

Camp COMPASS

Navigating summer with fun, friends, and smiles!



2021

PARENT HANDBOOK

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Letter to the Families

Dear Parents and Campers,

Welcome to Camp Compass summer 2021! This Parent Handbook is to be used as a resource for your upcoming summer. The handbook contains important information about Camp Compass and the day-to-day operations. I strongly recommend that you read over this handbook with your camper and contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

To be more environmentally friendly and better protect your child's information, Camp Compass will be using an online system to collect general, medical, and emergency information. You will receive an email before the start of camp with instructions on how to complete all forms required for attendance. **The email will come from ePact.**

Our camp activities will include participating in swimming, outdoor play, arts & crafts, songs, and active games. Camp Compass aims for the campers to accomplish goals, develop independence, and learn how to recreate with peers in a safe and structured environment.

In order to accommodate for each campers developmental needs we divide our camps into age/grade categories. This will allow for age-appropriate activities and more hands-on instruction when campers are divided into smaller groups.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the summer, please feel free to contact me, at your convenience.

Here's to a great summer,

Sara Schuring

Recreation Supervisor-Youth

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Compass is located at both Rivers Edge and Administration Building-Lower Level, depending on the group.

Belvidere Park District locations and other locations of play on our property are listed below:



Administration Building:

DISCOVER & SUCCEED

Address: 1006 West Lincoln Avenue, Belvidere, IL

Phone: 815-547-5711

Parking: Park and enter thru the lower level.

Parking lot and entrance accessible by entering

Belvidere Park at the Appleton Road North

entrance. **PICK UP LOCATION ON RAINY DAYS**



Rivers Edge: **DROP OFF AND PICK UP LOCATION FOR ALL AGE GROUPS ON RAINY**

EXPLORE, ACHIEVE, & LEAD SITE

Address: 1151 West Locust Street, Belvidere, IL

Phone: 815-547-9557

Parking: Full parking lot available onsite.



William Grady Pool (Park Pool):

Address: 916 West Lincoln Avenue, Belvidere, IL

Phone: 815-547-4500

Parking: Parking lots available inside the park south of the William Grady Pool.



Bloom Park: **PICK UP LOCATION FOR ALL AGE GROUPS ON ALL OTHER DAYS**

Address: 1006 West Lincoln Ave. Belvidere, IL (Behind Administration building)

Parking: Enter through Appleton Road North Entrance. Parking spots available.



Administration:

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Camp Cell Phone #'s:

DISCOVER: 815-978-6825

EXPLORE: 815-978-4074

ACHIEVE: 815-978-6834

LEAD: 815-978-4249

SUCCEED: 815-978-4219

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815/547-5711 x51

815/547-5711 x22

HOW TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION FEES

Parents are encouraged to sign up their child for Camp Compass early, as space is limited. This will allow for adequate staff to be scheduled, get camper shirts, activities planned, and to order the amount of supplies needed to make camp a success.

Camp Compass 2021 will be conducted in 11, one-week sessions starting June 7– August 13th. General, medical, and emergency information must be completed ONLINE **before** the 1st day of attendance. An email from ePact will be sent to you to complete the online information.

Registration is due the Wednesday at 11:59pm before the week attending.

The fees are as follows:

Weeks 2-12: \$150 R/\$165 NR

Additional children from same family camp fee: \$145 R/\$160NR

The weekly camp fee includes an in-house camp special program, one camp T-shirt (one t-shirt per camper, per summer), all activity materials, swimming/Rivers Edge usage, a morning breakfast and an afternoon snack each day.

Note: Breakfast will be served between 7 – 8:30 am. Any child wanting breakfast must arrive no later than 8:30 am.

You can register any of the following ways:

Rivers Edge Recreation Center Walk-in between normal business hours Mon-F: 8am-5pm

Online: www.Belviderepark.org

DEPOSITS

A \$20 per child per week, non-refundable deposit can be made to secure your child's placement in future camp weeks.

REFUNDS

Refunds are given on a case by case basis. Refunds will not be given for sick or missed personal days.

PAYMENTS

Payment, in full, must be made by Wednesday at 11:59pm the week prior to your camper attending the program. Your camper will not be able to attend the current week unless that week's full payment has been made. If you set up a payment option your account will be charged on Friday afternoon.

CAMP COMPASS MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

Camp Compass is a camp where kids will have the opportunity to explore, discover, achieve, lead, and ultimately succeed. Our goal is to provide a fun and safe environment where campers will have the chance to experience all the fun summer has to offer. Our trained staff plans themed weeks where games, crafts, swimming and field trips fill the days. Let us be your child's guide as we navigate summer with fun, friends, and smiles!

We provide many hands-on activities, sports, and nature and arts and craft. We take special care to make sure all games and activities are age appropriate for the children. Flexibility is an essential element of the program. By combining both structured and unstructured time, it provides the camper with the opportunity to adapt and explore.

All campers are asked to try new things and then make a choice about whether they like it or not. Children are not forced to participate in activities that they do not wish to join.

CAMPS

Discover (Ages 3 –5)

For our youngest campers, every day will be filled with new discoveries. This camp is filled with fun age-appropriate activities, games, crafts, and in house- field trips. This group will focus on developing a sense of curiosity, socialization and interpersonal skills, and play. A snack will be provided each day. The counselor/camper ratio is 1:6. Children are required to be toilet trained.

Explore (Grades K-1)

Exploring and broadening the camper's horizon with new experiences and opportunities will be the focus for this age group! Large and small group trips, being active, and having fun will build up each camper's confidence and enhance self-esteem. The counselor/camper ratio is 1:8.

Achieve (Grades 2-3)

This group will focus on developing positive values and a strong sense of self. Creating an atmosphere of trust and fun is our goal. Each week will bring new achievements and accomplishments through group games, activities, and fieldtrips promoting cooperation and team building. The counselor/camper ratio is 1:10.

Lead (Grades 4-5)

The goal for each of our campers is to set a great example and lead. Lead campers will focus on developing their leadership skills and potential through the opportunity to be a role model to younger campers, a chance to relax and bond, and unique and fun fieldtrips just for them. The counselor/camper ratio is 1:10.

Succeed (Grades 6-8)

Our oldest group of campers will face fun and adventurous challenges over the course of the summer. Learning what it means to set your mind to something as an individual or group and succeed is the goal. The counselor/ camper ratio is 1:10.

BEHAVIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Thank you for enrolling in our program. Belvidere Park District promotes and encourages the concept of fun for everyone. To ensure the quality of this program and safety of the participants, each participant must follow the program rules. The following guidelines have been established to make sure -Belvidere's programs are safe and enjoyable for everyone.

It is the responsibility of each parent to discuss the code of conduct with their child and reinforce compliance with it. Children must be able to follow social distancing protocol and be able to exhibit appropriate behavior in a small group.

All children and parents are expected to always exhibit appropriate behavior while at the Belvidere Park District. Parents, please discuss with your children that our activities are planned for small groups. Under the new safety guidelines, groups will remain together throughout the day and will not be combined with other groups during Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. While your child may not wish to participate in a specific activity, he/she is still expected to make an effort to be a part of the program.

Children or parents who are a danger to themselves or others, use inappropriate language or actions, or who are physically aggressive or threatening may be dismissed from the program. Belvidere Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior, or that of his/her parent, is inappropriate or endangers the safety of himself/herself or others. The following guidelines are designed to provide safe and enjoyable activities for all.

Children shall:

- Show respect to all other children, staff, and property
- Take direction from staff
- Refrain from using abusive or foul language
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other children, or staff
- Show respect for equipment, supplies and facilities
- Keep hands, feet, and all other objects to yourself
- Stay within program boundaries
- Bullying is not permitted or tolerated

A positive approach will be used regarding discipline. Belvidere Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves or others and/or if inappropriate behavior does not stop, and/or if the behavior negatively affects the experience of other participants.

Any participant breaking the code of conduct will:

1. Be given a verbal warning by the staff accompanied by a discussion about why their behavior is not appropriate.

2. Be given a time out by the staff that is equal to the child's age after the unacceptable behavior has been discussed with the child.
3. Loss of Privilege: The staff member will remove the child from an activity of the staff's choice (for one day) after the unacceptable behavior has been discussed.
4. A conduct report will be given to the child after the unacceptable behavior has been explained. A discussion with the parent/guardian will accompany this level of discipline.
5. Belvidere Park District reserves the right to call parents for immediate pick up if the child is harming themselves or others or if unacceptable behavior continues.

Bullying is repetitive and/or habitual behavior used to tease, threat, abuse, intimidate or aggressively dominate others. Bullying is not permitted in any fashion at Camp Compass. Bullying and any violent, physical, or threatening actions will receive an immediate conduct report and may result in a suspension or removal from the program.

Upon receiving three conduct reports, the Recreation Supervisor will contact a parent or guardian to arrange a meeting to discuss corrective measures and disciplinary action. If additional conduct reports are issued, a one to three-day suspension and/or dismissal will occur.

The Belvidere Park District reserves the right to immediately dismiss or suspend a participant whose behavior endangers the safety of themselves or others, or if the behavior negatively affects the experience of other participants. No refunds will be issued.

DAILY INFORMATION

OPENING/CHECK IN PROCEDURES

Discover-Explore

Check in will take place at the Administration Building-Lower Level until 9am. If you arrive after 9am, a schedule will be posted so you can find your campers group or call the appropriate cell phone. When dropping your camper off, you must sign them in and inform the staff you have arrived. A child is NEVER to be dropped off without checking your child in with a staff member.

Achieve-Lead-Succeed

Check in will take place upstairs at the Rivers Edge until 9am. If you arrive after 9am, a schedule will be posted, so you can find your camper's location or call the appropriate site cell phone. When dropping your camper off, you must sign them in and inform the staff you have arrived. A child is NEVER to be dropped off without checking your child in with a staff member.

CLOSING/CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

For your camper's safety, you must always sign your camper out at the end of the day when he or she is picked up. Closing will typically be outside at Bloom Playground. If there is rain or threat of storms, campers will be located at Rivers Edge. Discover and Explore will be picked up at the Administration Building-Lower Level Please make sure to bring a State I.D. daily. Inform all authorized pick-up people that they will be asked to show ID before we release your child to them. Staff will not release your child to anyone who is not listed on the authorized pickup list in Pact.

ABSENT OR LATE POLICY- ALL Camps

If your camper will not be attending camp or will be arriving late, please call the appropriate camp cell phone to notify a staff member.

LATE PICK UP POLICY- All Camps

If you are late picking your camper up, you will be issued a written warning for your first offense. The second offense will result in a late fee of \$10.00 for every fifteen (15) minutes you are late. For example: Camp ends at 6:00 pm; 6:01 – 6:15 is a \$10.00 charge, 6:16 – 6:30 is a \$20.00 charge, etc. Campers that are constantly being picked up late will be asked to leave the program.

PARKING- All Camps

During the summer months, all park district facilities are very busy. Parking can be a challenge during this time. ***Please park in designated areas only.*** Parking along the sides of the parking lot can create traffic hazards. Please be cautious of other drivers and young children while in park district parking lots.



Tell us how we are
doing! Contact the
Recreation
Supervisor-Youth
with feedback

CAMP CLOTHING

Campers should wear comfortable clothes to camp. Tennis shoes and socks are highly recommended. Our program encourages outdoor play. Staff will do their best to keep clothing clean, but Camp is supposed to be full of fun and sometimes can get messy. Generally, washable paints & easily cleaned items are used at camp. *A lost and found box will be kept in the camp office. Items will only be kept for two weeks after camp. After this time all lost and found items will be donated.*

PERSONAL ITEMS

Please label all belongings your child brings to Camp Compass. Children's belongings will be kept separate from each other. Although the Belvidere Park District is not responsible for any lost or stolen items, we do have a Lost and Found. Please be sure to check it often. Sunscreen, insect repellent, and water bottles are the children's responsibility. Children should bring the following each day:

Cell phone usage is not allowed during program hours. This is in the best interest of the participants and staff, as well as to lower the likelihood of the item being stolen, lost or broken. If a cell phone has to be sent with a child it should be turned off and put in the child's backpack during program hours.

Electronic devices such as iPods, iPads, Chromebook, Nintendo Switch, etc. are allowed at the discretion of the staff, however children are responsible for their own devices. If a cell phone or electronic device is seen being used inappropriately it will be taken away and will be returned at the end of the day. For the protection of all participants, recording video or taking pictures of other children or staff from a personal cell phone or electronic device is strictly prohibited.

Parents are asked to call their child's group cell phone number listed on page 2 when trying to contact their child or staff during program hours. The Belvidere Park District is not responsible for any trades, lost, stolen or broken items that may result when bringing personal items to Camp Compass.

PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING TO CAMP

You will need to bring the following items to camp daily.

These items must be clearly marked with your camper's name.

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen**
- Disposable sack lunch
- Gym shoes & socks



KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE

Sunburn – Send labeled sunscreen every day. Your child will be spending a lot of time outdoors. Please teach your child how to apply sunscreen properly.

Counselors can assist in application if necessary.

Hydration – Please encourage your child to drink water while at camp. Make sure to send a water bottle each day.

TYPICAL CAMP SCHEDULE

7am - 9am Check in and Open Activities

7am - 8:30am Breakfast will be served

9am - 4pm Activities include, but are not limited to: games, crafts, teambuilding, outdoor play, gym time, in-house field trips, lunch, playground time, and swimming.

4pm - 6pm Pick Up and Closing

Sunscreen Policy

When camp is outside children will need to wear sunscreen. Each group will take a sunscreen break every 1.5-2 hours. Children will need to apply their own sunscreen; however, staff members are able to assist campers with spray sunscreen to the face, shoulders, arms and back

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION

BE ABLE to wear a facemask and keep it on for the duration of camp.

Be ABLE to social distance, 3 feet apart.

BE ABLE to follow directions with minimal intervention from staff.

BE ABLE to follow the Belvidere Park District Behavior Management Policy.

Every morning at drop off will need to submit a Covid-19 Self-Assessment.

Camp Compass will be assigned to an indoor space where they and 14 other children will be led by 2 experienced staff members through indoor and outdoor activities. **Camps will be held rain or shine.** Children will need to bring a lunch, swimsuit, water bottle, and snacks each day.

Camp Compass will be following safety guidelines provided to us by the CDC, IDPH and Restore Illinois Plan Phase 4. Phase 4 will consist of the following:

- Small Groups of 15 children and 2 staff members will be assigned to a dedicated indoor space within the Rivers Edge Recreation Center, Administration Building-Lower Level
- Groups will not intermingle with other groups
- Groups will be separated by grades: 3-5, K- 1st, 2nd- 3rd & 4^t -5th and 6th-8th
- Each group will spend most of their day outside
- Children and staff will be asked to wash hands or use hand sanitizer often and after every activity
- Staff and campers will be required to always wear face coverings while in-doors and outdoors when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Gloves are required for staff when assisting children with lunch or their personal belongings, administering First Aid, and while cleaning
- Activities will be tailored toward social distancing guidelines

Illness

For the protection of all campers, your child needs to be kept home if he/she shows any of the following symptoms:

- 100.4 or higher Fever
- New Congestion/runny nose
- Loss of smell or taste
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Fatigue from unknown cases
- A rash
- Nasal discharge or discharging of ears or eyes
- Muscle or Body aches

Parents should exercise every precaution and keep their camper home for twenty-four (24) hours once these symptoms have occurred. In the case of head lice, a camper should stay home for 24 hours after his/her first treatment. Campers must be well enough to participate in all regular planned camp activities upon returning to camp from an illness.

If your camper becomes ill while at camp, he/she will be placed in a separate room, in care of a staff, and the parent will be contacted with the request to take the camper home.

If the camper has a contagious disease, he/she should be kept at home and the fact of his/her condition should be reported to the Recreation Supervisor or Youth Specialist (i.e. strep throat, measles, mumps, chicken pox, pink eye, scarlet fever, head lice, etc. are conditions categorized as "highly contagious").

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **For safety purposes, there will be a zero-tolerance policy for licking/spitting/biting. Any incident will result in removal from Camp Compass.**
2. Staff and participants must always have a face covering with them.
3. While indoors, all staff and participants must wear secure face coverings over their mouth and nose and follow 6-ft distancing **as practicable**.
4. Face coverings will not be required while outdoors unless 6-ft distancing cannot be maintained.
5. Fall Camp will be encouraged to be outdoors as much as possible. (weather permitting).
6. Frequent hand washing will be enforced, and all classes will have a supply of hand sanitizer.

7. We will ask all patrons/participants to use hand sanitizer prior to entering any classroom/bathrooms within the facility.
8. All patrons/participants need to thoroughly wash hands for at least 20 seconds prior to exiting the bathrooms.

DISINFECTING/CLEANING PROCEDURES

1. Cleaning and disinfecting of the Camp Compass. Base will be performed according to CDC guidelines.
2. Hand sanitizer and sanitizing stations will be available.
3. Common areas and surfaces will be disinfected frequently.
4. Shared spaces (if applicable) will be disinfected between groups.
5. Shared objects and equipment will be sanitized before and after use
6. Staff will be disinfecting highly touched areas such as doorknobs and sinks
7. Staff will fully sanitize all toys, equipment and materials that are shared or used throughout the day.

HEALTH MONITORING

1. Any staff or participant who is exhibiting one or more COVID-19 symptoms will be prohibited from attending Camp Compass. Parents will be notified to pick up their child immediately.
2. Potentially sick children will be isolated in another area away from the whole group.
3. If a staff or participant exhibits one or more symptoms, they should inform the Park District and follow the Covid-19 Guidelines. Please see complete Camp Compass Covid-19 guidelines on the website.

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2. Potentially sick children will be isolated in another area away from the whole group.
3. If a staff or participant exhibits one or more symptoms, they should inform the Park District and follow these procedures.
4. If they are getting tested, share the results with the Park District.
 - If the test comes back positive, see #6 below.
 - If the test comes back negative, they may return immediately with a doctor's note
1. If they are not getting tested, they can return when at least 14 days have passed since onset of symptoms, they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication), respiratory symptoms have improved and all other symptoms have resolved. and they provide a "Return to Camp Compass doctor's note.
2. **The Park District is aware minor symptoms may not indicate COVID-19. A doctor's note clarifying the individual has a history of a symptom or that a symptom is unrelated to COVID-19 may allow the individual to return to the Park District sooner. These situations will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the Park District administration.

3. Any staff or participant who has had close contact (without a mask and less than 6-foot for more than 10 minutes) with any other person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days after the last/most recent contact with the infectious individual and seek a COVID-19 test at a state or local testing center, healthcare center
4. or other testing locations.
5. Notify Belvidere Park District staff personnel of this positive case.
6. If a participant exhibits signs during the time at Fall camp, staff will remove and isolate them and call a parent/guardian for pick-up. If the parent/guardian is not available, the staff will call the individuals listed on the participant's pick-up permission form. New this year, the Park District will ask that parents/guardians highlight those individuals who can make it to the Camp Compass site for pick-up within 15 minutes.
7. If a staff or participant is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, the following will occur:
 - A. Local health officials, staff, and participants will be notified immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality consistent with privacy laws.
 - B. Cleaning and disinfecting will be performed according to CDC guidelines.
 - C. All staff and participants should be alert for signs of COVID-19 by watching for symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath and by taking temperature if symptoms develop.
7. A staff or participant who has been confirmed with COVID-19, may not return until:
 - They have isolated at home for a minimum of 14 days after symptom onset and all Fall Camp participants at that camp will be asked to self-quarantine per CDC guidelines.
 - They have been feverless and feeling well (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours.
 - OR they have two negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart.
 - In all cases, the Park District will require a doctor's note to return to the Camp Compass program.

Please note: Covid-19 guidelines subject to change according to Local, State or Federal mandates.

Photographs and Videos

By registering for a program or class, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using district facilities or property, you authorize the Belvidere Park District to use photos and videos footage for Park District promotion. All footage is property of the Belvidere Park District. Media will be used without granting compensation, prior notice or permission. Local media/newspapers may also visit our camps to take pictures or write a story.

WEEKLY THEME	
Week 2	National Parks Adventures
Week 3	STEM
Week 4	Animal Planet
Week 5	Star & Stripes
Week 6	Space Exploration
Week 7	Build It
Week 8	Science Camp
Week 9	Kindness & Friendship
Week 10	Aloha Hawaii Here we Come
Week 11	Camp Olympics
Week 12	End of Summer Adventures

ALLERGIES

If your child has any food or other severe allergies, please indicate on the designated spot-on ePact and registration form. If your child uses any medication for these allergies, make sure to fill out the medication waiver as well.

If your child has seizures, please fill out the Seizure Action Plan form. If the seizure action plan is not filled out, 911 will be called immediately in the event that a seizure occurs.

MEDICATIONS

Necessary medications may be administered to a camper at camp upon written permission from parent/guardian. To ensure proper dispensing of medications, we have specific rules that everyone must follow:

- All medications must be in their original container, with the camper's full name.
- **The online medication release form must be filled out completely in order to dispense medication to your camper. Over the counter medicine included.**
- Belvidere Park District full time staff, Youth Specialist, or Camp Coordinators are the only staff allowed to administer medication.
- All medication will be stored in a locked bag inside the med bag of the child's designated group.

BREAKFAST & SNACK

Breakfast and PM Snack will be distributed daily. Breakfast will be served until 8:30am and snack will be served around 3:30pm. Breakfast and daily snack are provided at no extra cost from Northern Illinois Food Bank and a menu will be posted each month. If your camper needs a special snack, please send one with them.

LUNCH

A lunch will need to be packed and brought from home daily. If a lunch is forgotten, one will be provided for your child at the cost of \$10, due at the time of pick-up. We are a NUT FREE program so please don't send any nut products. (i.e. Peanut butter, almonds, nut butters). **Refrigerators and microwaves are not available.**

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

All Camp Compass staff are First Aid/CPR/AED certified. Camp carries a fully equipped first aid kit with them at all times. In the case of minor injuries; the injury will be assessed, first aid will be administered, and an accident report or minor accident report will be filled out. If your child is injured or ill and requires more than basic first aid, we will first attempt to contact the parent/guardian, before calling any listed emergency contacts. If staff is unable to reach any contacts listed on the Camper Emergency Form, staff will call 911 when the situation requires more aid than we can provide. All steps will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of your child. If the injury is serious or involves the head or neck, the paramedics will be called immediately. If an injured or ill child is transported by ambulance to the local hospital, a staff member will stay with the child at all times until a parent or guardian arrives.

Your authorization for Belvidere Park District staff to take whatever measures deemed necessary is understood to be part of your child's enrollment

EMERGENCY CONTACTS & PICK UP PROCEDURE

You are required to provide at least two emergency contacts, with at least one being able to reach our main camp location within 20 minutes. These contacts MUST be listed on your child's ePact Emergency Contact/Pick-Up Form. These Emergency Contacts will be contacted when parents/guardians are unavailable and your child is sick, injured, or still at camp after the program ends. The emergency contact person MUST show a state issued photo ID when picking the child up. No one other than emergency contacts listed will be able to pick your camper up from camp. If there are to be any changes, it must be put in writing directly in your child's ePact account. This is required for the safety of your child. All changes need to be submitted to

COMMUNICATION

Communication is very important to the success of our camp. All of us; parents, counselors, supervisors, etc. are working together to ensure each camper has a positive experience while they are in our summer camp program. This can only be achieved through effective communication.

Camp Compass utilizes the following methods of communication:

Weekly Newsletters– These newsletters will be given out Friday at both drop-off and pickup. They will contain information about our week, highlight different counselors working with your children, and reminders about what to bring to camp and what is in store for the upcoming weeks.

Progress Report - These reports are written, as needed, to let parents know more formally the camper's progress, both positive and negative.

Website - Check out www.belviderepark.org for upcoming events and to register for programs.

Find us on FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM- Search Belvidere Park District and "like" us. This will allow you to get updates on upcoming programs, events & pictures.

Phone - You may call at any time to check on your camper's progress or to leave a message on Camp Compass cell phones. If there is no answer, please leave a message

Rainout Line. - Please download the Rainout Line App

STAFF

Camp Compass staff are mature, caring, and energetic individuals who have a genuine love and compassion for working with youth. All staff are carefully selected and thoroughly trained prior to the start of Camp Compass. All staff and volunteers go through an extensive background check prior to hire. Training is our most useful tool for ensuring a professional, prepared, and caring staff. Training topics include: safety, behavior management, program/activity planning, emergency procedures,

communication, inclusion and more. All staff are required to attend a minimum of 20 training hours prior to the first day of camp. First Aid, CPR, and AED are also required. Staff attend weekly staff meetings where additional training is administered, procedures are reviewed, problems and solutions are discussed, and upcoming weekly information.

MANDATED REPORTERS

Belvidere Park District is a mandated reporter. The Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act mandates any Belvidere Park District staff having reasonable cause to believe that a child, known to them in a professional capacity, might be abused or neglected, shall immediately report the matter to their supervisor and the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

SWIM DAYS & TRIPS

We typically swim every Mon & Wed but depending on weather we may be able to swim other days of the week as well. Please send a swimsuit and towel with your child every day. All aquatic facilities visited by camp have certified lifeguards that maintain a 10/20 scan of water. An orientation is always held between the Recreation Supervisor and Aquatic Facility Manager to ensure the safety of campers. Head counts are taken frequently at camp, but even more so when in a pool. If your child uses a life jacket, all life jackets must be coastguard approved. No other flotation devices are permitted. All campers must have proper swim attire to enter the pool. Please see the district website for complete William Grady Pool rules and regulations.

TRANSPORTATION

Belvidere Park District may transport groups from one place in Belvidere to another by our 15 person passenger van or 12 person transit van. The following policies and procedures have been implemented to ensure the safety of staff and participants during transportation:

- All passengers must be seated and buckled at all times.
- If the driver feels conditions are not appropriate for transport, they may refuse transportation to any participant at any time.
- Eating on the vehicle is prohibited.
- Nothing may hang out of the windows.
- Everyone must remain quiet at railroad crossings.
- A first aid kit will remain on the vehicle at all times.

Inclement Weather Information

Camp will be conducted both indoors and outdoors and is held rain or shine, hot or cold. Children will stay indoors on rainy days and take shade on hot days. Groups will have scheduled outdoor time and will adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Severe Weather

There is a weather radio at Rivers Edge, Administration and The Revlon Maintenance building. IF an alert is reported all groups will receive text messages and phone calls on groups cell phones. When the alert goes off, children and staff must seek shelter immediately. Children and staff are only able to go back outside once the system has given the "all clear."

If there is inclement weather, during pick up/drop off times parents are required to come to the Rivers Edge for (Achieve, Lead and Succeed) and to Administration Building Lower Level for (Discover and Explore) to sign in/out their child. A sign will be posted outside the building informing parents that pick up/drop has been moved. Parents will be required to follow safe social distancing guidelines.

Severe Storms/Tornado Warnings

Children and staff will seek shelter inside the Rivers Edge or Administration Building designated safety areas for severe weather. Children will not be dismissed from camp until the storm has passed.

Rainout Line

Stay up to date on Camp Compass pick-up sites, field trip return times, cancelations, and more with the Rainout Line App. The Camp Compass line will be updated daily by 3:30 pm.

How to get the App

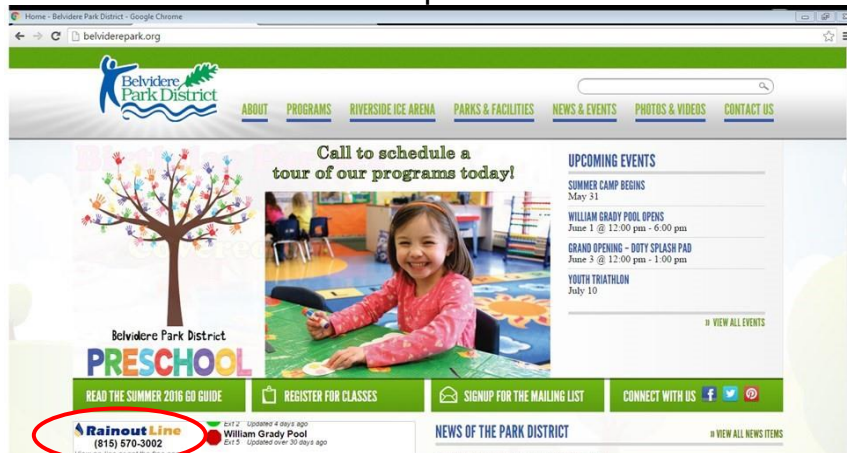
Open the app store on your mobile device
Search and download the free Rainout Line
Once downloaded- search "Belvidere"
Click on the Camp Compass line to check for updates



App

Website

- 1.) Visit belviderepark.org
- 2.) Click on the Rainout Line picture in the bottom left corner



- 3.) To sign up for text alerts- click "Email & Text Alerts" on the top left side of the page
- 4.) Enter phone number or email address to receive notifications when the Camp Compass line is updated.

Swim Lessons

Offered by Belvidere Family YMCA.

The Belvidere Park District offers swim lessons for all ages groups and skill level. If you are interested in signing your child(ren) up for both Swim Lessons at William Grady Pool and Camp Compass, please make sure to register them for the 4:30-5pm Progressive Water 1 class time. Camp staff will transport your child to and from each swim lesson only if they are enrolled in the 4:30pm class.

Other Park District amenities

Visit the Doty Park Spray Ground, Open Daily 11am-7pm

Check out our many other programs.

Visit our website at www.belviderpark.com

Drive in Movies, Special Events, Youth Sports programs, Early Childhood/Youth Classes.

July is Parks and Recreation month come celebrate with us.

Third Base

Where you go before you go home!

Third Base is a cooperative after school recreation program between the Belvidere Park District and School District #100. Caring and trained staff provide a safe, healthy, and fun environment for boys and girls in grades K-6. Activities include group games, homework time, monthly themes, parties, arts and crafts. The program operates till 6:00 pm on full days of school.



- Daily snack and beverage is provided.
- Closed when school closes due to weather.
- Care available to all District #100 Elementary Schools. Sites are located at each school, except Perry, where students are bused to Lincoln Elementary. -All registration forms must be completed and turned in before a child may attend.
- Space is limited and registration is on a first come, first paid basis.

Registration for the 2021/2022 school year opens on June 7

For more information, go to www.belviderepark.org, or in our brochure.