



## Camp WB FAQs

*We are a state licensed camp and adhere to all rules set forth.*

*For any additional questions please email [camps@wbparks.org](mailto:camps@wbparks.org), contact front desk at 248-451-1900 or Recreation Programmer at 248-451-1906. Please note during camp season the Recreation Programmer might not be in the office day-to-day but onsite.*

**1. What are your ratios of camp staff to camper?**

State Licensing requires a 1:10 staff to camper ratio. Our Camp WB ratio is typically 1:7.

**2. What kind of training does your staff go through?**

Our camp staff are certified in CPR & AED and Water Observation. Additional training includes epi-pen usage, basic first aid trainings and workshops. They also receive a five day camp training run by WB Parks staff includes: safety regulations, emergency procedures and behavior management techniques.

**3. How old are your counselors?**

Our camp counselors are at least 18 years old. All lead staff are 21 years old or older.

**4. What is the maximum number of campers?**

Our maximum is 55 campers. We will sell out, definitely try to register early.

**5. How old does my camper have to be to attend Camp WB?**

Our camp is for campers ages 6 to 11. We have a great Leaders in Training program for kids 13 to 16 available for pre-teens/teens. Campers must turn the advertised age within one month of the camp start date.

**6. Where is camp located?**

Camp WB is located at Drake Sports Park (6801 Drake Rd.) in our one room Community Building. See Camp WB Parent Handbook for additional activity locations.

**7. What is the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline?**

Receive \$10 off each camp you register for before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 8. When does my child get their t-shirt?

T-shirts are given out during pick-up time on the first day of camp. One t-shirt per camper for the whole summer, but extra t-shirts are available for purchase for \$10.

## 9. What does my child need to bring to camp?

Campers should bring a backpack that includes: a **peanut free** lunch, 2 snacks, sunscreen and water. Wear closed toed shoes every day and their field trip t-shirt on field trip days. Please be sure their backpack and all belongings are clearly marked in permanent marker with your child's name.

**Water activity days:** bring a swim suit, towel and closed toe water shoes (optional).

**Campers should NOT bring:** money (unless it is ice cream truck day), toys (including rubrics cubes), video games, cell phones, other personal devices, etc. They are not allowed to use them at Camp and we cannot be responsible for these items.

## 10. What will my child do during camp?

Campers take part in a variety of activities from week-to-week. We rotate between active and passive activities. An example of weekly schedule is below:

- Mondays:
  - Ice breaker, morning rotations, the ice cream truck visits and afternoon rotations. Rotations include games, outdoor activities and crafts.
- Tuesdays:
  - Parent drop-off and pick-up at Marshbank Park (one of our parks about 15 minutes from Drake); one of our Naturalist provides nature education on a number of topics throughout the summer, campers fish and participate in bi-weekly canoeing.
    - One lifeguard is present at each canoe day and staff are in the canoes with the campers.
- Wednesdays:
  - Parent drop-off **only** at Lily Pad Springs in the morning. Activity rotations with special craft project.
  - There will be two pool days scheduled this summer.
- Thursdays:
  - This is our field trip day and we are gone majority of the day. **Camp t-shirts** are required to be worn on this day.
- Fridays:

- Morning activity rotations. Afternoon Wacky Water Day which include: a giant slip and slide, water balloons, giant sprinklers and other water activities.
- **Additional Info:**
  - Free time is offered a couple times throughout the day every day.
  - Your child will do all of these things and much more; including special guest and activities.
  - We definitely keep them busy.

**11. What field trip will my child/children go on in camp?**

Refer to the Camp Guide or the online Camp WB description.

**12. How do canoe day's work at Marshbank?**

One lifeguard is present at each canoe day and one staff member is in each canoe. Everyone travels together in a group and we go through a marsh area as well as by the fishing pier if time allows it.

**13. My child has never rode a bus before ... can I go on the field trip with them?**

WB Parks policy only allows for camp staff to accompany campers on field trips and at camp. We understand that bus rides can be a new experience for kids and have the potential to cause some anxiety, but our staff does a wonderful job preparing our campers for our field trip days. Additionally, staff will sit with campers who may be anxious about the drive.

**14. How does your camp handle special needs?**

We do our best to accommodate campers with special needs; however, we do not have staff to work with campers who need one-on-one assistance. We highly encourage parents to elaborate on their camp forms.

**15. Do you have any returning staff?**

We have mix of some rock star returning staff and some great new staff joining our camp team.

**16. How do I register for a camp?**

Every child must have all required camp forms completed and submitted before they can register for camp with payment.

*Registration Requirements = Camp Waiver + Concussion Form + Payment*

Optional Form - Permission to Administer Medication and Release of Claims (if needed) this form includes a section that needs to be signed by your child's doctor.

Once your child's camp paperwork has been processed, you will receive an email confirmation. At that point, you can register in-person, online or call (248) 451-1900 once registration starts.

**17. When is the first day I can register?**

Registration opens online Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. All camp forms must be completed and processed prior to your registration. Early registration March 19<sup>th</sup> for returning campers from 2024.

\*We offer a \$10 discount for all camps if you register before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**18. Can parents pick their children up early from camp?**

Parents may pick up their children early from camp on non-field trip days. ***Staff must be made aware of this the beforehand or the morning of, at the latest.*** Parents or designated pick-up person must be on the camp waiver and present a photo ID or PIN number at the time of pick up.

**19. When is the registration deadline?**

The registration deadline is 11:59 pm, the Tuesday prior to the camp start date. Camps may sell out before this date, register early!

- Transfers/cancellations must be requested before the registration deadline and will include a \$10 fee per transaction.
- Registration after the deadline will only be accepted if space allows and you will be charged a \$20 administration fee.
- We only consider refunds due to a medical condition, with a doctor's note, if submitted by the end of that week of camp.

**20. What is your refund policy?**

Refunds cannot be issued for daily absences. We only process refunds due to a medical condition, with a doctor's note, if submitted by the end of that week of camp. If West Bloomfield Parks cancels a camp, a full refund will be issued. Any transfer/refund requests will include a \$10 administrative fee. No transfers or refunds after Tuesday at 11:59 pm the week prior to the start of camp. We also do not pro-rate the camp fee if a child only attends a portion of a camp.

**21. Can I have staff's phone number to contact you throughout the day?**

If you have any concerns during the camp day, please contact the main office at 248-451-1900. They will relay all messages to camp staff.

**22. Can my child be in a group with their sibling/friend?**

We will try our best to keep them together. However, if there are any behavior issues between them, we may have to split them up. At times we will split kids by age group due to certain activities.

**23. What happens when there is inclement weather?**

We always have a back-up plan whether it is a field trip day or a day we spend at our own facility. For safety purposes, if there is thunder or lightning we will go inside. We cannot go back outside until 30 minutes has passed of neither lightning nor thunder.

**24. Health and Safety Considerations**

We will continue to follow all guidelines and recommendations by the State and Health Department and respond accordingly. Also we will communicate any major changes with registered participants via email prior to the start of camps.

**25. What is your camp mission?**

To create fun and memorable experiences through socialization and interactive play.