



Parent Letter

The StroudKids Camp Program Overview

StroudKids (ages 6-12), *Tots* (ages 4-5) & *The Leaders-In-Training* (ages 13-15) are structured recreational day camp programs administered by the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission (SROSRC) for youth ages four through fifteen. These programs are operated at three locations in the Stroud Region, Monday - Friday, during the summer months. Activities include arts and crafts, active and passive games, sports, playground and water games, and special events. (Swimming activities may not take place every day due to unforeseen circumstances. However, children should bring an appropriate suit and towel every day to camp.)

The goal of the StroudKids Program is to provide a safe and enjoyable atmosphere built around age-appropriate activities that help children develop positive social and leisure skills, and include the following objectives:

- To develop an appreciation for the outdoors
- To learn positive leisure skills
- To develop social skills and cooperation
- To enjoy a diversity of recreational experiences
- To enhance self confidence
- To promote health & wellness

SROSRC is committed to providing positive recreational opportunities to all who live or work in the Stroud Region. It is our goal to provide quality outdoor and indoor recreation activities for all campers to learn, grow, and have fun.

The Leaders-in-Training program (LIT) will teach participants the values of teamwork while enjoying team building activities and developing leadership skills. Additionally, they will be working closely with camp leadership staff to deliver programming to younger campers. LIT's will also be given opportunities to participate in community service projects that leave a lasting impact in our region.

***Parents are expected to attend a Meet & Greet
June 8th between the hours of 4 – 7 p.m.
at the Dansbury Park Pavilion**

Operations

Monday, June 25 – Friday, August 10, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, for children ages 4-15. Check-in begins at 8:45am. Please note – there is no camp on July 3rd or 4th and the last day of camp (8/10) ends at 12:00 p.m.

Locations & Ages

- Dansbury Park (ages 6-15)
- Stroudsburg High School (ages 9-15)
- Morey Elementary (ages 4-8 & 13-15)

Campers will experience fun activities based on weekly themes. Campers will experience weekly themes and a daily program schedule. Campers are to be prepared for both indoor and outdoor activities, including pool time during each day. *Swimming activities may not take place every day due to unforeseen circumstances. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for each camper to learn and have fun.

The Camp Director oversees all camp programs with Site Director and other camp staff. Assistant Site Directors supervise the Leader-In-Training program. Camp staff participate in orientation and training, have valid clearances, and are certified in First Aid and CPR. All camp staff serve as leaders to our campers and we expect them to demonstrate appropriate behavior as a positive role model. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for each camper to learn and have fun.

Telephone access is not available at all camp locations. In case of emergency, parents are to call the Camp Director at the SROSRC office at 570-426-1512. The Camp Director will contact the Site Director.

Camp may be cancelled due to severe weather or emergency conditions. If weather conditions merit cancellation of the program during the day, parents will be called to pick up their children.

StroudKids, Tots & Leaders-In-Training Camp Rules

All rules, guidelines, and safety procedures of camp are established for the safety and protection of all campers. Failure to comply with the rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action, immediate suspension or dismissal from camp. Campers are to participate in all activities, unless noted on the signed Camp Registration & Health Form and/or Outside Services Form.

1. **Sign In/Sign Out** - The camper must be signed in and out by an authorized parent or guardian (listed on application) throughout the summer program dates. Photo identification is required to show to camp staff.

- Parents must find the child's group and sign them in if they arrive late or if signing out early
- If a child needs to leave the program early, written notification is required. If an emergency requires that someone else pick up your child, the child's name, adult's name who will be picking up and phone number(s) must be left with the Camp Director at 570-426-1512.

2. **Camper Awareness** - Children are required to wear a wristband through the duration of camp. Participants must stay with their Counselor at all times and not wander off in camp facilities.

3. **Things to Bring to Camp** - *(Label all personal items with the camper's first and last name)*

- Campers must bring their own bagged lunch, snack, and drink. Please keep in mind, there is no refrigerator or microwave available. ****Free breakfast and lunch will be served at all camp sites, provided by ESASD in partnership with SROSRC & SASD. This will start once school is out.***
- Wear/bring comfortable and appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. Closed tip shoes must be worn to camp every day. Flip flops or sandals can be worn for swim time only.
- Towel, bathing suit, change of clothes, hat, bug spray; please apply sunscreen at home.

4. **Things NOT to Bring to Camp**

- No personal items: electronics, electronic game devices, Nintendo 3DS, iPods, tablets, laptops, mp3 players, Pokémon cards, magic cards, poker cards, cash, jewelry, etc.
- **No cell phones are permitted during camp hours.** *No taking pictures or viewing/posting on any social media sites.* If your child has a cell phone for contacting parent before or after camp, the cell phone must be off and put away during camp hours.
** If you have an emergency and need to reach your child call the office (570) 426-1512*
- No controlled substances, tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or weapons.

** SROSRC is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items*

5. **Sickness-** If camper has lice, pinkeye, fever and/or any other contagious illness and should not attend camp. If a camper is brought to camp sick a phone call will be made to parent to pick child up immediately and must provide a doctor's note to return to camp.

6. **Behavior Expectations** – Campers are representing the StroudKids camp community and SROSRC. We want each child to enjoy the planned activities with a good experience.

Always...

- Be respectful of all campers, staff, supervisors, and service providers
- Listen to staff and follow direction of counselors, directors, and service providers
- Keep yourself and others safe
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Respect the property of other campers, camp equipment, and facilities
- Participate in camp activities in a positive manner

Behavior & Disciplinary Action Policy – A camper's participation in camp is dependent upon their behavior. General discipline techniques involve positive reinforcement for acceptable behavior. Parents will be notified in writing and by phone if the camper continues to display undesired behavior.

**** If camper has TSS/BSC/Nurse services or any other outside agency, workers must follow all camp rules our staff follows. Service workers must pay for any field trips camp participates in for themselves. All service workers must be with campers at all times during camp. If any service is unavailable, a phone call to parent is made and camper must be picked up.**

****Parents cannot replace a TSS/BSC/Nurse for the day.**

Our goal is for all campers to have a safe and positive experience at camp, and we will strive to work with the child and parent prior to withdrawing the child from camp. SROSRC reserves the right to withdraw any child if the behavior is severely disruptive, or creates physical harm to self and others. This includes but is not limited to:

- Aggressive physical contact or inappropriate language
- Engaging in fighting or bullying
- Stealing or defacing other camper's personal belongings or camp facilities
 - * Any damage at any facility or to camp property due to camper's negligence will be the responsibility of the parent and/or guardian to replace or pay for the damages*
- Disrespect for staff, rude and discourteous behavior toward others
- Refusing to follow rules and guidelines, insubordination
- Does not stay with counselor, running away from staff
- Repeatedly displaying an inability to follow established rules and guidelines
- Brings a weapon, alcohol, or controlled substance
- Harm to self and others, including physical harm
- Peeing in public

Failure to comply with the rules and expectations may lead to disciplinary action, suspension, and/or termination from the program and a refund will not be provided.

Disciplinary Action Policy

1st occurrence – Redirect and verbal warning is given with a talk between the counselor and the camper. Parent is made aware and will sign Behavior/Incident Report at pick up

2nd occurrence - Reflection time from activities will be given; in the event the behavior escalates, suspension may be given from camp, up to one week depending on the severity of the offense. A phone call is made home to the parent by the Site Director and parent will sign Behavior/Incident Report at pick up.

3rd occurrence - In the event the behavior is still not corrected, is continuous, and unable to be resolved, will result in immediate withdrawal from camp without a refund. Phone call will be made home to the parent by the Camp Director. Parent must arrange immediate transportation for the child.

****Please note****

Any physical contact may result in an immediate suspension or dismissal without a refund. Suspension up to a week may be given depending on the severity of the offense.

Program Refund Policy

All refund requests must be made two weeks before the start of camp. Refunds requests made after camp starts will be evaluated for approval. If approved the refund will be pro-rated based on the number of days since camp started. Refunds will be processed within 30 days of approved request. In the event a child is suspended or dismissed from the camp program, a refund will not be issued. ***A \$35 service charge will be assessed on all refund requests.*** A full refund will be issued if the Commission cancels a program.

The following page must be signed and returned



2018 StroudKids Camp Program
Parent Letter Signature Page

Fill out a separate form for each child.

I have read and discussed with my child the Parent Letter which includes program rules, overall guidelines, and refund policy.

Date _____

Check Camp Site: ___ SK Camp – Dansbury Park
 ___ SK Camp – Morey Elementary
 ___ SK Camp – Stroudsburg High School

 ___ SK Tots – Morey Elementary

Camper's Name (PRINT) _____

(Signature) _____

Parent/Legal Guardian (PRINT) _____

(Signature) _____