

## Sun N Fun 2011 Parent Newsletter

### Welcome to Sun N Fun 2011!!!

Greetings Parents and Campers,

My name is Eric Kolodziejczak, but many of our campers know me better as K-Man. I have been involved in the Sun N Fun program since I was in 5th grade. I have seen this program through the eyes of a camper, C.I.T, counselor, and assistant director. This is the first year I will be the director for Sun N Fun. Needless to say, I love this program and will do my best to help it stay strong and successful! The following information gives details about our program and shows the schedule of a typical day.

Our camp drop-off begins each morning at 8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m, at Woodlock Park (Pope Field). Pick-up time is at 2:30pm. For children who are entering Kindergarten, pick-up time is 12:00p.m. We ask that parents please escort any late children to the pavilion and sign them in. For early pickup, parents should also come to the pavilion and sign their children out. To ensure safety we must have a signed note from a parent if someone other than a parent is picking up their child.

Groups are assigned according to age level and meet each day for attendance, lunch, field trips, and other special activities. All groups are lead by our amazing counselors. Please feel free to introduce yourself to your child's counselor. In the event that of bad weather, your counselor will call and notify everyone first thing in the morning. The plan for rain days on Monday through Thursday is that drop-off and pick-up will occur at the Atkinson Academy. (Rain on Friday will mean that camp is cancelled.) We will have a variety of indoor activities that we will be doing on Academy days. (Drop-off and pick-up times remain the same)

In the event of inclement weather (rain, lightning, etc) after drop-off at Pope Field has already occurred, Sun N Fun camp will be suspended for the remainder of the day. We will begin to notify parents by phone if this happens. Parents are responsible for picking up their children as soon as possible when this happens. Please make the appropriate arrangements.

Snack time is at 10:30 a.m. each day. Please send your children with plenty of WATER and a snack. We strongly ask that water bottles are brought to camp each day. Make sure to put your child's name on the bottle and anything else they bring to Sun N Fun.

Lunch is at Noon. Lunch is a cool down time at Sun N Fun and lasts until 12:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to use this time to relax under our large tent and play small games. It would be helpful if you could remind your children the importance of taking a little break from playing during hot, sunny days. Every Friday, your child has the option of either bringing a lunch or they may bring \$3 to buy: a slice of pizza, chips, and a drink. The pizza will be from one of local pizza places such as Atkinson House of Pizza. Ice cream and Popsicles are sold after lunch for fifty cents each. The money is used to defray cost of circus day and the family cookout.

Activities occur throughout the day in set activity periods. During this time, children have the option to choose whichever activity they wish to participate in. Several counselors supervise and take part in each activity. Examples include: Arts and Crafts, Board Games, Kickball, Playground, Basketball, Wiffleball, Soccer, Uno, Four Square, etc. This year we are also making Tennis an activity. Campers may feel free to bring a racket with their name on it. We will also

have a handful of rackets for campers to use if they are not bringing one. There are usually four or five choices per period of the day, and campers may switch activities by asking a counselor to walk them to a new one. Another change from last year is that we will be having some Water-days at Sun N Fun. These days won't appear on the calendar; rather, if an upcoming day is expected to be particularly hot, I will inform campers that it's okay to bring in their squirt guns for the following day of camp. We will likely have a sprinkler on these hot days as well. (No water balloons please)

Be sure to take part in all of our special theme days!!! Please check your calendar of events to know what's coming up each day. Special crafts, themes, and field trips will be held each day.

Field trips are optional and at an additional cost. We accept cash or checks (made out to "Town of Atkinson"). The deadline to submit payment for a field trip is the day BEFORE that particular field trip will occur. For example, the first field trip we are having is Cedardale on July 6th; payment is due by July 5th. Parents are always welcome to attend as chaperones. Please make sure to sign the permissions slips in advance so we have an idea of who is coming and who is not. All staff attends field trips, so there is no camp at Pope Field for children who aren't joining us on the field trip. Please wear your Sun N Fun t-shirts on field trips. This year's shirt color is turquoise. (If you did not buy a camp shirt, please wear a shirt of similar color for field trips) All field trips will be noted on your calendar. We will be bringing back some old favorites such as Cedardale Groveland, Chunky's Cinema, and Canobie Lake Park. Additionally, we have added a trip that hasn't been done in the past but will surely be a lot of fun: roller-skating at Skateland.

The cell phone numbers for Sun N Fun are 234-6304 or 234-2114. We can be reached between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions and have a great summer!!!

Thank you,

Sun N Fun Staff