

SUMMER HEROES CAMP

JUNE 17 - AUGUST 23, 2019
"CREATIVITY. IMAGINATION. FUN."
FOR BOYS & GIRLS, AGES 5 - 12



Dear Summer Camp Family:

Welcome to Summer Day Camp with Future Promises Foundation, Inc. and Twinkle Little Stars Early Learning Academy! We are delighted to serve you this summer, and are sure you will enjoy the activities and field trips we have planned. This handbook contains important information regarding camp; please read it thoroughly.

Each day your camper will need to bring a morning snack, and a refillable drink bottle. There is limited refrigeration available to keep food and drink items cold while at camp. Future Promises and Twinkle Little Stars will provide water, Gatorade, lunch, and an afternoon snack daily. Please label all personal items with your camper's name. A large portion of our time will be spent outdoors; please dress your child accordingly.

Camp hours are 7:00am to 6:00pm inclusive of before and after-care at no additional cost. We do a full day field trip every other week. On these days, please pack a fully disposable lunch that does not require refrigeration. Departure and return times will be communicated to you the week of the trip. Please note these times carefully as we are unable to hold the bus for latecomers.

As you read throughout the handbook please keep in mind that an Electronic Camp Waiver is required to be completed and submitted prior to the first day of camp. Without this signed waiver on file campers will not be permitted to start camp. Forms can be conveniently obtained from the website.

If you have any questions regarding camp, please feel free to contact us at 302.689.3392

We look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Verlin Jay Alexander, III".

Verlin Jay Alexander, III, MS
Executive Director
Future Promises & Twinkle Little Stars Summer Camp Staff

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

Future Promises & Twinkle Little Stars Summer Day Camp is designed for children ages 5 through 12. Each week is carefully planned with a variety of activities including arts & crafts, sports, organized games, special events and field trips.

Summer Day Camp runs Monday through Friday, June 17, 2019 to August 23, 2019. Camp hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm. Our convenient camp location will accept a maximum of 50 campers.

34 Parkway Circle
New Castle, DE 19720

Parents are reminded that staff supervision is during camp hours only. Please be sure to drop-off and pick-up your child(ren) at the stated times.

All registered campers will receive a camp T-shirt on the first day of camp.

STAFFING

Our camp site is managed by a qualified staff of (1) Site Supervisor, a minimum of (4) camp counselors. The counselor to camper ratio is no more than 1:12

All members of the camp staff are qualified and trained to provide quality care for our summer camp program.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCEDURES

In the interest of safety for all campers, parents are asked to escort their child(ren) to and from the main office to sign their child(ren) in and out of camp. The system is simple, but will require the cooperative efforts of parents and staff.

A camp staff person will be available between 8:00am and 8:45am to greet your family as you sign your child(ren) in. We strongly encourage you to drop-off no later than 8:30am. Once the day's activities have begun, the campers and staff will be located throughout the building and may not be readily available for sign-in.

Please let the Site Supervisor know, by way of written note, if your camper(s) have permission to walk or bike to camp, or if they will be picked up by someone other than you. Children may not be dropped off prior to 8:00am, and must be picked up no later than 5:30pm. A late pick-up fee of \$5.00 per camper will be incurred at every five-minute increment past 5:30pm. Continued late pick-up may result in dismissal from the camp program without refund of registration fees.

ABSENCES

Please notify the camp if your child will be absent by calling 302.689.3392 or email camp@futurepromises.org. If your child is absent due to a contagious condition, please notify the office, so that other parents can be notified that their child may have been exposed.

Please consult with your Physician before notifying the office so that we may give accurate information.

NOTE: There will be no fee reduction or reimbursement for absences.

CAMP RULES & REGULATIONS

Your child should wear comfortable clothing and sneakers each day. Open toe/open heel shoes are not permitted. Children will get dirty at camp; please dress them accordingly!

Please apply sunscreen to your child daily. You may send sunscreen to camp with your child; however, staff members are not permitted to apply the sunscreen to your child. We will remind the children to re-apply it to themselves throughout the day.

Children are responsible for bringing their own snack, and refillable water bottle every day. If lunch is being packed please make sure it is packed within an insulated lunch bag, as refrigeration is limited. Bags should be clearly marked with your camper's name. Campers will take two snack breaks during the day. Please pack one snack for your child daily. Future Promises and Twinkle Little Stars will provide the afternoon snack daily for your child.

Children are responsible for helping keep the park areas clean. They are expected to clean up after lunch, snacks, and crafts.

Children are expected to use appropriate playground structures and equipment as they were intended. Rules for use will be explained at the beginning of camp. Children may be prohibited from using the structure or equipment if a problem persists.

Camp staff will be monitoring bathroom breaks as well as supervising bathroom facilities from the outside. All campers need to be able to use the restrooms unassisted.

Proper water/swimming attire is required for water play/swimming. Please send your child to camp wearing their bathing suit on water play/swim days, and pack a towel and change of clothes. Flip-flops or sandals may be worn for water activities ONLY. Refer to the camp activity calendar for the water activities as scheduled.

Backpacks are permitted at camp, but we suggest that anything valuable be left at home. Please make sure all items are clearly labeled with your child's name. Neither Future Promises Foundation, Inc., Twinkle Little Stars, Prevailing Church International, nor its staff are responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property. The following list of items is prohibited at camp:

- Electronics including CELL PHONES**
- iPods/MP3 players
- Video games
- Knives or any type of weapon
- Toy guns
- Cell phones – The site supervisor has access to a phone if parents need to be contacted. If a parent needs to reach their child or camp staff for any reason, please contact the office at 302.689.3392

**If a child brings a prohibited item to camp, the item will be confiscated and returned to his/her parent at the end of the day. These items are prohibited in order to eliminate any disruption or safety concerns that may arise from their use

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE POLICY

Appropriate behavior is expected of all participants during the summer camp programs. Respectful interactions between program participants and staff are essential to having a successful program experience. Bullying, fighting, inappropriate behavior/language and continual disregard for camp policies and procedures cannot be tolerated. Camp staff will do their best to redirect any misbehavior and resolve any issues to achieve a positive outcome for all involved. If positive outcomes cannot be achieved, or if a camper exhibits continuous disruptive behavior, Future Promises and Twinkle Little Stars reserves the right to suspend or dismiss the camper from the program without refund.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is extremely important that we have all necessary medical information concerning your child.

The responsibility for administering medications rests with the camper's parent or legal guardian. No camp staff is permitted to administer medication. It is important that all medication be taken at home. No medication is to be sent to camp unless it is a prescription drug for preventive reasons or emergency conditions such as seizures, heart conditions, asthma, or allergy conditions.

These preventive or emergency medications may be sent to camp if the rules listed below are followed:

1. Note from the doctor stating name of medication, how it is to be given, amount, time and diagnosis of illness. The medication must be presented in the original package with prescription label attached.
2. Note from parent or legal guardian giving approval for the medication to be administered by the camper under staff supervision.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

All campers are invited to participate in field trips, but participation is not mandatory. If your family chooses not to participate in a field trip, it is the responsibility of the parent to make alternate arrangements for the day. Reductions to the camp fee will not be granted due to absence from a field trip.

Field trips are scheduled to leave from the camp site at various times. Please be sure that your camper is on time for camp. This is very important on a scheduled field trip. We cannot delay departure to accommodate latecomers. Refer to the camp calendar for trip departure and return times.

Campers should bring a brown bagged lunch with non-perishable food, if lunch is not included in the trip. Please, no insulated bags on field trip days.

For safety reasons, parents are not permitted to drop-off or pick-up their child from a field trip site.

Campers should wear the camp T-shirt on all field trips, and no spending money is needed.

REFUND POLICY

Registration fee is non-refundable. No refunds will be issued for camp cancellations unless requests are made in writing prior to 14 days of the start of the camp program. All refunds are subject to a 15% processing fee. Reductions to the camp fee will not be granted due to absence from a field trip.