

## **Cumru Twp. Summer Playground Program 2012**

Parents, Guardians, and Children:

Even in the midst of a relatively mild and snow free winter, I do not think it is a stretch to say that I am not in the minority when it comes to my eagerness for the warm weather and all the fun activities that come along with it. One of the most anticipated activities for many children is summer playground, and rightfully so! Playground is a great way to spend your summer days socializing with friends, playing sports, taking part in arts and crafts, and so much more. There is literally something for everyone to enjoy! Parents like summer playground just as much, as it gets the kids away from the TV, computer, video games, etc. and outside with their friends, in a safe atmosphere! I say safe, because we have many policies in place to keep every child safe, from our thorough background checks and drug screenings of each employee, to the extensive abuse and safety training every leader receives, as well as the safety inspection we conduct on our equipment to make sure everything you child plays on is up to code. I also cannot fail to mention that summer playground is also one of the best bangs for your buck at as little as \$2.00 a day. All of this has led to rapid growth in our playground programs over the last few years, after we had experienced a period of decline throughout the 90's and early 2000's. With that being said we are getting started early this year to make sure we put on the best program we possibly can. We are looking to add new activities and better crafts, and to be more thorough in creating a daily schedule packed with lots of choices for every taste. We expect great things this year, and hope that you will be a big part of it!!!!

Samson Gausch

Cumru Park and Recreation Director

### **Attention Parents/Guardians:**

Parents please take a look at the rest of this packet which includes:

1. Important information for every parent to know
2. A behavior contract for you and your child to sign
3. Permission slips for all of our Field Trips.

## Important Information for Parents:

- Parents/Guardians/Babysitters are required to sign each child in and out every day. Children will only be released to those listed on the playground registration form, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Park and Recreation Director. (610) 587-7420
- Please send a water bottle (labeled with your child's name) with your child every day. Water coolers will be provided, but you child will need a bottle, cups will not be provided.
- Check the playground scheduled often so that you and your child are up to date on the upcoming events and field trips. Deadlines are not flexible; our trip sites need head counts and food choices as early as possible.
- On the day of a field trip there will be no playground, all leaders will be attending the trip.
- Parents are permitted to attend any field trip that they would like to. Field trip and transportation fees may apply.
- Children will be required to wear their playground issued T-shirts during field trips. These shirts will be handed out during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of playground.
- All children are expected to be on their best behavior, we are a playground not a daycare. Children may be sent home or banned from the program for behavior issues.
- Please review all the playground rules with your child, and make sure to sign and return the behavior contract.
- Inclement Weather Procedure
  - The Playground may be closed due to inclement weather.
  - The decision to close will be made by the Park and Recreation Director.
  - Rainstorms, thunder, and lighting would be the most obvious reasons for closure, but other unforeseen circumstance may arise as well.
  - If you are wondering whether the playground is closed or not, please contact the Park and Recreation Director at (610) 587-7420.

- If the decision to close is made while playground has already begun the head playground leaders will be notified and will then contact parents and guardians.
- The head playground leaders have the authority to and may close playground if rain becomes too heavy or does not pass within an hour.
- In the case of passing showers the available indoor facilities (Warren Rec. Center) will be used.

# Cumru Twp. Summer Playground Program Behavior Contract

Parents and Children:

Summer is upon us and we are all looking forward to a great time at playground. In order to make it an enjoyable and safe experience for all we ask that all parents and children read the rules below, sign that they agree to them, and return this form to one of the playground leaders as soon as possible.

The Rules:

1. The leaders are in charge and are to be treated with respect at all times.
2. Likewise, the leaders will treat the children with an appropriate level of respect.
3. Children will also treat one and other with respect.
4. The senior playground employee, Playground Director or Head Leader has the final say in any disputes.
5. If you disagree with how something was handled please tell your parents and have them contact the Park and Recreation Director.
6. Cursing and swearing are not allowed.
7. Punching, kicking, biting, touching, tripping, or any other type of inappropriate contact will not be tolerated.
8. Bullying, name calling, yelling, and screaming whether directed at another child or leader is not allowed.
9. HAVE FUN!!!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Park and Recreation Director at **(610)587-7420**.

\*Any rules violations will be brought to the attention of the Parents of the child and the Playground Director.

\*\*Repeated or severe violations could result in suspension or dismissal from the playground.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

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Child's Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumru Twp. Summer Playground Program  
Field Trip Permission Slip-June 29, 2012

Field Trip: Berks Lanes

Permission & Payment Due: Monday-June 25, 2012

Cost: \$16 (includes 2 games, transportation, and lunch from the snack bar)

Departure Time: 9:30am (arrive at 9:15am)

Return Time: 12:30pm

\*All Trips will depart from and return to the Warren Recreation Center.

**\*\*Children should wear their playground T-shirts on every field trip\*\***  
This is for the children's safety; it increases visibility and allows the leaders to more easily account for every child.

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Please return the bottom portion of this slip with payment to the Township of Cumru Municipal Offices. Playground leaders will not accept any field trips fees.

Field Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Playground Attending: (Circle One) Warren Sr./Warren Jr./Montrose/G'ville

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumru Twp. Summer Playground Program  
Field Trip Permission Slip-July 20, 2012

Field Trip: French Creek State Park-Swimming Pool  
Permission & Payment Due: Monday-July 16, 2012  
Cost: \$22 (includes admission, transportation, and lunch from the snack bar)  
Departure Time: 11:15am (arrive at 11:00am)  
Return Time: 4:00pm

\*All Trips will depart from and return to the Warren Recreation Center.

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Field Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Playground Attending: (Circle One) Warren Sr./Warren Jr./Montrose/G'ville

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumru Twp. Summer Playground Program  
Field Trip Permission Slip-July 27, 2012

Field Trip: Ozzy's Family Fun Center  
Permission & Payment Due: Monday-July 23, 2012  
Cost: \$28 (includes admission, transportation, and lunch from the cafe)  
Departure Time: 11:30am (arrive at 11:15am)  
Return Time: 3:30pm

\*All Trips will depart from and return to the Warren Recreation Center.

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Field Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Playground Attending: (Circle One) Warren Sr./Warren Jr./Montrose/G'ville

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_