



SUMMER 2017 PARENT HANDBOOK

Mission Statement

It is the intent and purpose of the Finding the Pieces Camp to provide an enriching summer camp experience for children who have autism, that celebrates differences and provides opportunities to interact with peers both on and off the spectrum.

Required Forms Prior To Starting Camp:

- Acknowledgement of Packet
- Pick up List
- Emergency Contact Information
- Releases
- Photo Release

**Finding the Pieces Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions****What age?**

- Ages 5-10

What should my child bring to summer camp each day?

- A healthy lunch if desired (FREE breakfast and lunch will be available, however dietary preferences and individual needs are not able to be accommodated)
- A snack for the day
- LOTS of water
- Communication aids
- Booster seats if needed
- Preferred sensory tools or fidgets
- Bug spray if a specific type is preferred
- Sunscreen and a hat
- Change of clothes (warm and cool) in backpack
- Towel, bathing suit, flotation device if preferred and any other swimming accessories desired each day
- Flotation device as warranted/desired
- Sand toys if desired (please label all toys)
- LOTS of energy for many fun-filled days!

Are there things that my child should NOT bring to camp?

- Medications
- Any weapons or things that could be used as weapons
- Electronic games (unless to be used at specific times to aid with regulation, behavior, or social skills)
- Water/Squirt guns
- Valuables

What support will be available for my child?

- Each camper will be assigned a counselor who will be available to work one-on-one with your child
- The Camp Director and Assistant Director will be available to support all campers

How do I get in touch with the camp in event of emergency, or how will they get in touch with me?

- If there is an issue and you need to reach the camp or your child's counselor, you can call the camp office phone number, which will be provided to you before the start of camp
- If the camp needs to contact you, they will call on the number you provide on the emergency contact forms.

What happens on rainy days?

- Campers will remain at JFK for the day or a small indoor trip will be planned.

May I send my child to camp with his/her cell phone?

- Camp is not responsible for phones lost or stolen.
- Campers MAY NOT take pictures with their cell phones of other campers or staff.

What will drop-off and pick-up procedures be?

- Children should be dropped off at the JFK School, parents will sign-in their child.
- Campers can be dropped off at JFK at 8:00AM and picked up from JFK at 12:30PM.
- Only those indicated on the pick-up list will be authorized to pick up campers, photo identification must be available.
- If carpooling with other campers or post-camp playdates are planned, that must be indicated on the pick-up list to release your child.

What is the weekly schedule like?

- The schedule will be really fun!
- Wednesdays are trip days' weather permitting.
- Other days include arts and crafts, sports and games, special events, swimming at Rotary Park.
- Field Trips and trip days' subject to change due to inclement weather.

What is the cost of sending my child to Finding the Pieces Camp?

- There is no cost to families for the camp thanks to the generous support of our donors. .
- Spending money during fieldtrips is recommended.



Finding the Pieces Summer Camp Policies

Sick Policy

- If your child is sick, please contact the camp to indicate they will be absent.
- If your child is sick at camp, you will be contacted and must make arrangements to pick up your child.

Behavior Policy

- Your child's safety is our primary concern.
- If your child has a behavior plan, or specific procedures/strategies that aid with behavioral concerns, please notify the camp directors and counselor.
- The camp will use positive redirection, time away and space, communication aids, and sensory strategies to aid campers with behavioral concerns.
- Any concerns will be shared with parents.

Sunscreen Policy

- We do our best to prevent sunburns.
- Please apply sunscreen on your child before camp each day.
- Please tell your child that counselors will reapply sunscreen throughout the day.
- If there are specific sunscreen procedures or products for your child, please notify camp directors and counselors.
- Please send sunscreen and a hat & shirt that can get wet if your child is particularly sensitive to the sun.

Camp Shirt Policy

- Campers will be provided with t-shirts.
- Campers should bring a t-shirt each day, and wear the t-shirt during field trip days.

Booster Seat Policy

- Any child who needs a booster seat must bring it to camp every day.

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