

DAILY CAMPER NEWSLETTER

Week 5 June 30-July 3 - 2025

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OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

In week 5 we are concentrating on kindness. At camp, campers learn the importance of kindness by helping and supporting one another. They discover that small acts of kindness can make someone's day better. Learning to be kind builds stronger friendships and creates a positive, welcoming environment. Sometimes, the kindness campers bring home can be a reminder to parents about the power of patience, compassion, and understanding.



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Racquet Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 5. 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. <u>Showing your ID at pick-up is</u> 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; <u>campdirector@ballwin.mo.us</u>

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 - The Pointe • Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - <u>North Pointe</u> Friday - NO CAMP! Happy 4th of July For those that purchased Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



CAMP CHAT...

Week 5 indicates our summer is about half over. To celebrate Week 5 and Independence day, we have some special activities planned. The 4th of July falls on Friday of Week 5. <u>Camp will NOT</u> <u>meet on Friday!</u> Please spend time with family and friends to observe this summer holiday. Campers will partake in TWO special activities this week. On Tuesday we will have Oh My Gosh, Josh! presenting a special show. On Wednesday, Campers will be heading to Marcus Theaters to enjoy a movie. So much fun this week!





DAY CAMP ENTERTAINMENT X 2 To celebrate the 4th of July, Camp will be offering two special events during Week 5. On Tuesday, Oh My Gosh, Josh! will providing one of his special acts at the Pointe. On Wednesday, Camp will travel to Marcus Theater and watch the live action movie of How to Train Your Dragon. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 1:00 pm, to The Pointe.



SWIMMING DAY CAMP

- Monday & Tuesday Indoor Pool
- Wednesday No Swimming Field Trip
- Thursday North Pointe,
 - drop off & pickup Holloway Park Pavilion.
- Friday No Camp! Enjoy the 4th of July
- 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 - <u>North Pointe</u> Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe • Field Trip Day - Wear your camp shirt Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - <u>North Pointe</u> Friday - NO CAMP! Happy 4th of July For those that purchased Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm





TEEN TALK...

Teen Camp Haiku Poems

No screens, just the sun, Forced to talk — they roll their eyes, Made three friends — surprise!

They grumble and groan, Complain on their phone, But never want to go home!





TEEN CAMP – FIELD TRIP On Wednesday, Teen Camp will travel to Marcus Theater and watch the live action movie of How to Train Your Dragon. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 1:00 pm, to The Pointe.



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 No Camp Enjoy the 4th of July
- 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 - Thursday

- 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)

Friday - NO CAMP! Happy 4th of July



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.



RACQUET CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Court 2 Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - New Ballwin - Courts Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - New Ballwin - Courts Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - Holloway Courts Friday - NO CAMP! Happy 4th of July

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

RACOUET TALK..

This week Racquet Camp will be using multiple courts throughout the city of Ballwin. Each day may be different for drop off & pick up locations. Please refer to the list below for drop off & Pick up

Day:	Drop Off:	Pick Up:
Monday	The Pointe	The Pointe
Tuesday	New Ballwin Park	The Pointe
Wednesday	New Ballwin Park	The Pointe
Thursday	Holloway Park (North Pointe)	Holloway Park (North Pointe)

- Club AM will be at each drop off location if purchased • 7-9 AM
- Club PM will be at each pick up location if purchased • 4-6 PM





INSTRUCTOR: MARK PLATT

Mark has been teaching tennis and racquet sports for over 45 years. Mark runs the tennis lesson program for Ballwin and many other municipalities and clubs. Mark and Ballwin Parks and Recreation will provide all the equipment for this camp. Feel free to bring your favorite tennis racquet or pickleball paddle to camp. Your camper will absolutely learn something new at this camp. Please put your name on your racquets if you bring one.



- Monday Wednesday Indoor Pool
- Thursday North Pointe
- NO CAMP Friday 4th of July
- 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 Vest

Jumper Life Jacket

Life Jacket

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.



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