



OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

Week 9 is bitter sweet. This is our second to last week of camp and we are visiting one of our favorite field trips - Anne O'C Playscape in Forest Park. As the summer camp season comes to a close we want to acknowledge the great work our counselors have done this year. We are extremely proud of the hard work and all the little extras they did over the summer. Here are a few things they did: made unforgettable memories, swam almost every day, put on Band-Aids and wiped tears, and dressed up on Fridays.



WELCOME

Welcome to Ballwin Camps! This week we offer Ballwin Day Camp, Teen Camp, Aqua Camp, & Basketball Camp. We are excited to see you next week for Ballwin Camp Week 9. 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 - 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...

More about our Field Trip! Anne O'C Playscape is an interactive nature playground that allows guests to explore stream like landscapes and shallow pools of water. The campers will be able to splash and wade in the water along with climbing on natural structures. For this field trip we are requiring campers to bring shoes or full strap sandals that will not fall off when in the water. an extra set of clothes is highly recommended to change into after our return to Ballwin. If you prefer your camper to bring a second pair of shoes, please pack in their backpack. This is one of our favorite field trips!



DAY CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to Anne O'C Playscape in Forrest Park. Campers will get to splash and climb in real nature playscapes like they did in the good old days. 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...

Here are three things most people don't know about attending teen camp:

1. Camp Friendships Often Last a Lifetime: The bonds formed at camp can be deeper than school friendships because campers spend so much uninterrupted time together—without phones or outside distractions.
2. Camp Builds Career Skills Early: Teens at camp learn leadership, time management, and public speaking—skills that colleges and future employers value, even if it just looks like fun on the surface.
3. Being Unplugged Actually Feels Good: While many teens dread being without their phones, most end up enjoying the break and feel less stressed after disconnecting and spending time in nature.



TEEN CAMP FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday we will be traveling to Aloha Miniature Golf. Teens will have unlimited put-put golf. Feel free to bring a few extra dollars for a shaved ice or a soft drink. 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.



BASKETBALL CAMP

SCHEDULE

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



TEAM CHAT..

Basketball Camp will participate in drills, skills, and games to enhance their basketball technique. Please wear comfortable shoes, and athletic wear each day. Campers will also go swimming so check out the schedule to the right. Because this camp is constantly moving, it is very important to bring your water bottle and fill it up multiple times during the day. Parents, your campers should come home happy but also a little tired from all the activities. You are welcome to bring your own basketball, but please put your name on it and take it home every day after camp.



COACH PEARSON:

Coach Pearson has instructed sports camps for us for multiple years. He is so much fun and makes each day exciting and unique. Coach Pearson has worked with athletes of all ages from youth to High School to College. Your campers will have a great time with Coach Pearson and his helpers during All Sports Camp this summer!



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- 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