

Camp Cunningham 2018 Frequently Asked Questions

Why the change from 1-week to 2-week sessions? Administrative duties at the beginning of each session have been greatly increased by the enactment of Christian's Law, which requires all campers to be tested before using the pool and that all non-swimmers be fitted with Personal Flotation Devices. Like most other traditional summer camps, minimizing the number of times license requirements must occur (like fire safety drills, health and immunization verifications, swimming tests, PFD fittings, as well as camper group introductions and settling in) maximizes time for fun activities.

What do they do all day at camp? Camp staff groups registered students into like-aged groups of 6-7 students. Camper groups travel through several 45-60 minute stations each day. They include swimming, arts & crafts, cooking, playground time, gym games, computer labs and computer coding classes, board games and puzzles, and weekly special events and field trips. Station activities are adjusted to meet the ages of the groups. Lunch is held at mid-day.

Why do I have to pay for a Cunningham Pool pass when my child will not be swimming? Our camp is structured around the use of this wonderful town resource, and Camp Cunningham includes swimming as a major activity; campers swim twice daily. We use not only the pool but the grounds surrounding the pool. No person is allowed inside the gate without a pass by order of Cunningham Foundation. Students without tags would be unable to stay with their groups, and we rely on our groupings for the smooth operation of the camp day. **Why MUST my child's pool pass be attached to his/her bathing suit?** That is a requirement of Cunningham Park – the lifeguards must be able to see the tags.

Can I change my child's group? Not once camp starts. If you have a specific preference, please let us know by emailing sgionfriddo@miltonps.org. Please do not ask to put siblings together if they are not in the same age groups; it is not fair to ask an older child to participate in activities scheduled for younger campers, and vice versa. We create groups of 6-8 campers of similar ages so they can enjoy age-appropriate activities. Changes cause imbalances that interfere with our ability to safely follow the counselor-to-camper ratios required by the MA Health Department. **You can also let us know on your Confirmation Form if you want your child to be with a specific child or group of children.**

Can I add a Field trip later? Sorry. We understand: "he changed his mind", we (parents) forgot, or "everyone else is going". But we have to make arrangements for travel, pay vendors for the number of children attending, and work out which staff will go and which will stay at camp – all far in advance of Camp opening. **Please confirm your field trips on the Confirmation Form**

Why do I have to send my child with sneakers? Flip flops are not safe for children to wear on the playgrounds or on fieldtrips. The wood chips in our playgrounds pierce flip flops very easily. Flip flops also frequently break and do not protect toes and feet from scrapes and scratches, to say nothing of causing many kids to trip and fall.

My child has special needs. Will she/he have an aide at Camp Cunningham? Only if the Pupil Personnel Department provides one; they must make that determination. Our counselors are high school and college students without training or experience with students with special needs. If you think your child qualifies for Extra Adult Support, communicate with the Pupil Personnel Dept. Camp Cunningham is optional and requires students to conform to a set of behavior expectations in order to attend. Go to our website at www.miltoncommunityschools.org to view the ASE/Camp Cunningham behavior policy to see if Camp Cunningham would be a good fit for your child.