



Welcome Package

2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Camp Liberty! We are so excited to have you join us this summer. Our staff has been working hard for months to prepare for what we anticipate will be the best summer yet!

We know there are many options for summer camp in the NJ/NYC area, and we want to thank you for your participation and enthusiasm. We promise to do everything possible to make Camp Liberty 2018 a most memorable experience for your child.

Please take a few moments to review the following materials in this Welcome Package:

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If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact the Camp Liberty office.

We look forward to a wonderful summer with you!

Sincerely,

Camp Liberty Staff



# Camp Liberty Contact Information

300 Morris Pesin Drive  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
Phone: 201-432-1912/11  
Fax: 201-200-9893

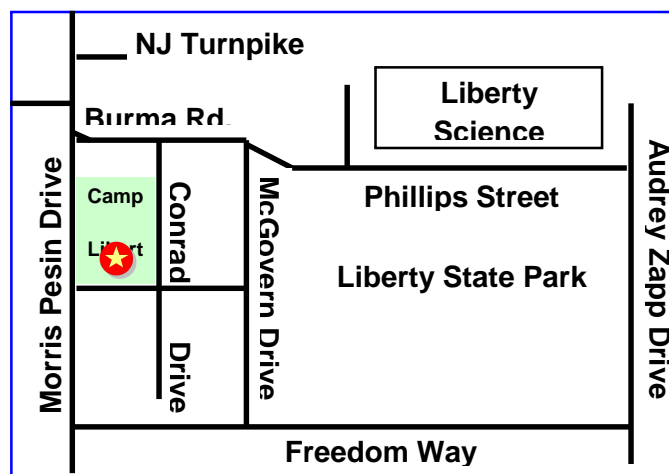
## Driving Directions

Take Johnson Avenue into Liberty State Park by continuing straight under the train overpass, near the Light Rail station. The road will curve left. Make the first right onto Phillip Street. Continue straight on this road for about 1.2 miles, past Liberty Science Center, past Jersey City Blvd, and over train tracks.

You will eventually come to a traffic circle, with Liberty Park Diner on your left. Go  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way around this circle, driving past the diner on your left. The water should be on your right now. This is now Morris Pesin Drive.

After the diner, you should see “Liberty Self Storage” on your left. **Go slow now, because we are right after the storage facility on your left.**

You will see a green fence with a blue “Camp Liberty” sign. This is our entrance. Follow the other cars.



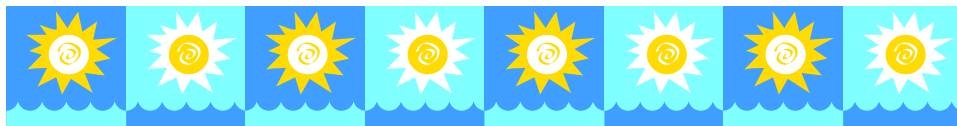
## Camp Dates

Session 1: July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup> (closed 7/4)

Session 2: July 16<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>

Session 3: July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>

Session 4: August 13<sup>th</sup> – August 24<sup>th</sup>



## Hours

### **Regular Camp Hours**

**9:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

If you signed up for Pre-Camp, you can drop your child off as early as 8:00 AM.

If you signed up for After-Care, you can pick up your child as late as 5:30 PM.

***\*\*There is no bus service for extended care hours\*\****

# What to Pack/Bring/Wear

Campers should wear appropriate and comfortable clothing and footwear that can withstand some grass, dirt, and paint. We recommend packing the following items with your child in a standard backpack or bag **EACH DAY**:



- Lunch (unless you are eligible for and have registered to receive the free summer lunch program – see below)
- Clean bathing suit (Children are not to wear bathing suits to camp. Please pack them to change in to)
- Towel
- A swim cap (any camper with shoulder length hair will be **required** to wear a swim cap in the pool)
- Sunscreen and/or bug spray
- Water Bottle

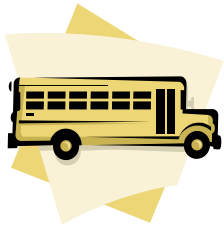
## Please DO NOT Pack/Bring/Wear

- Clothing and shoes that cannot get dirty
- Expensive or valuable items such as cellphones, jewelry, etc
- Special birthday snacks or cake



## Important Reminders

- There is NO REFRIGERATION for personally packed lunches. Therefore, we encourage the use of insulated bags and ice packs
- Please do not pack a lunch for your child if you enrolled in the Free Lunch Program
- Snacks will only be allowed during lunch and in extended care hours
- Please put your child's name on everything: clothing tags, towels, lunch bags/boxes, backpacks, and any other personable belongings.
- There is a Camp Liberty Lost & Found. Campers are responsible for looking through Lost & Found to locate any missing items. Camp Liberty is not responsible for any items lost.
- Please remember to use the proper sun block and mosquito repellent that is safe and sanctioned by the EPA on your children and yourself this summer. For additional information on which products to use log on to: [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/regulations/skin-applied-repellents](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/regulations/skin-applied-repellents)



## Bus Pick Up and Drop Off

**Buses begin their pick-ups at 9:00 a.m.** and continue until approximately 9:25. We suggest not arriving at your pick-up site earlier than 8:45 a.m. If you miss the bus, you will have to provide an alternate means of transportation.

Buses do not return to the sites a second time. **Buses leave Camp Liberty at 3:30 p.m.** and will arrive at all bus stops between 3:40 - 4:10 pm.

We do our best to be consistent with pick up and drop off times, however we can't always guarantee that the bus will arrive at the same time each day, due to construction and congestion. Please be patient when waiting for the bus.

Campers under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult during pick up and drop off. *Please introduce yourself to your bus chaperone on the first day of each session and tell them who is authorized to pick up your child.* If there is no parent/guardian present, your child will be returned to camp where a staff member will attempt to reach a parent at the phone numbers provided on the application. The parent is then responsible to arrange pickup at Camp Liberty. **There will be a \$35 fee for this service.** Payment is due within 24 hours.

## Parent Pick Up and Drop Off

Regular Camp hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are providing your own transportation, please drop your child off no earlier than 9:00 a.m. unless you have registered for Pre-Camp. You must pick up your child at 3:30 p.m. unless you have registered your child in Aftercare. **When picking up and dropping off your child, you must sign him/her in & out at the camp office.** If your child is enrolled in extended care, and you pick up your child later than your chosen time, there will be a \$35 fee due within 24 hours.

## Changes to Transportation

Changes to your child's transportation method (such as picking your child up instead of having them take the bus, or vice versa) are only allowable as one-time emergency situations. **You must notify the office, both with a call (201-432-1912) and in writing.** If your child is not enrolled in extended hours and your child is dropped off before 9:00 a.m. or picked up after 3:30 p.m., there will be a \$35 fee due within 24 hours. Once a camper is registered for a bus stop, they can only get off on that stop. Any changes to a camper's bus stop result in a \$35 fee and must be the new registered bus stop.

Session-long changes that are made after the start of camp require a \$35 fee. If your child is attending more than one session and you need to change your original bus site you must contact the office at least one week prior to that session's start date.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### **FAMILY POOL PARTY EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAYS**

**Wed. July 11, July 25, Aug. 8, and Aug 22**

**5:30-7:30pm**

Come meet and mingle with other families at Camp Liberty! The pool will be open for kids & parents to enjoy and light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Kick back and enjoy some time with your Camp Liberty Family!



### **STAY AND PLAY FRIDAYS**

**Fri. July 13, 27 & Aug 10, 24**

**11am – 3pm: Come for an hour or stay all day!**

On the last day of each session, we will be offering lots of different activities for parents to enjoy at camp! Our session-end camp play will kick off the day, immediately followed by our art show and vaudeville show! There will be some time for lunch (light refreshments will available for purchase) and then a basketball or softball game in the afternoon. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy all that Camp Liberty has to offer!

11:15 am- Camp Play

12pm- Art Exhibit

12:30pm- Vaudeville Show

12:00pm- Light refreshments for purchase/ BYO Lunch

1:30pm- Basketball or Softball Game!



## Staying Connected



Our Facebook page will be updated frequently with announcements, tips, and articles.

[www.facebook.com/camp.liberty.3](http://www.facebook.com/camp.liberty.3)

We also have a closed parent group, where we will be posting all of our pictures. This is a great community space for sharing rides, ideas, and stories with your fellow camp parents.

[www.facebook.com/groups/804779299532547/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/804779299532547/)

We will be posting some pictures on instagram.

[@Educational\\_Arts\\_Team](https://www.instagram.com/Educational_Arts_Team)

We tweet too!

[@Edartsteam](https://twitter.com/Edartsteam)