



CAMP GUIDE STAMFORD



WELCOME

Churchill Summer Camps have been running in the area for over 30 years and provide a great opportunity for children to make new friends and to try out new activities in a safe environment, surrounded by supportive and experienced staff.

Our camps are not just sports camps, we offer multi-activity day camps with a wide range of activities to suit all ages and interests.

We have tried to give you an honest picture of how we run our camps. We want you to be confident about sending your child on holiday with us and we have tried to give you information on the most commonly 'asked about' topics. However, we also know that it cannot possibly cover everyone's questions and therefore if this pack simply makes you want to ask a few more questions or just have a chat with either of us, then we will consider it a success and look forward to hearing from you.

John & Judith Jones: 01572 868304

or email us - info@churchillsummercamps.co.uk

We usually man our phone between 5pm and 8pm but have an answerphone to help us out with unavoidable absences and for the more unsociable hours. **Do not be put off by the answerphone, we deal with EVERY phone message we get as promptly as we can.** Just be prepared to leave your name and phone number (don't forget your STD code though) and we will get back to you.

Many of our staff return to work for us year after year and we interview every new member of staff as a matter of policy prior to offering them a post. They are recruited both locally and from teacher training colleges further afield. We like to have a mix of qualified sports coaches, teachers, playgroup workers and teacher training graduates. All staff are fully DBS checked and go through child protection/safeguarding and activity training and our camps are Ofsted registered.



HOW TO FIND US

The camp takes place at **The Stamford Junior School, Kettering Road**. Our staff will be there to meet you and escort you to the camp reception area from 9am.

Please note that the camps will be running in the 'Tardis' building which is located next to the large sports hall/swimming pool and as such, the SJS car park behind the old cattle market car park will be the main entrance for our camps. There are more detailed directions at the end of this camp guide.

ARRIVAL AND COLLECTION

08.00am – 09.00am *For children who have booked the Early Care service only*

09.00am - 9.30am *Children arrive for registration, supervised activities.*

WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF BEFORE 9AM IF YOU HAVE NOT BOOKED EARLY CARE

On the first morning, all children and parents will be met by our staff near the car park. On signing in your child at reception any tuck shop money and/or medications (clearly named please) will be collected and recorded. **Please make sure that you include all medical information in your online booking in advance of the camp start date so that we can brief all the staff accurately on your behalf.** Please ensure you do not leave without taking one of our cards with the direct contact number for the camp (our office number should not be used during camp hours as, due to the nature of our camps, there will not be anyone available).

The children will be notified of their group upon arrival (all groups have names and are organised in advance of the camp) and introduced to their group leader. They will then be taken to the cloakroom to leave their bag and then for supervised activities until the main programmed activities start for each group at 9.30am.

All the children will have a tour of the site and be shown the key facilities e.g. toilets, assembly point for break and lunch time, fire assembly point etc as part of their first morning on the site. Activities start straight away to minimise any possible shyness.

Don't forget;

- **Tuck shop money for the week to be handed in and logged at reception.**
- **All medications (clearly named) to be signed in at reception.**

Site tours for parents can take place immediately after the timetable has started (9.30am) on the first morning – please ask in advance if you are interested in a site tour. You are most welcome to be

shown around but it is worth noting that the sight of a parent can upset an already shy/nervous child and may just tip the balance that first morning!

A timetable showing each of the group's activities for the week is displayed in reception. You will also normally find our camp manager here to sort out any queries you might have.

4.30pm - 4.40pm *Children are collected from the camp* (if you arrive any earlier, we will not have the staff available to collect and sign out your child)

4.40pm – 6.00pm *For children who have booked the Late Care service only*

All children **must be signed out at reception** by a member of our staff. As you leave, if we are unsure as to who you are, you may be asked your identity, please do not be offended by this!

HOW WILL THE DAY BE ORGANISED?

A timetable is drawn up by our camp manager showing the activities that are planned for the week and this is put up in the camp reception each Monday morning. There is a different timetable of activities for each age range but we endeavour to give all children the opportunity to 'have a go' at everything, regardless of age.

Our operating hours are 9.30am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday

WHAT IF I AM DELAYED AT THE END OF THE DAY?

Please don't worry - your child will be well cared for until you arrive. If you're likely to be delayed, please call the camp so they can let your child know. We will book them into the Late Care and you can pay when you collect them (£6). Late Care is registered until 6.00pm (the site is vacated at 6.00pm and there will be no staff available after this time).

LUNCH / BREAK TIMES

All children must come supplied with a packed lunch. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS INTO CAMP – the camps are classed as nut free zones in case there are any children with nut allergies. This covers any food products containing nuts any spreads such as peanut butter or Nutella It is recommended that you either provide an ice pack with possible perishable food or avoid using perishables in the packed lunch as we are unable to provide refrigeration facilities.

Please provide your child with a healthy snack for morning break if you so wish. There is a small tuck shop open during the afternoon break selling fruit, chocolate and sweets etc. This is optional and we recommend that children bring a maximum of £1 per day spending money and as little as 20p per day for the younger ones. Money is logged at reception against your child's name so should be handed in at the start of the week/day and the amount spent is deducted from the total. This is to avoid lost monies and any confusion. Any change will be returned to you at the end of the camp.

For the lunchtime activities, the children will be in mixed age groups and we do not have a formal timetable. They have the opportunity to choose an activity with from a prepared list. There will be a different range of lunchtime activities each day. This often gives them the chance to repeat an activity they have enjoyed earlier in the week.

DRINKS

We do provide drinks at breaktimes and throughout the day **and we ask that your child bring their own water bottle (clearly named) to help us reduce the amount of plastic disposable cups we use. We will refill their bottle throughout the day with water.**

CAMP PHOTOS - permission sought

From time to time, we take photos of both the staff and children having fun taking part in their activities to use exclusively on our display boards in reception and the website. We ask whether you would be happy for your child to have their photo taken at camp or not in our online booking registration form, so if you do not want your child to have their photo used in this way, could you please state that in the relevant place in your booking. All photos are taken in a careful and sensitive way and do not carry any child's personal details.

WHAT TO WEAR!

There is no point in being smartly dressed for this type of holiday, although we appreciate that most children like to look the part! We suggest you do not send them with new or valuable clothing or belongings but we would ask that **all children wear appropriate footwear** – trainers are ideal. Below is suggested clothing for your child to wear and spare equipment to bring each day.

- For sunny weather - a sun hat for protection and clothes which are suitable for warm weather are good ideas as we spend a lot of time outside.
- For cooler weather - warm clothes including a jacket/coat and jumper.

A raincoat is always useful to have in your child's bag – you never know when they might need it!

With the very youngest children, you may want to add extra underwear etc. to their bag just in case (although we do carry some spares).

All equipment necessary for the activities will be provided by us.

SUN CREAM

Please ensure that children have had their first application of sun cream in the morning, and then send them with sun cream (with a name label) – we will remind and assist them in reapplying it during the day unless you advise us otherwise.

WHAT NOT TO BRING!

We ask that children **don't** bring mobile telephones, computer games, iPods, toys to camp. There is no real use for these items and they are often mislaid as children are busy and excited doing other things. Staff are trained not to put themselves in a difficult position by taking care of such items and we cannot accept responsibility if they are lost or stolen.

LOST PROPERTY

We endeavour to return lost property where possible but in order to do this we ask that all belongings are clearly named.

Any lost property is always displayed in the reception area; please make a point of checking it before you leave the camp each day.

HOW ARE THE GROUPS ARRANGED?

Children are grouped in similar ages. Please add specific requests for your child to be grouped with a friend to your booking form and we will endeavour to do so, however please be aware that this must be reciprocated and that this cannot be guaranteed. We usually aim to group children based on school years, therefore if a request is outside of this then we may be able to accommodate one school year either side but please note that we will move the older child down a group rather than the younger child up a group.

We can only offer 2 grouping requests per child and we must be notified at least one week before the start date of attendance.

If you find out that his/her best friend is going and you want them to be together then please update your booking/let us know as soon as possible. We always try and accommodate group requests, but it may not be possible if it is a late request or the group is already full. Our staff ratios mean that we cannot just squeeze another child into a group.

Please don't leave it until the Monday morning of your arrival as we will not be able to accommodate for any changes.

We cannot group children together if there is a grouping chain eg. One child wants to be with another, who wants to be with another and so on, as this makes groupings nigh on impossible.

Grouping the children as we do gives them the opportunity to make new friendships.

Sometimes the groups may have a wider age spread. For the most part, the children stay in the same group with the same group leader for the whole of the week, this particularly applies to the younger children.

FANCY DRESS

Be prepared to hunt out your child's favourite fancy dress outfit as on every Friday morning of each camp we run a fancy dress fun competition where the children (and staff) can get dressed up.

This is optional but very well supported.

EARLY/LATE CARE SERVICE

This is a service for parents wishing to have their children looked after between 8am and 9am (£4.50 per child) and also 4.40pm through to 6pm (£6 per child). There is a charge per session. Light refreshments will be available during these fully supervised sessions. You may book as much or as

little early/late care as you need for that week i.e. morning only, 2/3 days only. If you would like to add this extra service, please include it in your booking or contact us.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS ILL OR HAS AN ACCIDENT AT CAMP?

We understand your concerns, as we are parents ourselves, so don't worry we have qualified first aiders at each camp to deal with accidents and illnesses. Fortunately, most of the accidents we deal with are only minor e.g. grazes on knees, stings and so on. However, should a child suffer a more serious injury or fall ill at camp you will be contacted immediately.

Please do not send your child to Camp if they have a contagious illness or have had sickness in the 48 hours prior to the Camp day.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I PROVIDE ON THE BOOKING FORM?

We ask that you share with us as much information as possible at the time of booking e.g. if your child has a medical condition such as diabetes, epilepsy, serious allergies and so on – along with the medication that they require such as EpiPen. We also ask that you share with us any additional information that would be helpful to us so that we can provide the best care possible for your child. This information is treated in the strictest confidence and is only shared with staff. If we feel that we would like further information we may ask that you talk to the Camp Manager on the week of camp and also your child's instructor, as the more information you provide us with the better care we can provide for your child.

If your child is in the Early Years (not yet five or five by 31 August) we would very much welcome you sharing their summary document from their pre-school setting with us or any information a school has provided you with so that we can help children in working towards their early learning goals. We would also appreciate it if you could spend a few moments completing the additional EYFS information form which is included on the online booking form.

SWIMMING

We will be swimming during the week so please check the timetable to see which day(s) your child needs to bring swimming kit. **It will not be a Monday so don't worry about bringing this on the first day.** Quality armbands are provided for all age ranges and there will be members of staff on duty in the pool and at least one will be a RLSS qualified lifeguard. All the children are given a swimming test before they go swimming so that their ability and safety in the water can be assessed. The swimming pool needs to be maintained from time to time and the holidays are the only opportunity that the school is able to do this, therefore this activity is subject to the availability of the swimming pool.

QUAD BIKES

We run quad bike sessions in the summer when the ground is suitable but if the ground is too wet/soft due to wet weather or under the unfortunate circumstance that there is equipment failure, we will (for safety reasons) unfortunately be unable to offer this. We keep our fingers crossed for good weather as we do not like to disappoint the children but hope that you can appreciate that safety comes first.

CAMP POLICIES AND OFSTED REGISTRATION

We are registered by OFSTED to provide a holiday service for children from the age of 4 upwards and are regularly inspected at both sites. Our registration certificate is held at the office out of season and is on display at both our sites when the camps are running. If you need our registration number to claim the Working Families Tax Credit, please ring us on 01572 868304.

We also keep a portfolio of evidence that includes our procedures and camp policies to help demonstrate how we comply with OFSTED regulations. We have written policies and procedures on Child Behaviour, Child Protection, First Aid (sent out prior to Camp), Health and Safety, Fire Evacuation, Equal Opportunities, Discipline, Lost/Left Children, Excursions Off Site, Sick Children and Parental Complaints. Copies of these policies can be viewed at Camp or by request – please contact the office. All staff receive a full set of these policies as part of their induction and training programme, and our focus is their ability to implement them practically on a daily basis as part of looking after the children in their care.

- *To claim the Working Families Tax Credit (childcare vouchers), you should be able to find our details through your scheme – however, if you can't find our details then please just email or ring us*
- *All policies and procedures available on request*

**The Camp runs independently of the school so we ask that you
please **DO NOT** contact the school**

**General enquiries: John and Judith Jones on 01572 868304
(with answer phone service).**

**DURING CAMP HOURS/EMERGENCIES: OUR CAMP MANAGER ON
07908 402152.**

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE A CARD FROM RECEPTION WITH THIS MOBILE NUMBER ON IN CASE
YOU NEED TO CONTACT US**

BOOKING CONDITIONS

1. Confirmation of your booking will be emailed following a successful completion of your booking online. Payment of the deposit secures your booking and is regarded as evidence of your acceptance of these booking conditions.

2. At the time of booking we require:

- a. full payment on bookings made less than 6 weeks before the camp start date
- b. a deposit of £80 per child per week on all other bookings
- c. final balance payments 6 weeks prior to the summer Camp start date

3. Should it become necessary to cancel your booking, you must notify us in writing immediately. Until written confirmation is received by us, we will hold your reservation.

Cancellations are subject to the following:

- More than 28 days before commencement date – loss of deposit
- 28 – 15 days – 50% refund
- 14 – 1 day – no refund

4. No liability will be accepted for personal injury or fatality nor for any damage or loss to personal property unless caused by the proven negligence of Churchill Summer Camp employees and/or agents acting within the course of their employment or the scope of their authority

5. Programmes are subject to alteration, cancellation or re-arrangement in the event of unsuitable weather conditions, an unsatisfactory level of numbers, or other factors which may arise which are beyond our reasonable control.

6. We reserve the right to exclude or refuse any child at any time prior to, and during the holiday, if in our opinion that child is incompatible with the general 'well-being' of the camp. Any additional costs as a result of such exclusion/refusal, including transportation home will be at the parents expense and responsibility and no refund will be made.

7. Churchill Summer Camps are run independent of the schools where it is based and as such all enquiries must be directed to:

Churchill Summer Camps, Prospect Cottage, Baulk Road, Bisbrooke LE15 9EH

Tel. 01572 868304

Churchill Summer Camps: First Aid Policy

Information for Parents /Guardians

We issue this policy to you at the start of a camp to inform you of our procedures regarding First Aid treatment.

All our staff receive First aid training and several are qualified as Paediatric and/ or Emergency First aiders.

Whilst your children are on holiday with us, we would like to be able to administer a little more than just very basic first aid treatment if necessary. However, we need to know you are happy for us to administer such treatment and of course we would always talk to you child and let them know what we are doing.

We have a designated First Aid station on site at each camp and our staff carry First Aid kits with them to the quad circuit and swimming. We have listed below the basic medications we carry in our First Aid kits.

Churchill Summer Camps: First Aid kit medical contents

Antiseptic wipes	Savlon /antiseptic spray	Suntan cream
Waspeze/sting relief cream	Sterile unmedicated dressings	Surgical tape
Optrex /saline eye drops	Melolin wound dressings	Burn relief cream

Instant Coldpacks: immediate ice pack type treatment out in the field for suspected sprains/bad bruising or insect bite, applied to reduce swelling

Plasters (including hypoallergenic) for where child's medical details specify on the booking form

NB: We do not give pain relieving tablets or any other medicines without your written approval.

The most common 'accidents' tend to be bumps/bruises, cuts/grazes, bee/wasp stings, foreign bodies in the eye, and occasionally a suspected sprain. Most of the time an ice pack or quick antiseptic wipe and a sweetie for the shock does the trick. If we feel it necessary in hot weather to apply sun protection cream we will use a respected proprietary brand.

All accidents, however trivial, are fully recorded in the Camp's accident book and you will be informed of any such accident when you collect your child. We will make every effort to notify you if we have to take your child off-site for further medical treatment using the information you have provided us with.

****PLEASE KEEP THIS FOR YOUR REFERENCE. UNLESS WE RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY BELOW, WE SHALL CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID TREATMENT AS PER OUR CAMP POLICY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPROVAL.****

But if you would prefer that we did not administer the items listed above, please add this to your booking form.

STAMFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL

PE9 2LR

Directions

We are at Stamford Junior School, but please be aware that we are not in the main building. We are going to be based in 'The Tardis Building' at Stamford Junior School. You will need to park near the Stamford meadows old Cattlegate car park which is located near the train station. As you drive towards the train station on Station Road from the George Hotel or down the hill from Kettering Road, there is a hidden car park situated down a small road that is exclusive to SJS parents – this is the car park that we will be using. You will see that there is a black metal arch way on the Meadows side that leads into the Cattlegate car park and a road (Gresley Drive) on your left hand side that leads to the train station – **you need to take the road that is situated in between the middle of these two and follow it down until you see the Churchill Summer Camps banner**. There will be a coded gate at the top left as you drive down towards the car park – we will provide this code prior to camp, however there will be a member of staff around upon arrival to meet you.



******* We look forward to seeing you there*******

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