

DAILY CAMPER NEWSLETTER

Week 8 July 21-25 - 2025

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OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

During week 8 we will continue to work on Healthy Lifestyles. Day camp promotes healthy lifestyles by keeping kids active through games, sports, and outdoor play. Campers learn the value of balanced routines with scheduled activities, meals, and rest. They're also introduced to healthy habits and practical self-care like staying hydrated and practicing good hygiene. With time away from screens and plenty of social interaction, campers boost both their physical and mental well-being.



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Crayola Art Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 8. 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
- <u>DO NOT BRING</u>: electronics, Pokémon cards, valuable items, or smart watches.

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- 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 - North Pointe Friday - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe (Kona Ice) For those that purchased Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



CAMP CHAT...

Being a camp counselor helps young people grow into adulthood by building responsibility, leadership, and communication skills. Counselors learn to manage groups, solve problems, and stay calm under pressure—skills that are valuable in both personal and professional life. They also develop empathy, patience, and the ability to work as part of a team. These experiences help build confidence and independence, laying a strong foundation for adulthood.





DAY CAMP ON-SITE ENTERTAINMENT On Wednesday Camp will have a few special guests visiting us. The World Bird Sanctuary will showcase a few of their feathered friends, including cool facts and live demonstrations. Since this is onsite entertainment, campers will swim indoors on Wednesday.



SWIMMING DAY CAMP

- Monday & Tuesday Indoor Pool
- Wednesday Indoor Pool after Entertainment
- 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 - <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 - 9am - 4 pm - The Pointe (Kona Ice) For those that purchased Club AM 7-9am - Club PM 4-6pm



TEEN TALK...

Teens who attend summer camp often return to school with improved focus, confidence, and social skills. Camp encourages responsibility, time management, and problem-solving—skills that directly support academic success. They also practice teamwork and communication, which are valuable in group projects and classroom discussions. Plus, the break from screens and academic pressure can refresh their minds, making them more motivated and ready to learn when school starts again.





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SWIMMING TEEN CAMP

- Monday Indoor Pool
- Tuesday & Thursday North Pointe
 - drop off -Holloway Park Pavilion
 - pick up Inside North Pointe
- Wednesday Indoor Pool after entertainment
- 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.



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.



CRAYOLA ART 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 • 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)



CHALK TALK..

Take a journey to the farthest reaches of the imagination while learning about the ocean, the rainforest, Mars, a futuristic city, and more! Use the design thinking process to solve realworld problems in these different environments. All this, plus games, creative free play, and more! Make room on your fridge or art gallery, campers will bring home projects throughout the week for the family to enjoy.





CRAYOLA CAMP PROGRAM: Campers experiment with Crayola products and many art techniques like sculpting, storyboarding, collage, and mixed media. They

discover design careers like graphic design, universal design, urban design, and product design.



CRAYOLA ART 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 Crayola 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.

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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