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RECREATION
& PARKS

Discover an Ocean of Fun.

2024 Camp Guide

Camp Director: **Allie Harman**

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Recreation Supervisor: **Denise Ortega**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Camp Horizon Cell Phone 443-235-4414

CH Supervisor's Office Phone 410-520-5180

Recreation & Parks Office 410-250-0125

CAMP HORIZON MISSION STATEMENT

At Camp Horizon our mission is to provide campers an opportunity to grow mentally, physically, and socially. We strive to encourage campers to be themselves, and accept others for who they are. We accomplish this through our highly qualified staff that is dedicated to creating an environment that maximizes each camper's potential. Camp Horizon campers will gain self-esteem and self-confidence, learn from new experiences, make new friends and create memories that will last a lifetime!

LOCATION

Camp Horizon will be held at

Ocean City Elementary School

12828 Center Drive, Ocean City, Maryland 21842

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. June 17-August 2, 2024

And based out of the **Convention Center** for Field Trip Week **August 5-9, 2024**

4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

PAYMENTS

Balances are due **TENDAYS** prior to the first day of each camp week

ALL DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE NON-REFUNDABLE WITHIN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH CAMP.

*PLEASE NOTE If balances are not paid by the end of the day, ten days prior to each week of camp, registration will be forfeited. We have a very lengthy waitlist.

Payment Due Dates

Session A due by June 7, 2024

Session B due by June 14, 2024

Session C due by June 21, 2024

Session D due June 28, 2024

Session E due by July 5, 2024

Session F due July 12, 2024

Session G due by July 19, 2024

Session H due by July 26, 2024

Payments may be made:

1. Online at rec.ococean.com
2. By calling 443-235-4414 OR 410-250-0125 with a credit card or
3. In person at Northside Park Recreation Complex (200 125th St Ocean City, MD 21842/East Entrance)

MEDICATION

If your camper requires medication please notify the camp administration to receive the appropriate paperwork.

Camp Horizon staff are not able to administer medication to any campers. If your camper requires medication during camp hours, we require that you administer the medication to your camper or that your camper self-administers under the supervision of a camp administration.

Summer camp is not a good time for a "med vacation". There are naturally so many changes and stresses of coming into a new social environment, that chemical changes can really complicate things. If your child usually requires medication, please continue with their medication during the time they are attending camp. And if possible, do not make changes within 30 days of them attending camp.

CAMP T-SHIRT

Your camper will be given a camp t-shirt the first day they attend camp.

Camp t-shirts **MUST** be worn on **Wednesdays** for beach days and **Thursdays** for field trips.

Campers will not be allowed to check into camp without a camp t-shirt on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Additional t-shirts may be purchased in the camp office for \$10 – we will NOT be loaning out shirts.

DROP-OFF/SIGN-IN

Camp Horizon begins at 9:00 a.m. Sign-In will begin at 8:50a.m.

Sign-In will conclude at 9:10a.m.

If you arrive later than 9:10a.m. campers will need to report to the Camp Office to be signed in.

*An email will be sent out the Friday before camp to notify you what group your camper is in for the following week. Groups may vary week to week based on the age of the campers participating each week and the ratios within each group. Please prepare your camper of this possibility.

When you arrive at camp look for your group's counselor to sign in.

Campers should have already applied sunblock, be wearing closed toed shoes, and have a water bottle, beach towel, a snack, and their lunch when checking in.

**If a camper is not well, please do not send them to camp, they will not be able to sign in.

Campers must be wearing closed toed shoes to check in, even on beach or water park days!

They can bring flip flops in their bag to change into once we are at the water location.

We recommend having your child pack a backpack so their belongings can easily be kept together.

Please DO NOT allow your child to pack personal items as they may be damaged or misplaced (ie Pokemon Cards)

~ Lunch **Label Everything** ~ Water bottle
~ Beach towel ~ Change of Clothes
~ **SPRAY** sunscreen for reapplication (if not spray, permission slip is needed)
*****Sunscreen already applied*****

*****CLOSED-TOED SHOES*****

If a camper is **NOT wearing closed-toed shoes**, they will not be allowed to sign-in to camp in the morning. Flip-flops or water shoes may be packed in bags to wear once we arrive at the beach or waterpark.

PICK-UP

All children must be picked up **NO LATER than 4:00 p.m.** You will have to sign your camper out with their counselor before they are allowed to leave. Only authorized adults will be allowed to pick up a camper. If you are not able to pick up your child, please fill out the Consent Pick Up and Release Form. This form can be kept on file all summer and may include anyone allowed to pick up your child.

Change in Routine

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify Camp Horizon staff if your child...

- Will be absent that day
- Will be absent for multiple days
- Will be picked up early or dropped off late
- Is being picked up by someone else
- **You MUST call for early pick-up so your camper can be brought to the camp office.**

You may text or call our camp phone 443-235-4414 with this information



Follow us on Facebook

We update our Camp Facebook Page weekly and add reminders and schedules

Facebook page "[Camp Horizon & Scamper Camp – Ocean City, MD](#)"

Lunch

- Bring a packed lunch and water bottle *everyday*
- Lunches will not be refrigerated, please have an icepack or insulated lunchbox
- Please be sure to label all water bottles and lunch boxes
- Please include a snack for your camper
- Sharing of food is not permitted
- Any food allergies or intolerance should be noted on the medical forms sent to camp
- ****Ice Cream will be served on Fridays and Freezer Pops may be served Daily****

Beach Days

- ✓ Camp Horizon will be taking a trip to the beach at North Division St every Wednesday (weather permitting).
- ✓ Campers will be transported via school busses.
- ✓ Campers **MUST** wear their camp shirts to the beach. Each camper will be given a bracelet labeled with the Camp Horizon name and phone number. Their swim levels you indicated on their paperwork will also be marked on their hands. **OCBP will verify these levels by conducting tests with each camper according to the level they are marked.**
- ✓ There will be counselors assigned to different locations both on the beach and in the water to ensure that all children are being closely monitored.
- ✓ Head counts are performed constantly to keep our campers safe.
- ✓ Ocean City Beach Patrol ropes off a section of the beach for Camp Horizon only and provides us with our own team of life guards.
- ✓ Should any emergencies occur, all staff members are CPR and First Aid certified and always have a first aid kit on hand. Beach Patrol and Surf Rescue are also readily available should there be an emergency. Every attempt will be made to notify the parent/guardian or emergency contact if a child is seriously injured.
- ✓ Check out our video on Beach Days on our Face Book page for an illustration
 - Face Book Group: "Camp Horizon& Scamper Camp – Ocean City, MD"

Field Trip Days

- ✓ Camp Horizon will be taking a field trip every Thursday (weather permitting).
- ✓ Campers will be transported via school busses.
- ✓ Campers **MUST** wear their camp shirts on field trips. Each camper will be given a bracelet labeled with Ocean City Recreation and Parks logo and our phone number.
- ✓ Headcounts are performed constantly to keep our campers safe.
- ✓ Should any emergencies occur, all staff members are CPR and First Aid certified and always have a first aid kit on hand. Every attempt will be made to notify the parent/guardian or emergency contact if a child is seriously injured.

****Field Trips are subject to change if unforeseen issues arise****



Each week at camp we will have a different theme. And every Friday we will have a "fun day". We highly encourage camper participation!

- 2024 Camp Horizon Themes!**
- Week A: Hollywood / Crazy Hat Day
 - Week B: Minute to Win It/ Mismatched Day
 - Week C: USA Road Trip/ Pajama Day
 - Week D: Super Heroes / Silly Sock Day
 - Week E: Rainforest Survivor / Crazy Hair Day
 - Week F: Around the World / Group Color Day
 - Week G: Under the Sea / Water Day
 - Week H: Field Trip Week

Rules and Expectations

- ❖ Listen and follow directions
- ❖ Respect others
- ❖ Play safely
- ❖ Respect OCES and personal property
- ❖ Camp Horizon is a BULLY FREE ZONE



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Campers will sign a **Camper Contract** on their first day of camp and our expectations will be explained.

We are confident that our campers will follow the rules and respect their fellow campers and their counselors. However, we do have a strike system in place that will be implemented if rules are broken. **Campers will receive an immediate strike if they physically harm another camper or counselor, are repeatedly insubordinate when given a direction, or if they are determined to be bullying another camper.**

✘ **Strike One:** When a camper’s behavior is determined “out of bounds” by his/her counselor, he/she will be sent to the camp office. The camper will be informed of his/her behavior and the rules will be reviewed. The camper’s parent/guardians will receive written or verbal notice of the child’s offense.

✘ **Strike Two:** The second time a camper misbehaves; the Camp Director or Assistant Camp Director will again discuss the rules and appropriate behavior with the camper. *A second “strike” will be issued* and the Camp Director will contact the child’s parent/guardians. Also, the camper will be excluded from any in-camp activity/special event or from an out of camp trip.

✘ **Strike Three:** Should a third “strike” be issued, the camper will be removed from camp for a period of one to five days. No refunds will be issued due to this action.

✘ **Out at the Plate:** If, after the camper returns to the camp, his/her behavior continues to be offensive, his/her parent/guardians will be contacted and the camper will be removed from camp for the remainder of the program. No refunds will be issued to the due to this action.

THE CAMP SUPERVISOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO “EXPEL” OR “SUSPEND” A CAMPER FROM CAMP HORIZON, AS SHE DEEMS NECESSARY. DEPENDING UPON THE NATURE OF AN OFFENSE, IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL MAY OCCUR WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE ABOVE PROCEDURE.

We look forward to Discovering an Ocean of Fun with your camper this summer!