



Summer 2021

Dear Parents,

Hoping that the Covid situation is on the wane, we are **planning** on a fun summer for your school aged children. As you know, we intentionally run a very small summer program, with participation limited to only 10-15 children. Everyone can always participate in all events and our trips can be spontaneous, based on the weather and our imagination. We seek only fun, friendships and laughter. In other larger summer programs, the children often feel pressured or competitive or are lost in a large group; not in ours. We just want the children to have fun, to be kids, to be creative and feel very relaxed. In short, we intend to just enjoy ourselves and have a great summer; one they will recall in their childhood memories. Laughter and excitement is what we want to hear. After a year of Covid constraints, we need to bring fun back to the lives of our children.

Our Summer Program is designed to be a good old fashioned summer. Remember the days of playing in sprinklers and chasing each other with buckets of water or water sprayers? Remember the simplicity of playing hopscotch, having a hula hoop contest, drawing chalk on the ground, picnics on the grass, being spontaneous and setting up an impromptu tag game? Capture that feeling and hope that summer will never end. Just lie down on the grass, look up at the sky, enjoy the moment and imagine what animal shapes the clouds are forming.

We will spend as much time as possible outside, but have the fully air-conditioned classroom, when necessary for breaks, projects and cooling down.

Your children will have a variety of daily activities in which they will participate. We will organize a variety of daily fun activities;

- sports (soccer, basketball, kickball, obstacle courses, potato sack races and all sorts of creative tag and running),
- Arts and crafts (painting, projects, drama, music)
- Science -various hands on experiments, which will always awe any child.
- Chasing bugs, butterflies and caterpillars. Watching the Praying Mantis catch her dinner!
- We will organize nature walks in our own woods looking for rocks, collecting and studying bugs and amphibians, (be prepared for what they bring home!) and climbing the fallen trees.
- Cooking hotdogs and S'mores at a real campfire.
- To cool off on those hot days: water sprinklers, water shooters and much, much more!

We intend to take a variety of day trips, subject to following necessary Covid precautions. For example, one of our favorites is a trip to historic Fort Montgomery and then, after throwing rocks in the river, a hike through the woods to Bear Mountain Zoo. Possibly, trips to the FDR Park pool and Sparkle lake, which the children have always enjoyed (along with the ice cream and hotdogs!), the bowling alley, which is fun on rainy days and several other nearby destinations, such as Tea Town, Muscoot Farm, The Castle, and several others. These trips are always such fun, full of friendships, laughs and silliness.

We will make this summer very memorable and guarantee the most fun summer your kids have ever had and our 4 acres at Strawberry are the place for that. We know that your children will remember these summers forever. This is the year for our children to shake the Covid era and have fun.

We look forward to having your school aged child at Strawberry ECDC again this summer. Please fill out the attached form and return to the office as soon as possible.



Enrollment Details for our Summer Program for School Aged children

This year the actual summer program will run from Monday, June 28th, to Friday Sept 3rd. Please note that this program is only for school aged children, including graduating Grapes. The other classrooms- Strawberry, Kiwi, Peach and Grape will continue their normal schedules.

Our rate schedule is below and is very flexible, subject to our ability to maintain the appropriate staffing/children ratios. You can choose the number of days and specific weeks you wish your child to attend. You will be billed weekly, in arrears, based on the actual days in attendance. To obtain the most favorable rates a minimum of 5 weeks enrollment in the summer program is required with a minimum of 3 days per week. For those enrolling for less than 5 weeks a separate fee schedule applies. (See below)

For the weeks of August 23rd and 30th, subject to availability, there will be a flat rate fee of \$375 per week (regardless of days) for those children, who have not attended our Summer Program. For those in the Summer program, the normal rates will apply.

Summer of 2019

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 28					
July 05	<i>closed</i>				
July 12					
July 19					
July 26					
August 02					
August 09					
August 16					
August 23	<i>Special</i>	<i>tuition</i>	<i>arrangements</i>	<i>apply</i>	
August 30	<i>Special</i>	<i>tuition</i>	<i>arrangements</i>	<i>apply</i>	

Child's Name: _____

Our summer fee schedule is as follows:

For those with a minimum of 5 weeks attendance

Weeks of 5-days \$325 per week

Weeks of 4-days..... \$270 per week

Weeks of 3 days..... \$230 per week

for those with less than 5 weeks

Weeks of 5 days \$350 per week

Weeks of 4 days..... \$285 per week

Weeks of 3 days \$250 per week