



## **CAMP PEEWEE & CAMP BOBCAT SUMMER 2025**

Letter to Parents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the Brookfield Parks and Recreation summer half day camp programs, Camp PeeWee & Camp Bobcat.

We are excited to welcome NEW Camp Director Brittany Kearney this summer! Brittany is a elementary and middle school art teacher with the Bethel Public Schools and brings a park and recreation background from working with several other area towns. Brittany is excited to meet our campers and help guide them through a fun and memorable summer! Our first at Candlewood Lake Elementary School!

Brittany will lead our counselors who will be a mix of experienced, returning counselors who have been with camps for several years, and new high school counselors. Luke, Jaime, Katie, Maia, and Kaelyn all return and will be joined by Cole, Lamyse, Chaerin, Leah, Lyla, and Abigail.

Counselors will soon be going through training and team building to get ready for the best summer possible!

To ensure your child has a fun and safe week, please review the following camp info.

Camp begins at 9:00am and ends at 12:30pm. The counselors and I ask that you do not drop your child off until 8:55am. The counselors arrive at camp at 8:45am and need those 10 minutes to prepare for the day's activities. If you are more than 15 minutes late to pick up your camper, it is Parks & Recreation policy that you will be charged \$5.00 for every fifteen minutes that you are late.

Camp will be held at Candlewood Lake Elementary School (100 Candlewood Lake Rd.) this summer. Drop off will be in the North loop of the parking lot where student drop off typically takes place during the school year. Our staff will be out in front of the school to greet you. Pickup at 12:30pm will be in the same location.

Please dress your child in light, comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes. Backpacks are part of camp too! Campers should bring one every day with a snack, beverage, and ice pack, if needed. Be sure to apply sunscreen as part of your morning routine and pack a spray sunscreen in your camper's backpack. Other backpack staples can be a hat,

sunglasses, cards, or other needs of the child. A change of clothes is also never a bad idea. Do not bring anything of value to camp that could be prone to being lost or broken. Camps, and staff, are not responsible for lost or broken possessions.

We are an allergy aware camp and will have several children with severe allergies in camp. **Do not send in any snacks containing peanuts or tree nuts in any form.** *\*Please be advised that many granola bars contain traces of nuts.*

Should your child require any emergency medication such as an epinephrine pen or inhaler, we ask that you give them to your child's counselors on the first day. These products should be in their original prescription containers and accompanied by an emergency plan or orders from the doctor, as appropriate. Parents should also check their child for ticks each day after camp.

A special note for parents of our youngest campers; **children must be potty trained in order to attend camp.** Our counselors will make sure hands are washed after each bathroom trip. Everything else will be left for the child to manage by themselves. An extra pair of clothes could be packed in your camper's backpack in case.

**Wednesdays** are water days at camp. **Children ages 4 to entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade** attend camp at CLES like any other day. Water games and activities will be played so plan on getting wet. Campers could bring a bathing suit to change into, or wear their bathing suit with a change of clothes in the backpack. Don't forget your towel! **Camp Bobcat, those entering grades 2-5,** have water day at the beach on Wednesdays! Drop off and pick up are at 500 Candlewood Lake Rd. for this group. We understand that some parents may need to drop off in more than one location and it is perfectly fine for one camper to be 15 minutes or so late to camp.

Along with the counselors, I am looking forward to a great summer at Camp! I am always available for any questions, suggestions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,

Dan Gagne  
Recreation Supervisor