



OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

During week 7 we will continue to work on social skills. At Ballwin Day Camp, kids interact with peers and counselors from different backgrounds, helping them build empathy and understanding. They practice sharing, taking turns, and resolving conflicts in a supportive environment. Group activities like games and team projects teach cooperation and communication. These daily interactions help campers gain confidence in making new friends and navigating social situations.



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Mad Science Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 7. 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 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



CAMP CHAT...

Week 7 here we go! Did you know that July is National Parks and Recreation Month? Ballwin will be offering additional activities and events in July to celebrate. Since Camp is a huge part of Parks and Recreation, we want to thank all of our Camp staff! You can help thank the camp counselors by writing a thank you for our display case at The Pointe. Thank you notes and pens are available on the glass of the display case. Please share your thanks and appreciation.



DAY CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to Big Joel's Safari. Campers will get to feed and pet animals along with an educational presentation. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 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** - 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



TEEN TALK...

Four ways to keep them motivated:

1. Give them choice and ownership – Let them help shape the schedule or pick activities so they feel invested.
2. Keep it social – Build in plenty of time for unstructured peer interaction and encourage group challenges.
3. Make it feel grown-up – Offer age-appropriate responsibilities (like mentoring younger campers) or leadership roles.
4. Celebrate small wins – Recognize achievements, even small ones, to boost confidence and buy-in.

Meeting them where they are socially, emotionally, & developmentally is key to keeping them involved & excited.



FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to Wapelhorst Waterpark. Campers will spend the day at a unique waterpark in St. Charles. The campers will get on the bus at 9:30 am SHARP and will return around 2:00 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** - 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.



MAD SCIENCE CAMP

SCHEDULE

Monday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Mtg Room B
 Tuesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Mtg Room B
 Wednesday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Mtg Room B
 Thursday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Mtg Room B
 Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe - Mtg Room B

- 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)



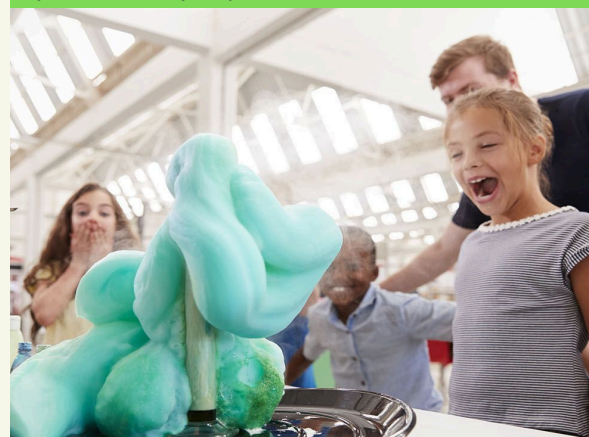
LABORATORY TALK..

Creative Contraption Warning! This is a camp designed by you—the Inventor! Children overcome a series of challenges using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors, and most importantly, their minds. With a bit of ingenuity, they create catapults and forts, construct working light sticks, and assemble a set of circuits with batteries and light bulbs.



MAD SCIENCE PROGRAM:

It's time to blow your minds with the curriculum for Mad Science Camp. Programming starts at 9 am and will run through 3 pm. Parents can pick up as early as 3 pm, but supervision will be available until 4pm. (unless you purchase Club AM or PM)



MAD SCIENCE CAMP

- **Monday - Friday**
 - **The Pointe Meeting Room**
- **Campers need to bring a sack lunch, snack, and a water bottle.**
- **Please wear comfortable clothes, things can get messy.**
- **NO Swimming in Mad Science Camp**
 - **The program schedule is full of daily activities, no time to swim.**



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.



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