

2016 SUMMER TEEN CAMP INFORMATION AND FAQ

Registration begins for:

Warren Township residents April 11, 9am

Watchung Boro/Green Brook May 9, 9am

New place!! Held at the WHRHS gym 1 & 2, classrooms and outdoors

About our staff:

This camp is overseen for the fifth year by Director Franco Caruso, a Certified Teacher with an Administrators Certificate, plus 2 Certified Teachers and 3 college students. All adult staff has CPR training and is fingerprinted.

About our camp:

Trip days are on Wednesdays. See schedule and FAQ's. **NEW!** You have two choices for camp **1.** Pick the week w/o the trip; **2.** *And/or* pick just the trip. **Back this year** is Monday half day swim at Warrenbrook Pool from 12-3pm for \$3 at the door, thus no Monday morning camp **except for the first Monday, June 27** which will be a full day at the WHRHS. You must drop off and pick up your child each day. If parents want to stay to swim, they must pay. *Register early as it fills.*

This is a semi-organized camp. Teens are allowed to choose from crafts, games, sports, music or just socializing. They also have access to the gym and outside basketball court and gaga pit. They can be outside or inside (air conditioning). A Staff member is always within sight of the teens. Electronics are not permitted. If you want your child to have their cell phone the Director will hold it. Please see Director Franco about other arrangements the first day. Throughout the summer we will bring in surprise visitors.

About special lunch and snack days:

Tuesday is pizza day & Thursday is Smoothie day (pick 3 flavors- Angel Food (vanilla), Chocolate & Strawberry X-treme) Tuesday is pizza day; deadline to order is Friday before. Thursday is Smoothie day; deadline to order is Monday before. Pay for them online at www.warrennj.org/recreation Click on REGISTER on the right, then click on "Register online by credit card" which will take you to your Community Pass account. Friday is ice-cream truck day for an extra fee, bring cash the day of. See trip lunch info.

Thursday, July 28th is the Family Picnic for everyone at the municipal pavilion (rain date Friday). Parents and siblings are invited. Signup for total attending & what type of food you can bring at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-TehnYdAX1CMAd7AhhFOsPyvcjJ5U_3_Ctb3gzj-Vd0/edit

2016 FAQ's WARREN TOWNSHIP TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

Registration Instructions

1. **Warren Residents have the opportunity to register before Watchung and Green Brook residents.** Must show proof of residence on the first day.(driver license, school ID or bill)
2. (Note: Please indicate which grade your teen will be entering in September)
3. Fill in all requested information online or use UNIVERSAL form if mailing in check.
4. **Registration deadline: 2 weeks before each camp week.**
5. To pay by credit card (Visa or MasterCard), please go to <http://register.communitypass.net/warrentwp> or click on icon online.
6. To pay by check, make checks payable to "Warren Township" and mail check with your registration and parent release form to "Recreation Department," 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren, NJ 07059
7. There may be other fees for pizza & smoothies which you may pay for online when registering for camp. Please bring money to camp for ice cream on Fridays.
8. Must mail or drop off only the **Parent Release form one week before each camp week**, try to get them in when you register.
9. Please call the Recreation office at 908-753-8000 ext 270, if you have any special needs or need a scholarship.
10. This camp is a five week teen camp for teens going into grades 6-9 by September. Pay by the week with a trip OR for a trip only. Trips will be the next day if it should rain.
11. **You may not register at camp. You must register online or at the Recreation office or by mail. We need 20 teens to run a trip. Please spread the word. Register early as we fill early.**

TIMES AND DAYS: Monday swim day 12-3pm at Warrenbrook Pool with a \$3 entrance fee at the door. No morning camp on Monday. 9am-3pm on Tues.-Fri. **NEW LOCATION** for camp is WHRHS, 108 Stirling Rd. Indoor air conditioning provided on hot days & access to gyms 1 & 2, an indoor art room plus outside basketball court, Gaga pit and grass fields including a tented area for outdoor crafts and music All 5 weeks include a fun trip for an additional fee.

Thursday, July 28 Family Picnic (rain date Friday) Please drop off & pick up at the Municipal Pavilion this day

All campers 1-9 are invited with their parents and siblings to the picnic. Each family brings a dessert (optional). A signup sheet will be made available online. Camp will still begin at 9am. Fun and games will run all day, with lunch at 11:30am. Camp will close at 3pm. This is meant to be an opportunity for the campers to say goodbye to their friends. If you would like to thank the CIT who are volunteers for their hard work, please write your teens CIT name on an envelope & give it to the Camp Director. Please fill out a survey as well to let us know how we are doing. We always find a special guest to enhance the day.

This is a semi-organized camp. We allow the teens to choose from arts and crafts, games, sports, water play and just socializing. They can be outside or inside. A teacher is always within site of the teens. Music is allowed as long as everyone gets to hear it. Teens are welcome to bring their own CD's or iPod. We have our own WII, so if you have active games, you may bring them. No violent games please.

Staff

For the safety of your teens, we require background checks on all adult staff. We follow State Health Mandated Regulations. CPR/AED/First Aid is required. Ratio 10 to 1. The staff includes a Director, 2 certified teachers & 3 college students. Franco Caruso, will be in charge.

Camp Attire and Needs

Preferred camp attire is sneakers, hat for outside, sunglasses, and sun protection. No halter-tops, **short** shorts, or flip-flops (unless at a water park). Send your child with a water bottle and a towel. Please, encourage your child to wear a **one-piece** bathing suit for Dorney Park & Keansburg. Teens may bring backpacks which will be safe on the bus. No radios, CD players, gaming devices, etc. are permitted. Cell phones should be turned off during trips, unless the parent

and Director have a talk. Cell phones will be collected at the start of camp and returned at the end of the day. Pack a snack and drink.

Drop off procedure

Drop off your teen at 9am except for trip days since times vary. Please sign in your teen the first day of camp, then going forward you may pull up near WHRHS Gym 1 & 2 (on left side of school) to drop off & pick up. The Teen Camp is always open since we have an indoor facility. Parents may drop off and pick up their teen anytime between the hours allowed.

Pick up procedure

Pick up your teen at 3pm except for the trip days since times vary. Please sign out your teen the first day of camp, then going forward you may pull up near WHRHS Gym 1 & 2. Please pick up your child on time, as we have to pay coordinators extra to stay. If you are late, you will be sent a bill of \$5 for every 15 minutes. Parents may drop off and pick up their teen any time between the hours allowed.

Walking & Bike Riding Procedure

Your teen will only be allowed to walk or ride a bike to and from camp after the parent sends a signed consent letter to the Recreation Director, stating that you understand that the staff is only responsible for your child while he/she is at camp. Once your teen leaves camp, he/she may not return for the day. They **may not** leave to get something to eat and come back, unless the parent signs him/her in and out. If someone other than your family is picking up your child, you must provide a note. See note and other forms on our website under Recreation, Forms.

Procedure to contact camp

- Camp Director – You may reach the Program Director, Franco Caruso at 908-963-9094 (camp cell) not before 7:30am
- Camp Emergency Phone – If you can't reach the Director, call the Recreation Office at 908-753-8000 ext 270 or 271.

Medical needs

The camp will not be able to administer drugs to your child, nor will we hold any medicine. Please administer medicine to your teen either before and/or after the camp. If your teen must carry **epi-pens** or inhalers, please notify our camp Health Coordinator (EMT). If your child should get hurt, you will receive a medical report copy. The Coordinators are CPR/First Aid-certified, and we have an EMT on staff. Epinephrine/Epi-pens Authorization (if needed) and Parent Release forms need to be **signed and mailed to the Recreation Department by June 20th**. All forms are available online at www.warrennj.org/recreation Recreation, Forms.

Immunizations

According to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4, we must have the parent's signature that your teen has received his/her immunizations against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, pertussis, mumps & rubella.

Conduct

The idea of camp is to have fun and be safe. Any behavior problems will be dealt with at the camp first, and parents will be contacted if the problem continues. The parent must come in with the teen to meet with the Director. If the problem persists, the teen will be asked to leave the camp. When registering, please read the **NEW Discipline Policy**, which is also available online at www.warrennj.org/recreation Recreation, Forms

Complaints/Comments/Compliments

If a parent has a concern or complaint, please contact the **6, 7, 8,9th grade Coordinator, Franco Caruso at 908-963-9094**. Please do not go to a counselor. If you are not satisfied, please contact the **Recreation Director, Eleanora Hermann at 908-753-8000 x270**, or email her at ehermann@warrennj.org

Forms Needed

For these forms go to www.warrennj.org/recreation Recreation, Forms

1. Parent Release Form (includes swimming, discipline & universal waiver)
2. Epi-pen Permission, if applicable
3. Letter if someone else is picking up your child
4. Letter if child is walking to and from camp
5. Read Discipline Policy