

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON

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Department of Parks and Recreation

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK Summer 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to the <u>TownofHuntington'sGoldStar Camp</u>. The Camp Director, Michael Hand, will be returning with some of last year's staff. The camp program will again include arts & crafts, sports, marine science, nature study & special events.

All children should arrive at 8:15 AM at the parking lot behind Coindre Hall, which is located on Browns Road in Huntington next to Gold Star Beach. Parents must park their car in the parking lot and escort their child to the camp entrance. Children should wear comfortable clothing i.e. shorts and wear sneakers, not sandals or flip-flops. Children should also bring water shoes, a towel, a light snack, and a lunch of non-perishable foods, water bottle, and a beverage because there is no refrigerator available.

The Camp Medical/Emergency form (all 5 pages) must be mailed back one month prior to the start of camp to: Town of Huntington, Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Gold Star Camp, 100 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743. Please note there is No Medical/Accident Insurance available through the Town of Huntington. Late forms could result in your child's removal from camp. Your physician must complete the medical form. If your child will be accompanied by a paraprofessional ("shadow"), call the Parks & Recreation Department immediately for specific instructions. All requests regarding shadows must be made no later than 5/1/2025.

Requests to place children together must be made at the time of registration. When you register in person or online you will have to answer the question about placing children together. You will have to enter the other child's name, age, and grade. Children must be the same age or grade. You can only request to be placed with one (1) other child. Failure to meet these guidelines will result in the denial of your request. Sometimes, legitimate requests are denied because too many children request to be placed in the same group. The decision of the camp director is final. Requests for group placement will not be honored after registration.

Campers are to be picked up promptly at 2 PM at the back parking lot of Coindre Hall (continued lateness in picking up your child promptly could result in your child's removal from camp). A child will not be dismissed to anyone other than a parent unless it is noted on the emergency form. If you are in a carpool, please send a note the first day indicating with whom you are carpooling. Please be prompt in dropping off and picking up your child. On the first day of camp, you will be given the camp phone number if you <u>must</u> reach the Camp Director.

This camp is required to have a permit issued by the New York State Health Department. The Suffolk County Health Department inspects the camp twice a year. **Do not provide your child with aerosol cans of sunscreen or insect repellent as this is a violation and public health hazard.** The inspection reports are filed with the County Health Department at 360 Yaphank Avenue, Suite 2A, Yaphank, NY 11980. Have a great summer.

Sincerely, Cable T. Jamison Director of Parks & Recreation