



Dear BDC Families,

May 2017

Welcome to BDC '17! We are thrilled that you and your family will be with us for our **36th Season**. With campers from dozens of different States, many foreign countries, and an exceptionally eager and bright staff of dedicated and experienced administrators, teachers, and coaches – this summer is shaping up to be our finest yet! You will see lots of familiar faces at BDC this summer, with many of your favorite staff and campers returning to camp. So that your family will be as ready as we are, please read and review this important camp information. If, at any time, you have questions, *please* call or visit the BDC Office. We are here to help you!

PRE-CAMP REMINDERS:

- A copy of your child(rens) latest **Immunization & Health Record** must be on file in our office. These can be emailed, snail mailed, or faxed, directly to our office: FAX 508-896-2044 and yes, this has to be done EVERY year, even for returning families - this is a state requirement. Thanks for your cooperation!
- **Time** at camp may be added during the summer pending availability. When adding time, please do so at the BDC Office for Campers on the Hills (K-10th Grade) and at the Family School Office for YCP Campers (Infant-Preschool campers in our Young Children's Program). Methods of adding summer time for year-round TFS families continues as usual - please see Connie or Jane in the School Office.
- **Parents may request copies** of: Camper Health Care Policies, General Health and Safety Information, Camper Disciplinary Policies, or proof of Staff Background Checks.
- A **Campus Tour** may be scheduled prior to your camp start date. Tours are offered at various times, depending on the month. Please contact the BDC Office to schedule a personalized tour of camp.
- **Schedule Changes** are offered until May 1st. No refunds, exchanges, or reductions in tuition can or will be made, after May 1st.
- **Schedule Additions** may be added pending available space. Please add horseback riding by Friday prior to your desired lesson day. Trips, Sailing School, Tennis/Golf/Semi-Private Swim/SUP Lessons, may be added up to 24 hours in advance. To add time or EXTRAS to your schedule, please contact the BDC Office via phone 508-896-6555 or email info@brewsterdaycamp.com or in person during the work day.

DURING CAMP REMINDERS:

- A **neon post card** with your child's group placement information is mailed directly to your family. *Please bring this neon card on your child/children's first day of camp so that we may graciously welcome you and help your child get settled easily!* At any time, if you have concerns about your child's placement, please email info@brewsterdaycamp.com. We are happy to answer your questions regarding your child's placement.
- Our campus is open from 7:30am-5:30pm daily. The scheduled camp day takes place between **8:30am-4:30pm**. All campers **MUST** be met by their families by **5:30pm - at the latest**. A \$35 Late Pick-Up Fee due immediately upon pick up is assessed after 5:30pm. Twelve month families continue pick up as usual. Contact the BDC Office if you have questions.

- **Medications** will only be given to your child via the Health Center. Medications are administered only at noon each day unless special arrangements are made in advance on an individual basis and approved by the Camp Director. All medications must be in their original container and delivered by the registering adult directly to the Health Center who stores the medication in a locked box. Please make every effort to schedule camper medications during home hours.
- Our newly renovated, environmentally-friendly, saline/chlorine pool is open daily for **Family Swim** – free of charge – to camp families who wish to swim from **5:00pm-6:30pm** Monday-Friday evenings, weather permitting. A certified BDC Red Cross Certified Lifeguard is on duty during Family Swim. The pool will close early at 6:00pm on Thursday, July 20th for our Mid-Summer Staff Meeting following the Family Picnic/Pot Luck Dessert. We hope that you will join us for the Picnic as well as the Camper/Staff Talent Show immediately following. Details regarding the picnic are announced during Week #4 in *eWAVES*, the camp newsletter.
- Make sure that your preferred email address is on-file with the BDC Office so that you will receive your copy of *eWAVES* our weekly e-newsletter. *eWAVES* is the place to find **ALL** of the latest BDC news and special events/offerings for the upcoming week at camp. Stay informed about all things BDC via *eWAVES*!
- State law **prohibits smoking & drug use** on our campus. Our parking lot is smoke free as is our waterfront area, and the adjacent properties (church parking lot).
- **Friday Morning Assemblies** are held each week. Campers on the Hills (K-10th Grade) meet at Sailors Hill assembly area from 8:50-9:30am. YCP Campers (Infant-Preschool) meet at Mariners Hill from 9:30-10:00am. We sing songs, share camp traditions, and recognize camper achievement. Friends and family – young and old – are welcome!

FOOD AT BDC:

- Please pack your child with a **HEARTY nutritious lunch** in an insulated lunch bag. BDC lunch bags may be purchased at the BDC Office. We recommend the use of a freezer pack. Due to the high level of physical activity at camp, often campers eat far more food during a camp lunch period than they do during the school year. Please plan your child's lunch accordingly.
- If campers arrive without a lunch and a family member cannot be reached by noon time to deliver one, BDC will provide food. The family will be charged \$10.00.
- BDC provides an afternoon **snack** to all campers. In addition, a morning and afternoon snack is offered to campers younger than 6 years old. BDC serves many forms of snack food including peanut butter crackers.
- BDC is an **allergy aware camp**. Peanuts and other allergens are present in camp snacks and camper lunches. BDC accommodates the special needs of individual campers by restricting food offerings and seat placement to your allergic child only. Please be in touch with us regarding any questions which you may have regarding our allergy policies. If your child has a nut or other type of food allergy, *PLEASE* contact the BDC Office immediately if you have not done so already. We are eager to speak with you about your child's allergies.

PARKING LOT INFORMATION:

- Our **parking lot** is very busy at drop off and pick up times. We are excited to welcome you and are anxious to keep our lot safe and smooth for drivers and campers. Please follow the directions of our trained **BDC Parking Lot Attendants** wearing fluorescent safety vests. They are highly skilled at keeping our parking lot safe.
- Please limit your time to **quick drop offs and pickups**.

- For the safety of all -- please refrain from **talking, texting, or accessing data on your devices** while entering, exiting, and driving in our very busy parking lot.
- We encourage families with older children (2-10th Grade) to use the morning AND afternoon **Hello and GO** system near the BDC Office which expedites drop off and pick after your child's first camp day. Our Parking Lot Attendants will greet your child as he/she gets out of your car, write down any pertinent information which you would like passed along to your child's Tent Counselor, then escort him/her to the Camp Director at the **Welcome Walk** and on through the **Welcome Gate** into camp. You may remain in your car! *Please take advantage of this very safe and easy system for older camper drop off.*
- You will receive a **camper's last name car card** for placement on the dash board of your vehicle. When you pick up your older children (2-10th Grade) the Parking Lot Attendant stationed in the lower driveway will read this name and radio your child so that your older camper is ready with backpack in hand to greet you after you have parked your car and walk to your child's designated pick up area where you sign out your child. Your child will be released to *you* via his/her Tent Counselor after you park your car and come to meet your child. ***For safety reasons, please make sure that you have signed out your child on the Tent Clip Board and made contact with his/her TENT COUNSELOR before taking your child out of camp. Thank you for helping us to keep your child safe!***
- For the health and safety of everyone – especially our planet – please **turn off your car engine** when you pick up your children. If you leave your engine running, a BDC Parking Lot Attendant will assist you by turning off your car engine.
- In an effort to **stagger cars in the lot**, we ask that driver last names beginning with **A-M pick up between 4:30-4:45** and last names beginning with **N-Z pick up between 4:45-5:00**. (We understand that some family work schedules will not accommodate this pick-up schedule.) If you would like to pick up your child early from camp, please do so via the BDC Office.

FOR CAMPERS ON THE HILLS (K-10th Grade)

PLEASE BRING:

- A hearty nutritious **lunch**.
- A **labeled backpack** or bag containing a **swim suit, towel, flip flops or water shoes, warm sweatshirt and pants, sun screen, insect repellent and a hat**.
- **Shoes with closed toes** for playing and hiking – feet must be covered at all times.
- During **Rainy Days** we encourage all campers to bring rain gear including a **raincoat or poncho**, change of clothes including long pants, hat, water resistant shoes, and socks. Please, **no umbrellas**. Campers on Admirals Hill (5-10th Grade) *may* go ice skating and/or bowling and should bring long pants, socks, and a sweatshirt.

FINAL REMINDERS:

- Please discuss the following **BDC Camper Expectations** with your K-10th grade camper prior to his/her arrival at camp:
 1. *All campers will come to camp prepared to take part in the full camp schedule by attending all activities and following the rules for each activity.*
 2. *All campers will use appropriate language and behavior and keep themselves, their friends, and their counselors safe and in no way endanger anyone on our campus. Hitting, fighting, rock throwing, harassment of any kind, verbal abuse, or swearing are prohibited at Brewster Day Camp and are grounds for immediate dismissal.*
 3. *All campers will keep their body parts in their own personal space. Sexual contact between campers will result in dismissal from camp.*

- **Awards** for Campers K-8th Grade are based on personal achievement and come in the form of BDC Activity beads or engraving on the BDC Dog Tag which are earned throughout the day and placed on individual Camper Necklaces. Each camper receives a BDC Pennant at the end of his/her time at camp. Camp apparel, popcorn tokens and other souvenirs, may be purchase from the BDC Office store.

FOR YCP CAMPERS (Infant – Pre K)

Our Young Children’s Program (YCP) is part of our nationally ranked and accredited year-round early childhood program. Carolyn O’Leary, School Director and Jane Douglass, Assistant School Director, along with their fabulous YCP teachers, will provide additional information about the program when your child(ren) is welcomed into the group on his/her first day.

PLEASE BRING:

- A nutritious bag lunch. Refrigeration is available for YCP campers only.
- A labeled bag or backpack containing a full change of clothes.
- Diapers and a box of wipes, if needed.
- A crib sheet, lightweight blanket, and a comfort object for resting.
- Swim suit (only if completely toilet trained for 9+ months), towel, sun screen and a hat. BDC provides a pool suit for campers not yet toilet trained or who are in the process of toilet training. The camp office sells swim shirt rash guards which match the pool suits, should you wish to make a set.

FINAL REMINDERS:

- **Infant/Toddler Pool Suits** must be worn in the pool by campers who use diapers or pull-ups or those campers who are in the process of toilet training. Young camper who are allowed to wear a traditional bathing suit are those who have been toileting 'accident free' for more than 9 months. BDC provides 1 of these swim suits to each camper per season, and extra at a nominal cost.
- BDC encourages **conflict resolution** instead of using traditional ‘time outs.’ Please see your child’s Lead Teacher for more information about behavior management at this age.
- **Awards** for YCP Campers include recognition of daily work, verbal praise, and fun stickers. A BDC Pennant is given to each camper to take home at the end of his/her time at camp.

Our Leadership Team as well as our ENTIRE Summer Staff joins me in looking forward to a fantastic **36th Season!** In the summer, our leaders can be found daily out 'on the hills' or in our various offices, or visiting inside the classrooms. At any time, we welcome your comments and questions. If you have any concerns, *please* feel free to touch base with me anytime either in person, via email, or by telephone! As always, I am...

Wishing you Courage, Hope, Good Spirit, & Peace!



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