

Middlesex County Recreation Council, Inc.

KIDDIE KEEP WELL CAMP

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Middlesex County Recreation Council, Inc. T/A Kiddie Keep Well Camp
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Dear School Nurse, Social Worker and School Counselor:

It is hard to believe that we are preparing for our 95th year here at Kiddie Keep Well Camp. I am pleased to include the materials for camper selection for the upcoming 2019 summer.

**** Please note that we will not accept previous year's applications. ****

If you need more 2019 forms, please contact the office and we will be happy to process your request.

In this packet, we have included the **Camper Application (White)**, a **letter to the parents (salmon)** and the **USDA Summer Food Service Program Eligibility Application (White)**. Please provide the parents with these forms. When the parent returns them to you, fill out and attach the **Nurse Referral Application (green)** and return the entire packet to the Camp Office. ****Please send only complete packets as this will reduce the amount of correspondences necessary to assure your students get to Camp this summer. You can send in one application at a time if needed, you do not have to hold completed applications while waiting for other students to apply.**

Campers, ages 15 by June 26, can print out a CIT application located on our website at www.kiddiekeepwell.org. They will be applying for our leadership development program. Once they fill out the application, they will submit it to you to complete the Nurses Referral Application form and to attach their A45. You will then mail it to us as you would other camper applications. **Please note: Campers who are 14 years of age will need to take a gap year before applying to our CIT program.**

In addition, for your information, I have included the **Camp Registration and Application Information sheet (red)**, which will assist you with any questions you might have about the camper selection process.

The Gateway Program is our year round program designed to work with the campers who are in greater need. The program allows the selected campers to attend camp for multiple sessions throughout the summer and a weekend program once a month during the school year. There are only 20 slots (10 male and 10 female) available for campers ages 8-13. The recommendations come from you and the Camper Selection Committee of the Board of Directors determines the 20 most in need for this year round program.

In advance, I want to thank you for your time and effort. The Board of Directors, staff and campers appreciate the effort you place into the camper selection process. I understand and appreciate the hard work and time that goes into the process to ensure the children of Middlesex County are provided a safe and fun camping experience.

Sincerely,


Sarah Cruz
Camp Director

11/8/19 Applications are available from
Ms. Lilia - family coordinator
Nurse Nancy - School nurse

Our operation depends entirely on donations and grants.
Gifts and Bequests will insure our service for future generations.

Camp Registration and Information Sheet

2019 SCHEDULE

June 26-July 6	Session I
July 10- July 20	Session II
July 24 - August 3	Session III
August 7- August 17	Session IV

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

- School nurses should ensure that forms are completed before sending the entire packet to the camp. Incomplete forms will delay selection process.
- In each case, appropriate personnel such as teachers, principals, or social workers may confer about child's need for camp.
- A copy of the Standard Health Record Form (A45) must be attached to the Nurse Referral Application. **Please make sure that the front and back pages of the Nurse Referral Application form are completed and signed.**
- Parents are responsible for the transportation of their children to and from camp.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION

Our mission is to serve children who would benefit from 11 days in a residential camping environment who otherwise could not attend camp. The following are guidelines for selection:

- Children between the ages of 7-13 are eligible for the camper program.
- Children ages 14 will need to take a gap year
- Children ages 15 are eligible for our Counselor in Training Program
- The family must be a resident of Middlesex County.
- All forms must be completely and properly filled out.
- Family income should be minimal with consideration to household size. Please see attached **USDA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FORM REQUIREMENTS**
- Family environment should be analyzed and priority given to those children in difficult housing situations, especially with minimal neighborhood resources for recreation.
- **Please do not refer children who may have other plans for summer camp or who are classified as emotionally disturbed. Our camp has a 1:6 staff to camper ratio; if you believe your student needs more attention than this, please do not refer them. For a list of other camps in the area www.acacamps.org**
- The Nurse Referral Application is an important component in the decision making process. The information you provide us on that form is not shared with the parents. Please complete the form as thoroughly and honestly as possible.

Kiddie Keep Well Camp's Leadership Development Program 2019

Our program is being redesigned so that each member, who successfully completes the program, will then be eligible to earn a spot on our Junior Counselor Team. Members of the Leadership Development Program will be instructed and evaluated by two Coordinators, along with the members of the Leadership Team (Head Counselors and Camp Director).

Counselors- In- Training (CITs). This program will focus on how to work with children in the camp setting. Some examples of things the CITs will learn about are child development, risk management and behavior modification. This program is for members who will be 15 years old by June 26.

This program has a limited number of spots available. Only complete applications will be considered. **Applications must be received at camp by April 1st, 2019.** Any applications received after April 1 or incomplete will be placed on a waiting list. No exceptions will be made. Once the completed application has been received at camp the applicant will be contacted for a telephone interview.

Males: Session 1 and Session 2
June 26 – July 6 & July 10 – July 20

Females: Session 3 and Session 4
July 24 – August 3 & August 7 – August 17

Applications will be available online beginning January 1, 2019. All forms must be fully completed and received before consideration into the program is made. The 3 reference forms should be given to adults, not related to your child, who can evaluate his/her character, work ethic, etc. Examples of appropriate people are teachers, counselors, coaches, clergy personnel, etc. These forms must be fully completed for consideration into the program. After completion of the above forms, please return them to your school nurse. The school nurse will attach the **child's health records** to the application you have completed and will forward the entire packet to the Camp.