

**Please Note: See “CAMP SERENIPITY  
COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES” for detailed Covid adjustments and  
safety precautions.**

# **2021 Old Tappan Camp Serendipity Day Camp Handbook**

## **SUMMER RECREATION CAMP PROGRAMS**

**DATES: July 5<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>**

**DAYS: Mon-Fri**

**TIME: 9AM-1PM**

**ELIGIBLE CAMPERS:**

**Old Tappan children entering Kindergarten  
through 6th grade in the fall.**

**FEE: \$500 for 4 weeks of camp**

**LOCATION: Stone Point Park**

**RAIN LOCATION: Not available for 2021**

**SPACE IS LIMITED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS**

### **Camp Overview**

***Our camp is run at Stone Point Park each year and is open to entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade Old Tappan resident children. Serendipity runs from 9am-1pm each day with an option to extend the day with our weekly Multi-Sport Camps (offered by TGA Sports Camps). Registration for TGA Camps will be done directly with TGA.***

***Our fixed and assigned group sizes will remain small with 2 Camp Counselors for each of our groups. Groups are approximately 8 campers***

***grouped by grade when possible. Groups of Campers and their Counselors will remain together and move from program to program for the entire camp day. Intermingling of our groups and counselors will be as restrictive as possible.***

***Campers participate in Arts & Crafts/Field Games/Field Sports/Court Sports/Playground/Quiet Games/Music/Free Play with a snack period mid-day.***

***We will follow all CDC and local/state health guidelines which will include health screenings/temperature checks, masks when necessary and cleaning/sanitation procedures- details can be found on “CAMP SERENIPITY COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES”***

***NOTE: Registration is on Waitlist only until further notice due to COVID-19 restrictions. By adding your name to the waitlist, you are letting us know you are interested in having your child enrolled in our summer camp program however, we are not asking you to pay at that time. Our waitlist will help us evaluate how many campers we can expect and how we can best accommodate the needs of our campers.***

**❖ HEAT CONDITIONS-**

**We will be spending the entire day outside due to lack of an indoor location. We have a sprinkler system set up all day for campers to run through and cool off; campers are encouraged to cool off frequently on very hot days. We remind campers to stay hydrated throughout the day and to take frequent breaks when necessary. Additionally, we have numerous locations that provide shade (natural and man-made) and schedule a portion of our programs in these shaded areas.**

**❖ INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY- *In the event we experience weather conditions which make it unsafe for Campers to be outside two scenarios could take place:***

**1) *ADVANCED NOTICE- CANCELLATION***

**Anticipated inclement weather may cause us to cancel camp that day prior to the start of camp. If this determination is made, it will be done as early as possible either the night before or, at the latest, in the morning before the start of camp.**

**You will be contacted via email (the email you supplied when registering with community pass) that the park is closed for the day and camp is cancelled.**

## **2) "DAY OF" DECISION – CANCELLATION**

**If we have begun camp activities and unanticipated dangerous weather begins, camp will have to be cancelled for the day if conditions are not expected to pass and outdoor play is deemed unsafe. Parents will then be notified to pick campers up from Camp.**

**You will be contacted using email alert system via the lightning detection system. This system relies solely on the email address you indicate on Community Pass when you register your child. It is imperative that you accurately enter your email address as directed on Community Pass in order to ensure receipt of the email alert.**

***UPON RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL, YOUR CHILD MUST BE PICKED UP IMMEDIATELY AS CONDITIONS AT THE PARK HAVE BEEN DEEMED UNSAFE!!!***

***REFUND POLICY: Daily refund to be given after there have been 3 full cancelled days of camp due to rain; and/or due to Covid related closures of entire camp. Refund will be calculated beginning with the 4th day of closed camp.***

### ***A Few Additional Notes About Weather Conditions:***

- Parents are encouraged to monitor the weather conditions to avoid delayed pick up of the campers. Although we do have some shelter, it is limited and is not ideal for extended periods of time.***
- If camp is cancelled...Counselors will remain responsible to ensure the safety of campers until parents arrive. Please do not take your camper home until they have been signed out by their Counselor....it is important that parents adhere to the regular pick procedures.***
- If weather conditions are mild and shows signs of passing, campers may be brought under the pavilion temporarily until the conditions pass and camp activities may be resumed. This would only occur when no lightning has been detected by our alert system.***

❖ **LUNCH-FOR CAMPERS WHO ARE STAYING FOR EXTENDED DAY CAMP (1:00PM- 1:30PM)-**

***Campers who have signed up for our Extended Sports Camp, should bring lunch. Lunch will be held under the pavilion and will be supervised by Counselors. Campers are expected to sit and eat in an orderly manner, to maintain their distance and to clean up after themselves each day! Camp rules of behavior apply to our after-camp lunch care. COVID-19 restrictions will be in place.***

❖ **DROP OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES:**

• ***Drop off-***

- **Parents will form two drop off lines with their vehicles. One near the playground entrance and one at the main entrance. Signage will be present.**
- **Campers shall remain in their vehicle while a Counselor takes their temperature through an open window**
- **If a camper's temperature is in excess of 100.4 degrees, they will not be permitted to attend camp that day**
- **All other Campers in the same vehicle will not be permitted to attend camp that day.**
- **Parents will be required to sign and submit an Attestation Form on the first day of camp re-confirming that they will not permit their child to attend camp **if at any time during the 4 weeks of camp Covid symptoms or exposure has been present for their child.****

• ***Pick up-***

- **Campers will be brought to one of two entrance points. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade at one point and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade at the other. Siblings will join the oldest child in the family.**
- **Parents shall remain in their vehicle and form an orderly line**
- **Campers will be released to parents and must immediately get in their vehicle and depart.**
- **Only parent/authorized guardian will be permitted to pick up camper. If someone other than a parent/authorized guardian is picking up a camper, a written note must be submitted to the Counselor prior to pick up.**

### ❖ **Items Needed Each Day:**

- ***A Mask***
- ***Hand sanitizer***
- ***Draw string bag or backpack to hold daily items***
- ***Sunscreen applied. Campers may bring additional sunscreen, but Counselors can only apply the spray sunscreen.***
- ***Snack /Beverage in disposable bag***
- ***Water Bottles (clearly labelled with camper's name)***
- ***Appropriate Footwear- Sneakers (or another covered footwear) are highly recommended. Activities will take place outside and are at times extremely active***
- ***Appropriate Dress- Campers will have Arts and Crafts every day and will be playing on baseball fields and in the grass.... please make sure your camper is dress appropriately for the nature of activities each day.***

### ❖ **A Note About Dogs:**

**For the safety of the children, dogs are prohibited on the premises before, during, and after the camp hours.**

### ❖ **Public Access to the Park-**

***Please be aware that Stone Point Park will be closed to the public during all Camp hours. Once Campers have been dropped off the parking lot entrance will be closed. Signs will be posted throughout the park indicating that the Park and playground are not open to the public until after 1:30pm each day that camp is in session. This is for the safety of our Campers as we do not want individuals not affiliated with the camp or parents/guardians roaming the campgrounds.***

## **GENERAL RULES/POLICIES**

***Campers must follow all of these “General Rules/Policies” of Camp Serendipity detailed below and must be aware of our policies governing behavior. These will be explained to campers on the first day of camp and will be reinforced as needed. We ask parents to review these rules with your child so that they are fully aware and understand their responsibly as a Camper. We want Campers to enjoy this opportunity with their friends to be in a relaxed and fun filled environment, but we do need to emphasize to our Campers the need to observe certain rules of behavior.***

## **Rules of Camp Serendipity**

### **RULES:**

- 1) Be considerate and respectful of others in what you say and what you do.**
- 2) Treat your Counselor and other campers as you would want them to treat you.**
- 3) Cooperate with other Campers and enjoy the opportunity to support and encourage one another.**
- 4) Follow the instructions/directions of your Counselor at all times while at Camp, as they are in charge of your safety!!!**
- 5) Do not wander off from your Group; and do not go anywhere while at Camp without a Counselor.**
- 6) Clean up after yourself each day. Do not leave garbage for others to pick up. Encourage fellow Campers to do the same.**
- 7) No Cell phones/electronic devices of any kind are permitted to be out and used during camp hours.**
- 8) Do not bring extra items from home as they could be easily lost and are not needed during the camp day.**
- 9) Follow your Counselors instructions regarding social distancing, wearing a mask, and hygiene throughout the day.**
- 10) Have FUN!**

### **UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR:**

- 1) Excluding of other Campers from any activities...EVER!!!**
- 2) Hurtful words to others**
- 3) Disruptive or Disrespectful behavior**
- 4) Bullying**
- 4) Fighting**
- 5) Abusive actions of any kind**

**This unacceptable behavior is ultimately destructive to the Camp and its goal of providing a safe, fun and relaxed atmosphere for the children. It will not be tolerated by our Counselors or Supervisors. Campers must refrain from this behavior to ensure the safety of themselves and other campers.**

## ***Policy Regarding Behavior:***

***If a child is observed exhibiting any of the above, the following steps will be taken:***

- **First Warning:**
  - **The Camper will be informed by their Group counselor that his/her behavior is not acceptable and why this is the case.**
  - **The Group Counselor will work with the Camper to correct the behavior immediately; counselor will also advise a Supervisor and Parent of this behavior and what was discussed with the Camper.**
- **Second Warning:**
  - **If the behavior persists Parents will be advised at the time of pickup that behavior has persisted; and they will be asked to discuss behavior with Counselor/Supervisor/Parent and Camper present.**
- **Third Warning:**
  - **Should this behavior continue, the Counselor again will advise the child that their behavior is not appropriate for camp.**
  - **Counselor may remove the Camper from the Group and bring to a Supervisor for a “cooling off period”.**
  - **Counselor/Supervisor/Parent/Camp Director and Camper will be asked to discuss this, and Camper may be removed from Camp. No refunds will be issued for removal based on behavior.**

***Parents:*** Please notify your child’s counselor immediately of any behavior issues that you are made aware of and believe needs to be brought to our attention. It is important that we are made aware of issues that may be going on unnoticed by our Staff...**we want to know if there are issues early so they can be addressed early!!!**

**If, after speaking with the counselor on these matters, you are not satisfied with the results, please notify one of the on-site Supervisors (Supervisor/Camp Director or Rec. Director).**

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***Camp Director: TBD***

***Assistant Director TBD***