



Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

We are planning yet another exciting and fun summer for your school aged children. As you know, we intentionally run a very small summer program, with only 10-20 children, so everyone can always participate in all events. We seek fun, friendships and laughter. In other summer programs the children often feel pressured or competitive or are lost in a large group; not in ours. We just want the children to have fun, be creative and feel very relaxed. In short, we intend to just enjoy ourselves and have a really great summer, one they will recall in their childhood memories.

Our Summer Program is designed to be a good old fashion summer. Remember the days of playing in sprinklers and chasing each other with buckets of water? Remember the simplicity of playing hopscotch, having a hula hoop contest, picnics on the grass, being spontaneous and setting up an impromptu tag or kickball game? Capture that feeling and hope that summer will never end. Just lie down on the grass, look up at the sky, enjoy the moment and imagine what animal shapes the clouds are forming.

We will spend as much time as possible outside, but have the fully air-conditioned classroom, when necessary for breaks, projects and cooling down.

Your children will have a variety of daily activities in which they will participate. We will organize a variety of daily fun activities;

- sports (soccer, basketball, kickball, obstacle courses and all sorts of creative tag and running),
- Arts and crafts (painting, projects, drama, music)
- Science -various hands on experiments, which will always awe any child.
- Natural History introduced by “The Nature of Things”- a variety of animals brought to the center by a naturalist.
- We will organize nature walks in our own woods looking for rocks, collecting and studying bugs and amphibians, (be prepared for what they bring home!) and climbing the fallen trees.
- Cooking hotdogs and S’mores at a real campfire.
- To cool off on those hot days: water sprinklers, water shooters and much, much more!

We intend to take a variety of day trips; for example one of our favorites is a trip to historic Fort Montgomery and then, after throwing rocks in the river, a hike through the woods to Bear Mountain Zoo. Trips to the FDR Park pool and Sparkle lake, which the children have always enjoyed (along with the ice cream and hotdogs!), the bowling alley, which is really fun on rainy days and several other nearby destinations, such as Tea Town, Muscoot Farm, The Castle, and several others, which we are actively examining. These trips are always such fun, full of friendships, laughs and silliness.

We will make this summer very memorable and the most fun summer your kids have ever had and our 4 acres at Strawberry are the place for that. We know that your children will remember these summers forever.

We look forward to having your school aged child at Strawberry ECDC again this summer. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.



Enrollment Details for our Summer Program for School Aged children

This year the actual summer program will run from Monday, July 03rd, to Friday September 1st. (See below for information on the week of June 26th) Please note that this program is only for school aged children, including graduating Grapes. The other classrooms- Strawberry, Kiwi, Peach and Grape will continue their normal schedules.

Our rate schedule is below and is very flexible, subject to our ability to maintain the appropriate staffing/children ratios. You can choose the number of days and specific weeks you wish your child to attend. You will be billed weekly, in arrears, based on the actual days in attendance. To obtain the most favorable rates a minimum of 5 weeks enrollment in the summer program is required with a minimum of 3 days per week. For those enrolling for less than 5 weeks a separate fee schedule applies. (See below)

We will also provide care for school aged children during the week of June 26th. Please see the details below.

For the week of June 26th the following fees will apply. This week is already included in the Grape’s June tuition fee. For others with a minimum of 5 weeks in the summer program, the week of June 26th will be billed at normal summer rates. **For all others the rate for this week will be \$325 for the week. A similar rate structure will apply to the week of August 28th, again depending on your child’s summer program attendance.**

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 26	<i>Separate</i>	<i>tuition</i>	<i>arrangements</i>	<i>apply</i>	
July 03		closed			
July 10					
July 17					
July 24					
July 31					
August 07					
August 14					
August 21					
August 28	<i>Separate</i>	<i>tuition</i>	<i>arrangements</i>	<i>apply</i>	

Child’s Name: _____

Our summer fee schedule is as follows:

For those with 5 weeks attendance

for those with less than 5 weeks

Weeks of 5-days \$275 per week

Weeks of 5 days.....\$300 per week

Weeks of 4-days..... \$260 per week

Weeks of 4 days.....\$275 per week

Weeks of 3 days..... \$210 per week

Weeks of 3 days\$250 per week