

The Arena Club's

Under the Stars

SUMMER CAMP

2026 Information Guide

Welcome to the Arena Club!

We pride ourselves at the Arena Club in providing the best summer camp experience in Harford County. Our summer camp motto is "FUN, FUN, and FUN". The following provided information is distributed in order to ensure your child's safety and enjoyment at our summer camp. Please read everything very carefully.

WHAT TO WEAR AND WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- All campers should be dressed in loose fitting, comfortable clothing. Short-sleeved shirts and shorts or warm-up pants are suggested. A jacket or sweatshirt will sometimes be needed for cooler mornings.
- Tennis shoes or athletic shoes and socks are **REQUIRED**. NO sandals, flip flops, open toed shoes, crocs or cleats are allowed! Campers will not be allowed to participate in certain activities unless they have on tennis shoes.
- All campers must bring a medium sized duffel bag or knapsack with your child's name clearly marked on the outside. We will use these bags for storage and to transport items back and forth every day.
- Please provide a bathing suit and towel for your child each day. We ask children to be dressed in bathing suits at the time of arrival. Pool times are always in the morning and this helps tremendously with getting prepared for the pool. We will be swimming every day, weather permitting.
- Please send a complete change of clothes with your child in his/her duffel bag. Include pants or shorts, shirt, socks, and undergarments. We like the camper to have an extra set-in case of accidents, spills, wet clothes, etc. Please put these extra clothing items in a tied or sealed bag with the child's name on the outside. All articles of clothing need to have the child's name on the inside. All of these items will be stored in your child's duffel bag, in the event your child needs to change his/her clothes, the dirty ones will be placed back in the duffel bag. Please remember to check your child's bag on a daily basis to see if anything else needs to be replenished besides the bathing suit.
- It is also recommended that you send sunscreen in your child's bag every day for outside activities. It is best to apply sunscreen before your child arrives for camp. All summer camp and sport camp activities are conducted indoors and outdoors. Please remember to label sunscreen, as we will help re-apply throughout the day if needed.

WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Money- ONLY campers who are participating in the extended care program and are purchasing a snack from our snack bar. We ask the extended care campers to keep their money in a safe place within their bag.
- iPods, iPhones, DS's, DSI's, C.D.'s/DVD's/board games/video games/trading cards are NOT allowed. The Arena Club will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property.
- No toys from home are allowed to be brought to camp.

LUNCH TIME

- Campers must bring a lunch every day.
- Along with their lunch, be sure to pack your camper extra snacks for the day.
- Water will be available throughout the day in unlimited quantities in order to assure hydration of all the campers. We ask each camper to bring a water bottle, labeled with their name and they can refill at any time throughout the day.
- We do have refrigerators on site to store lunch bags. Make sure that your child's name is clearly written on the outside. State health regulations require that we throw any unused portions of a lunch away at the end of each day.

SNACK TIME

- Some groups break for either a mid-morning snack or a late afternoon snack depending on their lunchtime. You will be responsible for providing your child's snack. We recommend something nutritious. Make sure your child understands that they do not eat their lunch at snack time. They should be aware of the snack you have provided for that day.
- If your child is enrolled in extended care, please make sure to pack an additional snack for them for this time period.

CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT POLICY (Pickup and Drop off Area)

Arrival

- The camp day runs from 8:30am to 3:30pm. **You may not drop your child off earlier than 8:20am unless you have paid for the extended care program.** All parents will need to park and bring children in for drop off. You must sign your child in everyday so staff knows who to account for.
- **Dismissal**
 - Regular camp day ends at 3:30pm. Please pick up promptly by 3:30pm. Dismissal will start at 3:15pm. Any child not registered for extended care that is not picked up on time (by 3:40pm) will be charged with a late fee.
 - If you have particular instructions that you need to discuss with us, please arrive early the first day of camp in order to allow time to provide us with the information.

- If your child has to be picked up early for dismissal, we ask that you notify our staff and send a note in with your child that morning, indicating the time of dismissal so that your child will be ready when it's time to be picked up.
- For the safety of your child, only authorized persons may sign out your camper. **ID will be required at the time of pick-up by all parents and all authorized persons picking a camper up from camp. IDs are required every day at pick-up time for the safety of your child.** A form is included in this packet for you to fill out with the names of authorized people you permit to pick up your child. If there is someone who plans to pick up your child on a certain day and their name is not on the list, then you need to send in a special note that day giving permission for that person to do so. If we do not have your written permission, we will not allow the camper to leave the building until we can contact a parent.

EXTENDED CARE

- Campers can be dropped off as early as 7:00am and picked up as late as 6:00pm for an additional charge. Rates for extended care prices can be found on our registration form. You must pay for extended care one week prior to your child starting camp. A late fee of \$1 for every minute past 6:00pm will be charged. Please be on time. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- **There will be no drop in for extended care, you must sign your child up ahead of time for ext care, 5 day, 3 or day.**
- We have taken measures to ensure that this process goes smoothly and quickly, and we thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD TAKES MEDICATION?

- The Maryland State Department of Health requires that the medical form enclosed in this packet be filled out in its entirety.
- If your child requires any medicine to be given to him/her during the day, please notify us before the first day of camp. If it needs to be refrigerated, we will be able to do so. Please provide written instructions on times and amounts to be dispensed. Medications are locked in the camp office and administered at the prescribed time with parental approval on the health questionnaire.
- We will not be able to accept any medicine (oral, epi pens, Benadryl etc.) WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE on proper paperwork. If that paperwork is not filled out properly your child will not be able to attend camp until that is done.
- If your child has any medical or physical problems, please notify us PRIOR to the first day of camp in case we need to make any special accommodations. All of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified. We have a doctor on call for consult. There are facilities for children to rest in case of illness or fatigue.
- The only way your child can take medication at camp is if we have your written permission that your child can take their medication on their own (self-medicate). We are NOT allowed to dispense medication for them; we can only observe them taking

their medicine on their own. Please let us know if you will need the necessary medication form.

- If you have any medication questions please contact the Camp Director Amy Carr.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD GETS SICK?

- If we feel that a child is not in an emergency state but is too ill to continue activities, we will place them in our "health area" and call the parent or emergency contact.
- If we feel that a child is in need of emergency or medical attention, we will call 911 and remain with the child until medical personnel arrives. We will notify the parent or emergency contact immediately.
- In emergencies requiring immediate medical attention, your child will be taken to the nearest hospital emergency room.

POOL TIME

- To ensure the safety of all our campers, we require that every camper under the age of 12 take a swim test with your permission. In order to swim in the recreation pool with no depth restrictions and to use the slides, your child must be able to pass the swim test. The test requires them to swim the length of the lap pool, tread water for one minute and float on their back for 30 seconds.
- The Little Dippers will be scheduled to swim in the beach pool.

SWIM LESSON ADD ONS

- All Swim Lesson Add-ons will have to be paid in full at time of registration.
- **Swim lessons are only for 5-day campers.**
- Swim lessons take place during swim time, for 30 minutes, Monday-Thursday during their groups swim time.

NEW CAMP ADD ONS

- This year we have added three new camp add ons
- All these add ons will take place during regular camp hours
- We have added pickle ball lessons, hip hop class and sports and fitness training.
- Details can be found for each on our camp registration guide

LOST AND FOUND

- Any items that you send to camp with your child should be marked and labeled. Any lost items will be kept on site for **two weeks**. Any lost items not claimed at the end of that time will be donated to Goodwill.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- In the event of inclement weather, we have plenty of indoor space for activities.
- All schedules are subject to change based on weather conditions.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Each week must be paid for in full prior to the first day of camp; unless you have set up a payment plan at time of registration.
- NO refunds will be issued for partial or unused weeks, cancelled, or unattended weeks.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

CAMP ETIQUETTE

- Before you bring your child to camp, please discuss with them how they should treat others. We want everyone to feel welcome here and have a great time.
- We will not tolerate a camper treating another camper or counselor with disrespect at any time. Children who do not follow these rules will be dismissed from camp.
- Please make sure your child knows that it is not polite to hurt someone's feelings, nor is it okay to put your hands on someone else under any circumstance.
- We will enforce these rules to ensure a happy environment for all children.
- We have a 3-strike policy for disciplinary action during our summer camp. If a camper behaves in a way management feels is completely unacceptable to the camp guidelines, The Arena Club Summer Camp Director reserves the right to expel a camper immediately without utilizing the strike policy.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

- We guarantee you that our summer camp is like no other in the area. We are a Maryland State Licensed day camp that has top notch counselors caring for your child every day.
- All of our group leaders have teaching and/or camp experience. Our entire camp staff is CPR and First Aid certified, has had a State of Maryland Criminal Background check, and has also been fingerprinted. All of our lifeguards are Red Cross Certified. Our facility and summer camp has been inspected and cleared by both state and local health departments.

WHAT COUNSELOR: CAMPER RATIO IS MAINTAINED?

- For campers entering pre k or kindergarten, the ratio is 1:6
- For campers entering first, second and third grade, the ratio is 1:8
- For campers entering fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, the ratio is 1:10
- For CITS the ratio is 1:15

FUN FRIDAYS

- We will have Fun Fridays on site at The Arena Club. Schedules of our Fun Fridays will be released when they are finalized. All Fun Fridays are subject to change due to availability!

TRAMPOLINES (launch pads)

- Each child HAS to have a waiver filled out and signed in order to participate in activities on the trampoline. Even if you are a member and filled out the form already, I do ask if you will fill out another and attach to the paperwork. This will make the process of making sure every child has one a lot easier on camp staff.
- Each child will need a pair of trampoline socks in order to participate in jumping activities. It will be the child's responsibility to bring them each day.
- Socks may be purchased at the front desk and can be included at the time of registration.

Please make sure all camper paperwork is turned in by June 1, 2026 to camp director Amy Carr. Paperwork can be dropped off at the front desk. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us. Our goal is to create a fun, active and exciting environment for your child; while making sure all parents and guardians are fully informed and understand everything. We welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to an incredible summer together!

Thank you!!

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