



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 13, 2015



Dear Parents,

**Next Friday is the first parent-teacher conference day.** On conference days (3/20, 3/27, 4/2), all elementary students will be dismissed at 11:50.

Parent-teachers conferences are an important component of our home-school connection. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit in countless ways. Please consider the following ideas as you prepare for your conference with your child's teacher:

- **All learners develop at different rates and in different ways.** Your child's teacher will help you know the areas in which your child is performing comfortably and the areas in which s/he needs some support at this time. Please remember that if your child needs support in some areas of the curriculum, it is okay. The teacher will let you know what she is doing to address your child's needs.
- **Children's skills are strengthened when they have many opportunities for practice.** Ask your child's teacher what you can do to provide support at home. Just 10 minutes a day can make a world of difference. For example:
  - ✓ Make time for your child to read aloud to you. Make sure the books are comfortable enough so that it is not a chore for your child. Reading "easy" books (and rereading books many times) builds fluency, automaticity, and confidence.
  - ✓ Practice sight words. You can make sight words into flashcards, or make them into a Matching, Memory, or Go Fish game.
  - ✓ Play Math games- anything involving counting or adding. Here's one idea: Take decks of cards (remove the picture cards). Shuffle and deal all the cards to the players. Each player lays down two cards. The player with the greatest sum wins all!
  - ✓ Read aloud to your child as much as possible. It has the power to improve his/her listening comprehension, attention, vocabulary, and background knowledge
- **Your child's performance in *all* areas of the curriculum, including art, music, and physical education, is important.** If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kotzky, or Mr. Malone, please call the Main Office.
- The best way to support your child's growth and confidence as a learner is to **celebrate and encourage effort and perseverance**. Let your child know how proud you are of how hard s/he works in school to be the very best student s/he can be.

Report cards will be available on the portal after 5 p.m. on Thursday. You can print your child's report card from home and bring it with you to the conference.

**\*Please remember, changes in bus stop cannot be accommodated on half days.** Children in Kindergarten and First Grade go home together on half days so they ride with the children who are on their MORNING routes. That means the children going home with them on half days are different from the children who go home with them on regular days of school. Please keep your child's usual dismissal plan. If a change is necessary, please review it with your child and send a note to the teacher on Friday morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein

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### **Thank You**

Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Malone for their presentations about our music, art, and physical education programs at the GPFA meeting on Wednesday. Parents were very interested to hear about the concepts, vocabulary, and skills developed in the special area classes students attend each week.

Thank you to FOCUS, and especially Mrs. Prizzi, for engaging us in important dialogue at the GPFA meeting on Wednesday about putting down devices and paying close attention to children.

### **Field Trip**

The first graders had a great time on their field trip to the CSH Whaling Museum. They learned about habitats, adaptations, and a little bit about the history of Cold Spring Harbor.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **Half Days of School- Noon Dismissal**

- ❖ **FRIDAY, March 20<sup>th</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ **FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ **THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the start of Spring Recess.)
- **March 20<sup>th</sup>**- Report cards accessible on the Parent Portal

#### **IMPORTANT CALENDAR REVISION:**

- **April 3-9\*-** Spring Recess. The Board voted at Tuesday's night's meeting on a calendar revision to make up for the March 5<sup>th</sup> snow day. They will designate Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> as an **instructional day**.  
**School will re-open on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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### **Notes from the GPFA**

What a delight it was to see the wonderful turnout last night with so many families at the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Family Fun Night. Laughter from the parents and children could be heard throughout the hallways. A big thank you to Dawn Flower for organizing both Family Fun Nights.

Be sure to see Ellis Adler, "the Funny Man" in his next performance, The Magic Show. The Magic Show will benefit Birthday Wishes. This is a Give & Laugh Program that raises money for local causes. Birthday Wishes celebrates children's birthdays in homeless shelters. 2 days/6 shows. Vamps Club N. Bellmore FD, 1550 Newbridge Road, N. Bellmore. <http://tickethookups.com/birthdaywishes>

Thank you to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kotzky & Mr. Malone for speaking about their classes. It was wonderful to hear about how all the special area classes tie in to the children's core curriculum and how thoughtful our "special" teachers are when planning their lessons.

Thank you also to Nicole Prizzi and FOCUS for starting the conversation about how to "unplug" our families and spend more quality time together. Great discussion from the whole group!

# **Fun, Fun, Fun!**

## **Annual Lion's Club Egg Hunt**

**Welcome Parents and Children  
(up to 12 years old)**

**DATE: Saturday, April 4, 2015**

**PLACE: The Francis Roberts Community Center  
75 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor**

**TIME: 10:00 AM SHARP!!  
Rain or Shine**

**DONATION: Please bring a non-perishable food item to help  
the  
Huntington Community Food Council**

**PRIZES, EGG RACES, AND LOTS OF COLORED  
EGGS!!**



**For Info Call  
Skip Norton  
(631)692-6179**





## FUN ACTIVITIES ALL DAY LONG

Strolling entertainment from The Big Apple Circus

Prepare children for the excitement of interactive theater visits with LIOM

Moms can discover how to lift, tone and burn with Pure Bare

Young Geniuses in the Limelight with Village East Gifted

Activate a kindness tree with KIND snacks

Develop music skills through fun, interactive activities with Bach to Rock

Crafty Fun for curious kids with Not Just Art

GAALS: Girls Athletics And Life Skills empowers girls physically, emotionally and socially through physical activity classes & events

Dance along with Kidville's Rockin' Railroad band

Watch your child grow into a Li' Athlete!

Discover the magic of creativity and education through music & art with MusicBox

Join Mirror Mirror on the Wall for hair style and mini make-up application with pixie dust

LI Aardvarks: we sing, we dance, we jam with real musical instruments!

Obstacle course from The Little Gym

Petting zoo with Petland Parties

Jump around with Bouncers & Syclos

Music making for the whole family with Music Together

MomZ & KidZ on the Move with GYMGUIZ

Play soccer to improve gross motor skills, build self-confidence and develop teamwork with Super Soccer Stars

Plus cookie decorating, face painting, tattoos and more!

Come find out about all things kid related and mommy needed in your area. We know all the best in the business and will have over 100 exhibitors ready to show off their stuff to make your life **easier** and **more fun**.

Who doesn't want that?

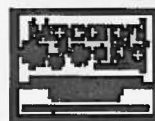
SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 2015  
10AM TO 3PM  
LIU POST, BROOKVILLE

**raffles & giveaways**

Everyone goes home a winner with a schwag bag to fill with lots of free samples!

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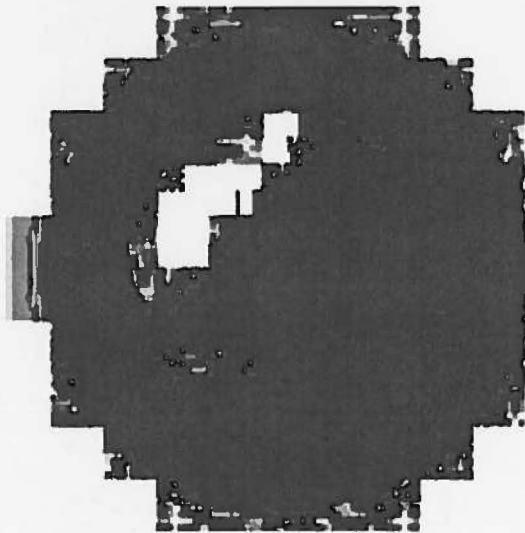
Presented by **LongIslandParent** Helping Parents Help Kids



# **SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

**AGES 3-7**

**[www.cshhsoccer.com](http://www.cshhsoccer.com)**





## Passport to the Past 2015 Summer Camp Programs "Bringing History to Life"

**Looking for a unique, non-competitive summer camp for your children  
where they can experience history hands-on?**

The Huntington Historical Society is offering three two-week, half-day (9am - 12pm) summer camp sessions for children ages 7 to 12. In addition, we are offering a NEW "Pee-Wee Pioneers" one-week, half-day session for children ages 5 - 7 only.

Campers will be able to wear colonial costumes, play original colonial games, tour historical sites, handle various historical artifacts that typically are viewed only behind glass displays in museums, and enjoy hands-on colonial-era activities such as:



Weaving on looms



Carding wool



Limberjack toy making



Butter churning

### Registration Information

Session 1:	June 29 - July 10	9:00am - 12:00pm Ages 7 - 12	\$300 for Society members / \$400 non-members
Session 2:	July 13 - July 24		
Session 3:	July 27 - August 7		
<b>NEW</b> Pee-Wee Pioneers	August 10 - August 13 (4 days)	9:30am - 12:00pm Ages 5 - 7 only	\$120 for Society members / \$180 non-members

**Refund Policy:** Tuition is refundable minus a \$30 registration fee up to 30 days prior to session start date

### 2015 PASSPORT TO THE PAST SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM (one form per camper)

**To Register:** Return this registration form with payment to Huntington Historical Society, 2 High Street, Huntington, NY 11743 or call 631-427-7045 x404 to register and pay via phone.

Session (circle one): 1 2 3 Pee-Wee Pioneers Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (as of June 29): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Primary \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Plus (optional) \$60 Society Family Membership Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type (circle one) Check (payable to Huntington Historical Society) Credit Card: Amex Mastercard Visa Discover

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_



**2015  
Summer Day Camp  
HUNTINGTON YMCA**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Huntington YMCA Day Camp is proud to be accredited by the American Camping Association.

### CAMP OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Come and meet the camp directors.

Dates:	Saturday, January 24	1:00pm – 3:00pm
	Sunday, March 8	12noon – 2:00pm
	Saturday, March 28	11:00am – 1:00pm
	Wednesday, April 15	6:30pm – 8:00pm
	Saturday, April 25	1:00pm – 4:00pm
	Saturday, May 16	12noon – 2:00pm
	Saturday, June 6	1:00pm – 3:00pm

### CAN'T DO THE FULL 3 WEEKS?

1 week and 2 week options

### CAMP SESSION DATES

Session 1:	June 29 – July 17
Session 2:	July 20 – Aug. 7
Session 3:	Aug. 10 – Aug. 28
Bonus Week:	Aug. 31 – Sept. 4

### CAMP HOURS

Full Day	9:00am – 4:00pm
Extended day	9:00am – 2:00pm (Kiddie Camp only)
Half Day	9:00am – 12noon (Kiddie Camp only)
	12:30pm – 3:30pm (Preschool Healthy Kids and Dance/Theatre)

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE, FEES AND DISCOUNTS

A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$100 is required at registration for each session for each child. The remaining balance must be paid in full by May 31, 2015. Fees include one camp T-shirt per child, per summer. Trip fees for Youth Camp, Sports Camp, Teens and CITs are included.

### CAMP FEES (PER SESSION)

### FLEX OPTIONS\*

	3 WEEK	2 WEEK	1 WEEK
Kiddie Camp Half Day (M-F)	\$540	\$383	\$216
Kiddie Camp Extended (M/W/F)	\$475	NA	NA
Kiddie Camp Extended (M-F)	\$780	\$553	\$312
Kiddie Camp Full Day (M-F)	\$995	\$706	\$398
Youth Camp (M-F)	\$975	\$692	\$390
Teens in Action (M-F)	\$1,100	\$781	\$440
CITs (M-F)	\$565	NA	NA
Sports Camp (M-F)	\$975	\$692	\$390
Sports Camp CITs	\$565	NA	NA
Preschool Healthy Kids 2 Day/Half Day (M/W)	\$275	NA	NA
Preschool Dance/Theatre/Half Day (T/TH)	\$275	NA	NA
Performing Arts Camp	\$1,200	\$825	\$480
Performing Art Teen Stars	\$1,200	\$825	\$480
Performing Arts CITs	\$565	NA	NA
Bus Transportation	\$275	\$195	\$110
BONUS WEEK			\$300

\*Flex Fare Rates are applied per designated session (1-2 weeks within the same session). The purchase of individual weeks (no limit) will be offered at the one-week flex fare rate.

### DISCOUNT POLICY

- 10% discount if paying in full at time of registration prior to March 31, 2015
- 5% discount if paying in full at time of registration from April 1, 2015 to April 30, 2015
- \$50 Sibling Discount on five full day programs / \$25 Sibling Discount on five half or extended day programs



### MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Campers need to be a YMCA Member at the time of registration and for the duration of camp.
- A youth program membership is \$90 per year.

### CAMP FLEX OPTIONS:

#### Need 1 Week Here? 2 Weeks There?

At the Y, we offer 3-week session blocks because we find that consistency helps kids form friendships, advance their swim skills, and experience everything our Summer Day Camps have to offer. That said, we know how busy families can be during the summer and if you need more flexibility, we're here to help. If you'd like to purchase summer camp weeks "a la carte," just come in and let us know which weeks work for your family.

Please be aware that to take advantage of flexible scheduling, you must register in person. Space may be limited. Flexible scheduling is offered based on camp capacity: children who are part of our 3-week sessions have priority on all off-campus trips. Restrictions that may apply:

- Discounts not applicable
- Flex-fare available for 5 days a week programs only
- Trips may be missed
- Flex Fare rates will not be adjusted for new/additional registrations.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration begins on Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Registration is in person at the YMCA. Registration will continue at the YMCA after this date. In order to register, please bring the following materials with you:

- Current record of immunizations
- Emergency pick up names and phone numbers

### BEFORE & AFTER CAMP CARE

Extended hours are available for an additional fee.

- A \$15 non-refundable deposit is required.
- The balance is due along with your camp fee according to the camp payment schedule.

7:00am – 9:00am	Fee: \$95 / session
4:00pm – 6:30pm	Fee: \$95 / session

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance for camp is based on financial need.

- A financial assistance application must be completed in full and received no later than March 31, 2015 for consideration by the financial assistance committee.
- Please allow at least 30 days for committee decision.
- For financial assistance info please call 631-421-4242 x\*140.
- Applications are evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis. Financial assistance does not guarantee a camp spot; you must register and leave a deposit to ensure a spot.

### REFUND POLICY

Deposits and Camp fees are non-transferable and non-refundable after April 30th.

- There will be no pro-rating or reduction of fees based on missed days due to illness shorter than 5 consecutive days.
- Medical refund requests must have a doctor's note within 5 days of the illness.
- The YMCA reserves the right to suspend or remove a child from camp. Refunds may not be given wherein this decision is necessary.

Please note: Starting January 24th registration is continuous and ongoing at our friendly Member Service desk or online at [ymcali.org](http://ymcali.org).

This notice is distributed to students solely as a community Service by the school district. Such distribution should not be considered to be an endorsement or an approval of either the sponsor or the activity.

## KIDDIE CAMP

Laura.Messina@ymcali.org or ext.\*126

3 years old by May 31st, 2015

This is a wonderful introduction to YMCA Summer Camp, with unique experiences to enhance both physical and emotional growth. The program utilizes the air-conditioned classrooms, enclosed outdoor playgrounds and other areas for all the following activities:

- Swim Lessons • Arts & Crafts • Special Events
- Kid Fitness • Dance • Waterslides • Science.

All children must be completely toilet trained, pull ups are not permissible.

**Kiddie Camp-Full Day** 9:00am – 4:00pm

Children ages 3-5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten.

**Kiddie Camp-Extended Day** 9:00am – 2:00pm

Children ages 3-5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten.

**Kiddie Camp-Half Day** 9:00am – 12:00pm Children ages 3-5 who have not yet attended Kindergarten & children who have completed Kindergarten but who are not ready for a full day program. These kindergartners will be placed with the oldest Kiddie Campers.

## YOUTH CAMP

Completed K-5th grade

Michelle.Burke@ymcali.org or ext.\*146

Youth Camp is the place for a summer of fun, healthy and safe outdoor activities. Youngsters develop new friendships, experience independence and acquire new skills, by participating in traditional camp activities, exciting special events, life skills programming and outside entertainment. Campers are organized by grade. They receive swim lessons 3 days a week, followed by recreational swim. Our 4th and 5th graders will take local trips once a week. Kindergartners through 3rd graders attend movies at the Cinema

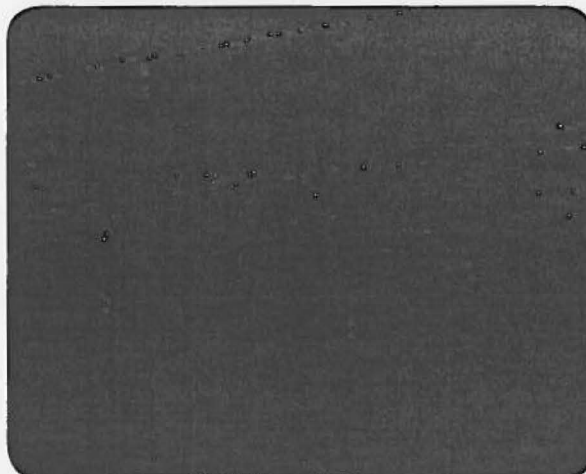
Arts Center! Activities include:

- Art • Ga-Ga • Science • Sports
- Dance • Zumba • Physical Fitness
- Inflatable Water Slides • Ultimate Challenge (for grades 1-5) • Rock Wall (for Grades 1-5). On the final Wednesday evening of each session families are invited to join campers for a Family Night performance!

## TEENS IN ACTION

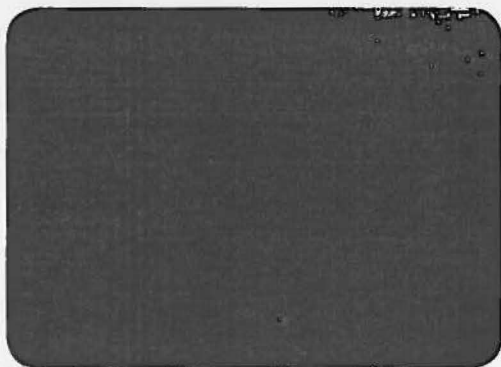
Completed 6th and 7th grade ext.\*146

"Teens In Action" is a great choice for the too cool for camp crowd. Teens experience the feeling of freedom while being well supervised by trusted & mature staff. It's a great opportunity for your camper to enjoy some adventures as we leave the campgrounds twice a week for fun and exciting trips. Activities include sports, team building, leadership training, swimming, and a variety of workshops to keep kids interested.



## COUNSELORS IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR ALL CAMPS

Completed 8th and 9th grade ext.\*146



The CIT program combines the fun of camp with leadership and on the job training skills. The CITs will assist counselors with camp groups. Each CIT will have the opportunity to facilitate an activity for campers. All interested applicants must schedule an interview with our Camp Director at x\*146. Please visit our website [www.ymcali.org](http://www.ymcali.org) or call our Camp Director at x\*146 for specific details on each of the CIT programs.

## SPORTS CAMP

Completed K-5th grade ext.\*146

**Sessions 1 and 2** Held off-site at a local Huntington School

Sports Camp is the perfect environment for the "athletically enthusiastic" child. We provide a fun atmosphere for children and ensure the focus is not on winning but about having fun through sportsmanship, teamwork and respect. It is the perfect way for children to learn new skills and develop great friendships in a safe environment. Each week children will be taught the necessary skills for "sport of the week" ending with a tournament to be held every Friday. Experienced counselors who have a passion for sports will lead the campers in a variety of activities including but not limited to: • Soccer • Basketball • Lacrosse • Floor Hockey • Team Handball • Ultimate Frisbee • Baseball • Kickball • Volleyball • Flag Football • Ga-Ga • Game Room • Trivia • Skill Drills • Tournaments

Sports Camp is held off site at one of the local Huntington District Schools. Children will visit the YMCA to participate in recreational swim, rock climbing, waterslides, batting cages as well as other field games. Each session will also feature a fun field trip. On the last Tuesday of each session families are invited to participate in Family Sport Night.

### **WORLD OF SPORTS CAMP**

Completed K – 5th grade ext.\*146

#### **Session 3 only**

Held at the Huntington YMCA

A fun-filled addition to your child's summer, this three week session will be action packed with numerous sports, team building activities and camp games. The focus will be on developing skills, understanding rules, and play experience in soccer and basketball, recreational swim, rock climbing, water slides, batting cages, GA-GA and other special events.

### **PRESCHOOL SPECIALTY CAMPS**

Ages 2-5 years

Edie.Cafiero@ymcali.org or ext.\*132

#### **PRESCHOOL DANCE/THEATRE**

Tues./Thurs. 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Includes tap, ballet, jazz, acting, singing, story time and art. This program can be combined with morning Kiddie Camp. Takes place at the YMCA HEC Building.

#### **PRESCHOOL HEALTHY KIDS**

Mon./Wed. 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Each day is a different healthy lifestyle theme. Classes include: art, physical fitness games, activities and story time. Can be combined with morning Kiddie Camp. Program takes place at the YMCA HEC Building.

### **PERFORMING ARTS CAMP**

Completed K-5th grade ext.\*132

**Sessions 1 and 2** Held off-site at a CSH School

**Session 3** Held at the Huntington YMCA

We make performing arts fun! Each day, after lunch, campers return to the YMCA. Campers will work on every aspect of a final production and enjoy: • Acting • Voice • Dance • Art • Yoga • Ballet (Optional) • Set Design • Irish Step • Sign Language • Creative Writing Class • Recreational Swim • Water Slides • Book Club. The final performance is a staged variety show by a professional director and held in a school auditorium the third Thursday night of the session. Included in fee is a weekly field trip.



**TEEN STARS (PERFORMING ARTS CAMP)**

Grades 6th and 7th ext.\*132

Teens work with a director on their own production. They will work in a leadership capacity and participate in classes.

**SUMMER CAMP BONUS WEEK**

Kiddie and Youth Camp only

August 31st - September 4th ext.\*146

The Huntington Y is excited to offer an additional bonus week of camp this summer! From August 31st through September 4th your child can enjoy the benefits of body, mind and spirit at the Y. Why not extend the fun?

Note: Subject to change due to your school district calendar.

**WATERFRONT CAMP**

ext.\*204

The Y is happy to offer both learn to Sail & learn to Kayak programs at the Centerport Beach boathouse. In order to ensure everyone's safety, all students take a swim test the first day of class and everyone is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket while sailing or kayaking.

The YMCA will provide instruction for basic kayaking & sailing skills, along with boating & water safety. The sailing courses are designed for children ages 8 - 18 & kayaking for ages 9 - adult. Adult sailing is also available upon request.

No prior experience or equipment is required in order to participate. The YMCA will provide necessary gear for both programs with the exception of boating shoes. The 2015 season starts June 29th and ends August 7th. The sessions run weekly, morning or afternoon, Monday through Friday.

In person Waterfront registration will begin Friday, May 8, 6pm and will be ongoing. There is no YMCA membership required and \$50 of the registration fee is non-refundable.

**TRANSPORTATION**

ext.\*146

We are happy to offer door-to-door service to the following areas for the 2015 Camp season: • Huntington/Cold Spring Harbor • Northport/East Northport • Centerport/Greenlawn • South Huntington • Dix Hills/Melville • Deer Park/Commack • Syosset. If you do not see your town listed, please ask and we will try to accommodate you. Transportation requests made after May 31st are not guaranteed. A \$50 deposit is required for each session. Please note: your child may be on the bus for up to one hour.