT

On Wednesday we will have a special guest joining us for a unique and hissing great time. Serengeti Steve from The Reptile Experience will educate the campers about all his cool friends. With amazing facts and a few jokes, your campers will greatly enjoy this show. We will be sure all his creatures are well fed before coming to camp. Since this is onsite entertainment, day camp will swim indoors on Wednesday!



SWIMMING DAY CAMP

- **Monday & Tuesday** - Indoor Pool
- **Wednesday** - Indoor Pool - After Reptiles
- **Thursday** - North Pointe,
 - drop off & pickup - Holloway Park Pavilion.
- **Friday** - Indoor Pool
- 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 every Monday.



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 - The Pointe (Kona Ice)

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



FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday Teen Camp will be heading to the West County Mall. Campers and Counselors will shop, eat, and just hang like all teenagers do. Please send \$ with your teen if you are comfortable with them shopping at the mall. Campers will also have the opportunity to eat at the food court if desired, otherwise bring your sack lunch like normal. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 pm, to The Pointe.



TEEN TALK...

Why is Camp good for teens social and emotional health?

Young teens improve their social skills at camp by interacting with peers in a supportive, low-pressure environment. They learn to communicate, cooperate, and resolve conflicts during group activities and team games. Camp encourages them to step out of their comfort zones and connect with others from different backgrounds. These experiences help build confidence and emotional intelligence in social settings.



SWIMMING

TEEN CAMP

- **Monday** - Indoor Pool
- **Tuesday & Thursday** - North Pointe
 - drop off -Holloway Park Pavilion
 - pick up - Inside North Pointe
- **Wednesday** - NO Swimming - Field Trip
- **Friday** - Indoor Pool
- 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 every Monday.



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

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.



SOCCER CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2
 Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2
 Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2
 Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2
 Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2

- Kona Ice will be available for purchase

For those that purchased
 Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm
 (Drop off and pick up at Playground)



SOCCER TALK..

During Soccer Camp, the campers will all learn soccer skills, drill, and the rules of soccer. Although the emphasis is on soccer, the coaches will incorporate other camp activities like swimming, team building, and modified games. Your campers are sure to burn up a lot of energy at Soccer Camp, and have a lot of fun while doing it!



COACH: SHAWN & JENNA

Both Coach Shawn and Jenna have many years teaching and coaching soccer in Rockwood School District. Coach Shawn, now retired, spends time helping our soccer programs and taking kids to the Smokey Mountains through Rockwood. Jenna is still teaching and coaching, and currently the Head Girls Soccer Coach at Marquette High School.



SWIMMING SOCCER CAMP

- Monday - Friday - Indoor Pool
- Campers need to bring a towel and 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 every Monday.



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.



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