



# ARTS IN THE PARKS **CAMP**

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WILMETTE PARK DISTRICT  
2023 **CAMP MANUAL**

# Arts in the Park



**Dear Camp Families,**

**Welcome to Arts in the Park Camp! This manual is designed to answer any questions you may have prior to the start of camp. Please review your manual for information about camp procedures, daily routines, and other details.**

## **Camp Dates**

8 Week Camp: June 12- August 4

4 Week Camp: June 12- July 7 & July 10- August 4

Multiple 2 week sessions are offered as well

## **Camp Location**

Arts in the Park is located at the Community Recreation Center (3000 Glenview Rd. Wilmette, IL 60091).

## **Camp Times**

9am- 2:30pm

**Extending Your Camper's Day:** Need more time? Families who need to extend the camp day can do so by registering for EarlyBird or AfterCamp. EarlyBird begins at 7:30 a.m. AfterCamp is available until 6 p.m.

## **Camp Directors**

Camp Director: Damane H.

Assistant Directors: Molly V. and Blake O.

Camp Email: [aip@wilpark.org](mailto:aip@wilpark.org)

Camp Cell Phone: 224-725-7566

## **Drop Off & Pick Up**

Drop off and pick up take place at north side of CRC parking lot. Refer to the enclosed map for details. Please place your car in "park" and allow the counselors to open and close your car doors. Drivers should remain in their cars, and campers are to exit on the **passenger side** door.

Children will report directly to one of the directors at the check in table and they will show them to their group.

## **Late Pick-Up Fee**

If your child is picked up later than the camp end time, families will be charged a late fee of \$10 per child for every 15 minutes after camp ends.

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## **What to Bring:**

Campers should bring the following to camp with them. It is important that all items are labeled.

- ☐ Gym Shoes
- ☐ Backpack
- ☐ Lunch (*nut-free*)
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Change of Clothes

## Camper Information Data

We collect all the information we need about your camper online, through your household account. The information only needs to be filled out once per camper, regardless of how many camps they attend. If your child(ren) participated in camp last year, all you need to do is update any changes in information.

If you have not already updated your camper's information, begin the process [here](#)

1. You'll be prompted for your household username and password
2. After logging in, click on your camper's name
3. Enter information for each child attending summer camp
4. After entering information for EACH of your children attending camp, click the SAVE button on the bottom left before exiting the screen.

## Parent Communication

On-site Camp Directors can be reached via email at [aip@wilpark.org](mailto:aip@wilpark.org). They will check messages at the start and end of each camp day. You can also reach your Directors via cell phone at 224-725-7566.

## New! Camp App

The Wilmette Camps App is where you can find information about your child's camp experience. The App includes a calendar of events including any theme days, field trips, beach and pool visits, and more! You will also see photos of your child's camp day in the photo sharing section of the app. Finally, the app is where Camp Directors will share reminders and updates about the camp day through push notifications.

To download the app, visit the App Store or Google Play and search "Wilmette Summer Camp" or click below:



After downloading, select the Sign Up button to verify your email address. Once verified, you will be able to sign in and access content. **Please use the same email that you used during camp registration.** Make sure to select your registered session under **More/Settings** to stay up to date on content specific to your camper! If you have any questions, contact our camp administrative team at [campapp@wilpark.org](mailto:campapp@wilpark.org). For technical assistance, please contact [support@1218team.com](mailto:support@1218team.com).

## Reporting Absences

Families should inform the Camp Director when their child will be absent. They can do so by emailing the Director no later than the start of the camp day. If a child is not present after attendance is taken, the Director will reach out to confirm that camper's absence.

## Camper Attire

Campers should dress in comfortable attire that's easy to move around in. Some camp activities use paint or other messy materials, so please send your camper in clothing that can get messy. Campers should wear gym shoes every day.

## **Lunch & Snack – Nut-Free**

Campers will keep their lunches in their backpacks; they will not be refrigerated. Campers are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to eat during the day. *All snacks and lunches must be nut-free.* Kiddos Catering lunch service is available for purchase; more information is available in the Camp section of the Wilmette Park District website.

## **Personal Items**

All items brought from home should be labeled with your camper's name. If toys or games brought from home cause a distraction to the camp day, counselors will ask campers to leave them in their backpacks. Camp staff is not responsible for lost, damaged or missing items.

## **Technology**

Campers are encouraged to participate in games and activities throughout the camp day. Camp staff will also encourage campers to socialize with their peers. The use of technology such as iPads, handheld gaming devices, and cell phones may deter from the goals of camp. Campers are encouraged to leave such items at home. Camp staff may ask campers to leave them in their backpacks or turn them in to the camp staff to be returned at the end of the day.

## **Sunscreen**

Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to camp drop off. Please send sunscreen with your camper labeled with your child's name. We will encourage campers reapply sunscreen throughout the camp day. Camp staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen.

## **Water Activities**

The camp calendar will note any water activity days. Please send your child in their swimsuit under their clothes on these days, and pack an extra set of dry clothes.

## **Beach Visits**

Campers should wear their camp shirt on days we visit Gilson Beach, which is every **Thursday**.

## **Pool Visits**

Campers will participate in free swim at Centennial Aquatic Center on **Tuesdays & Fridays from 1-2pm**. Centennial staff will evaluate camper swimming abilities during their first visit. Only Coast Guard-approved flotation devices, and flotation devices provided by Centennial Aquatic Center are permitted. Be sure to send your child with their swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

## **Field Trips**

Campers should wear their provided camp t-shirts on field trip days. Please note the camp calendar for specific field trip locations. The camp app will provide any additional information regarding field trips such as required waivers, things to bring, etc.

## **Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA)**

NSSRA is a partner of the Wilmette Park District, and provides resources to our staff to best support all of our participants. If your child requires special accommodations to successfully participate in camp, please contact Mary Liz Jayne at [mjayne@wilpark.org](mailto:mjayne@wilpark.org) to discuss your camper's needs.

## Sample Weekly Schedule

See below for a sample schedule of how the campers will spend their day. Please refer to the enclosed camp calendar for specific field trips, theme weeks, etc.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Field Trip Days! See Calendar for Field Trip Locations	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
Arts Projects & Ceramics Rotation	Group Activity  Famous Artist Session		Recycled Art  Projects	Arts Projects:  Open art studio to complete the weeks various arts projects
Lunch	Lunch/ Time outside		Lunch  & Gilson Beach (11am-2pm)	Lunch
Outdoor Art Projects	Centennial Pool (1-2pm)			Centennial Pool (1-2pm)

## Arts in the Park Showcase Information

Each week there will be art projects that receive awards for various categories. These will be highlighted in the weekly newsletters. Additionally, counselors will be actively taking pictures of student art throughout each week of camp. Some campers may be asked to bring their project to display at that art showcase at the end of each 4-week session. Information will be reported each week in the weekly newsletter.

The Art Showcase will be combined with the Dance Camp Showcase. There will be a short performance in the auditorium at the dates and times listed below. Any camper who participates in any week of session 1 or session 2, is welcome to attend the showcase and bring their friends and family.

There will be a performance that combines the dance camp numbers with short interludes of art project slideshows showcasing the art that the kids have worked on throughout the summer as well as featured pieces on display. Campers are encouraged to invite their friends and family to this free performance.

Session I Art / Dance Showcase Performance (35 minutes in length): July 7 at 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

Session II Art / Dance Showcase Performance (35 minutes in length): August 4 at 10 a.m. & 12 p.m.

**Location:** CRC Auditorium

**Cost:** Free

**Audience:** Friends, Family, fellow campers

## Photographs

We may take pictures of the campers while they are participating in various camp activities. These photos will be shared with families in the Wilmette Camps App, and they may be used for display and/or publicity purposes. If you do not wish for your child's picture to be taken, please notify the Camp Director in writing on the first day of camp.

## When Weather is Bad or Severe

**Rainy Days:** Camp meets inside on rainy days. Camp activities move inside during bad weather days, and trips to the beach or pool may be cancelled or rescheduled.

**Thunderstorms/Tornadoes:** In the event of a thunderstorm, campers will be moved to designated classrooms or shelters until an all-clear has been given. In the event of a tornado, campers will be moved to the inner corridors of the building until the all-clear is given.

**Extreme Heat:** In the case of extreme heat, we provide plenty of cold water, and campers are kept in the shade or indoors where possible. Activities are modified to be less strenuous. We respect your judgement for what is best for your child if you choose to keep them home on very hot days.

## Health, Injury and Illness Procedures / Reporting

**Medication:** If your camper needs to take medication while at camp, please fill out the Medication Consent Form. This form should be turned in to the Camp Director on the first day of camp. Medication must be in its original container, labeled with your campers name, and will be held by the Camp Director.

**Injury:** In the event of a camper injury, we will provide basic first aid. Depending on the extent of the injury, the Camp Director will notify the parent, or will use the alternate phone number provided on the Camper Information Data form, after a call to 911.

**Contagious Illness:** In order to help keep all campers and staff healthy, if your child develops a contagious illness (i.e., COVID-19, chicken pox, strep, etc.), you must report this to either the Camp Supervisor or Camp Director at your earliest convenience upon diagnosis. Based on the reported case, staff will determine the best notification plan for close contacts.

If a child becomes ill during camp, a parent will be notified and asked to pick up the child as quickly as possible. If a parent is unable to pick them up, the emergency contacts will be called. Camper may not return to summer camp until symptom and fever-free for **24 hours without medication**. We ask that you be considerate of other children and staff and keep your child home if they show signs of illness.

## **Behavior Management Policy**

In our programs, discipline is viewed as teaching the child. This consists of both setting consistent expectations and enforcing them when necessary. The child is given guidance through positive reinforcement, such as praise and special recognition.

We work towards strengthening each child's self-confidence and self-esteem, making them feel good about themselves and taking responsibility for their own behavior. Positive relationships to develop trust are encouraged.

When a conflict arises, children will be given the chance to talk about what happened and how they feel. This will help them to use words, rather than physical action.

If a situation occurs in which a child needs to take some time out from an activity to calm down, it will be no longer than one minute per year of age. This is not a punishment, but an opportunity to practice self-control.

These methods are both effective and most respectful to the children. Given respect, children feel an important part of the group and have a sense of self-reliance.

**When working with children, staff will implement this policy in the following ways:**

1. Find out the cause of the behavior.
2. Set a standard of behavior and maintain it. Act with consistency.
3. Allow the children to help make, and enforce, the rules.
4. Think before they act. Be fair and just, not judgmental.
5. Follow through with discipline and treat all children fairly.
6. Make limits clear and understandable to the child.
7. Inform the supervisor and parents/guardians of any behavior concerns they are having, as the supervisor and/or parents/guardians may be able to provide some insight.
8. Document behaviors that are consistent and of concern.

### **Parent/Guardian Role:**

Parents/Guardians will be informed of any behavior concerns that arise. You have a wealth of knowledge about your child, and can help by sharing what works for you, and your concerns. It is important you know we are a team, and want to work together in the best interest of your child.

### **Camper's Role:**

The campers help to determine camp rules, which are presented to them with clarity and followed with consistency. When talking with a child about their behavior, staff will ask them what they feel the right thing is to do and what rule to follow, so they know the child understands the situation and behavior.

### ***Behavior Management, Continued***

#### **Steps Taken Between Parents & Staff to Support Positive Behavior:**

1. Parents/Guardians will be informed of any behavior concerns.
2. Parents/Guardians will be asked to share what works for them at home.
3. Parents/Guardians and staff will work together to figure out what might be causing the behavior.
4. Camp Supervisor and Directors will set up a conference with the parents/guardians to go over the above items, and set up a plan to support the child and encourage positive behavior. Staff will communicate on progress, and schedule a second conference if needed.
5. During a second conference, the Camp Supervisor and parents/guardians will review if progress has been made. If necessary, staff and parents/guardians will revise the plan.
6. If at the time of a third conference staff has seen no improvement in a child's behavior, he/she will be withdrawn from the program, in the best interest of the child and classroom.

The intention of our Behavior Management policy is to ensure that every effort is made to meet the needs of the family, and continue to support each camper in our programs.



# JUNE ARTS IN THE PARK



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11 Theme: Art in the Movies	12 Camp Starts! Movie Collages or Story Boards	13 Artist of the Week <i>Henri Matisse</i> & <i>Peter Ramsey</i> Free Swim 1-2pm Centennial Pool	14 Field Trip! AMC Northbrook Movie	15 Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	16 Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2pm	17
18 Theme: Art & Video Games	19 Designing Action Figures or Landscapes	20 Artist of the Week <i>Yayoi Kusama</i> Free Swim 1-2pm Centennial Pool	21 Field Trip! Enchanted Castle	22 Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	23 Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2pm	24
25 Theme: Arts & Sports	26 Design a Sports Jersey or Mascot	27 Artist of the Week <i>LeRoy Neiman</i> Free Swim 1-2pm Centennial Pool	28 Field Trip! Chicago Sky	29 Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	30 Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2pm	01

# JULY ARTS IN THE PARK



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>02</b> Theme: American Art	<b>03</b> <b>No Camp</b>	<b>04</b> <b>No Camp</b>	<b>05</b> Field Trip! Main Event	<b>06</b> Watch Camp Rock 10am Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	<b>07</b> Watch Dance Show 10am Art Showcase 11am Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2	<b>08</b>
<b>09</b> Theme: Fantasy Art	<b>10</b> Mystical Creature Creation	<b>11</b> Artist of the Week <i>Vincent van Gogh</i> Free Swim 1-2pm CP	<b>12</b> Field Trip! Medieval Times	<b>13</b> Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	<b>14</b> Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2pm	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Theme: Art & Performance	<b>17</b> Theatrical Art Project	<b>18</b> Artist of the Week <i>Alma Thomas</i> Free Swim 1-2pm CP	<b>19</b> Field Trip! Chicago Shakespeare Theatre/ Beauty & The Beast	<b>20</b> Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	<b>21</b> Free Swim Centennial Pool 1-2pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Theme: Art in Nature!	<b>24</b> Projects Using Nature To create art	<b>25</b> Artist of the Week <i>Georgia O'Keeffe</i> Free Swim 1-2pm CP	<b>26</b> Field Trip! Chicago Botanic Garden	<b>27</b> Gilson Beach 11am-2pm	<b>28</b> Free Swim 1-2pm Centennial Pool	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Theme: Animal Art!	<b>31</b> Animal Art Projects					

# AUGUST

## ARTS IN THE PARK



SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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Artist of the Week  
*Bronwyn Bancroft*  
& *Eric Carle*  
Free Swim 1-2pm CP

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Field Trip!  
Lincoln Park Zoo

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Watch *Peter Pan*  
10am  
Gilson Beach  
11am-2pm

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Watch Dance Show 10am  
Art Showcase 11am  
Free Swim 1-2pm  
Centennial Pool

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LAST DAY OF CAMP!

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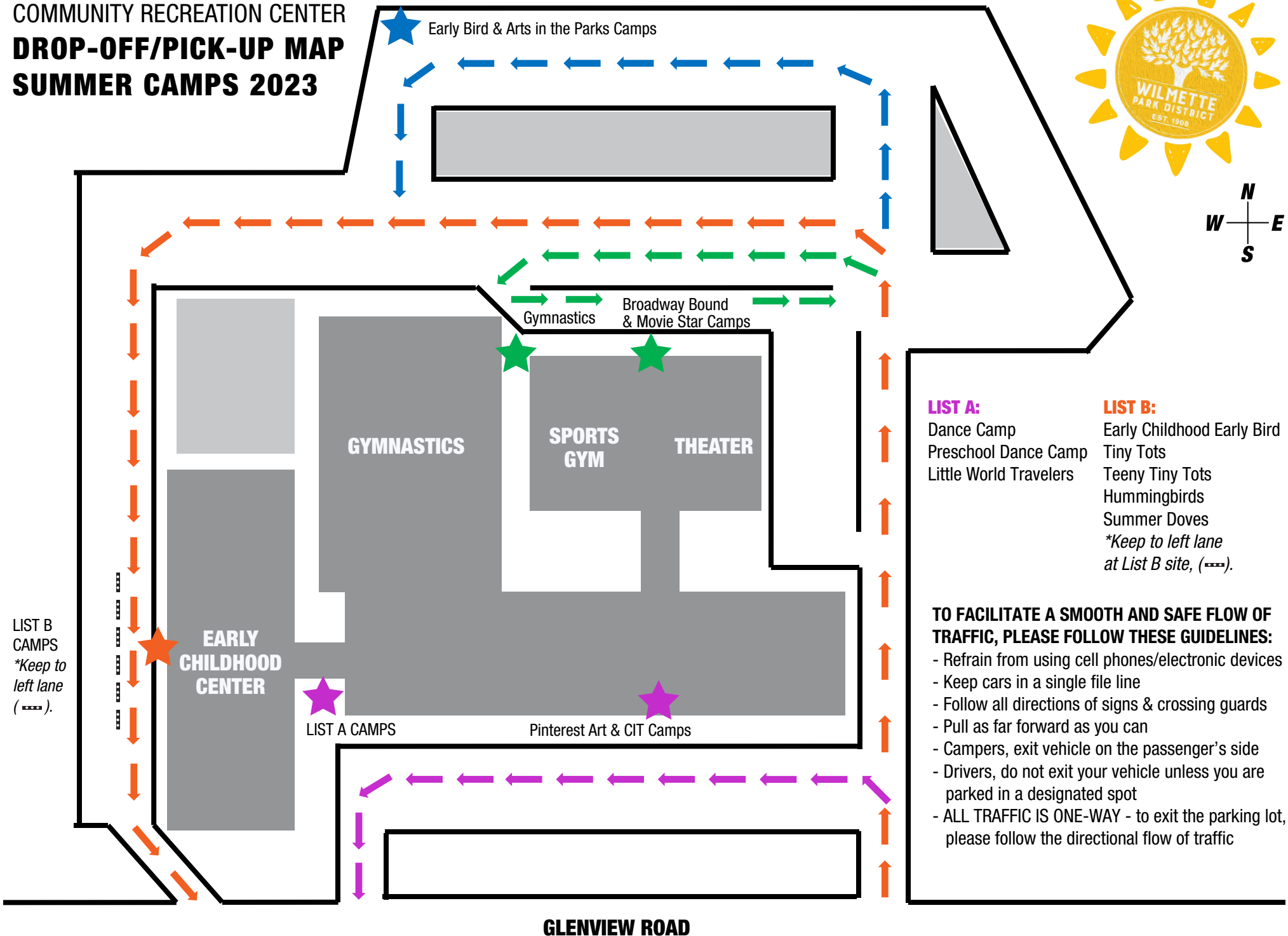
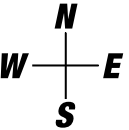
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# COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER DROP-OFF/PICK-UP MAP SUMMER CAMPS 2023



**LIST A:**

Dance Camp  
Preschool Dance Camp  
Little World Travelers

**LIST B:**

Early Childhood Early Bird  
Tiny Tots  
Teeny Tiny Tots  
Hummingbirds  
Summer Doves  
*\*Keep to left lane  
at List B site, (\*\*\*\*).*

**TO FACILITATE A SMOOTH AND SAFE FLOW OF TRAFFIC, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:**

- Refrain from using cell phones/electronic devices
- Keep cars in a single file line
- Follow all directions of signs & crossing guards
- Pull as far forward as you can
- Campers, exit vehicle on the passenger's side
- Drivers, do not exit your vehicle unless you are parked in a designated spot
- **ALL TRAFFIC IS ONE-WAY** - to exit the parking lot, please follow the directional flow of traffic

## GLENVIEW ROAD

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CAMPER NAME:



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CAMP: **Arts in the Park**

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COUNSELOR/GROUP:

CAMPER NAME:



CAMP:

COUNSELOR/GROUP: