



FAMILY INFO & FAQs

THE BASICS

What time is camp?

Saltaire Day Camp runs daily from 9am to 12pm and our After Camp hours are from 1pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday. More information about our expanded after camp program, prices, and registration are on the website.

CAMPER START OF DAY

Where should my camper go at 9am?

Campers should start their day at the location of their first activity. Schedules will be posted on the website and actual session schedules will be sent to your family before the start of camp. Camp administration requests that Preschool/Kindergarten and rising 1st grade campers be dropped off by an authorized adult on *at least the first day* they attend camp. At that point permission can be given for rising 1st grade campers to self-dismiss.

CAMPER END OF DAY

What happens at 12pm?

Preschool and Kindergarten campers must be picked up by their authorized adult at the Bay (last Friday of the Session at the Field). Rising 1st graders will need to be picked up from their last activity at 12pm (usually Field or Playground) *unless* their authorized adult gives permission to the Group Leader at drop off. All other campers will self-dismiss from their last activity location (see schedules) at 12pm. The time each camper is dismissed will be noted by the Group Leaders on the group attendance.

CAMPER PREPAREDNESS

What should my camper wear? Do they need to bring anything?

- SUNSCREEN & HAT--Families please apply or encourage campers to apply a layer of sunscreen before the camp day. Hats are encouraged-although hat sharing is not permitted
- CAMP T-SHIRT--Each camper will receive 1 Saltaire Day Camp T-shirt which must be worn on Fridays
- SHOE POLICY--Due to the potential for injury (broken glass, hot summer boardwalks, bicycle pedals/chains) footwear for camp is *strongly suggested*. For increased mobility and safety sneakers are **required** for Field and activities as well as soccer and corkball during camp.
- SWIMSUIT & TOWEL--Please wear a bathing suit and bring a towel on swim days. More helpful swim information is listed below.

CAMPER SWIMMING

What should my camper wear on swim days?

- Wearing a bathing suit under clothes is a simple option. Campers can also bring their bathing suit and change. As in other years our youngest swimmers will swim last so that they can change right after camp if needed.

Does my camper need a swim cap?

- Swim caps are optional. Please send one in your camper's bag and we will make sure they wear it.

Will my camper go swimming in the rain?

- Campers *will* go swimming in light rain--unless there is bad weather forecasted like thunder and lightning. In that case we will switch to a special rain day schedule.

Is there anything else I should know?

- Occasionally there may be the presence of miniature jellyfish larvae coined 'bay lice' which can cause discomfort for some campers. We will make every effort to make sure campers rinse off after swimming. Campers who usually wear a one-piece bathing suit might want to consider a two-piece or tank suit so that the 'bay lice' do not get trapped under their bathing suits.

Do the campers do anything else in the water but swimming lessons?

Yes! Read below.

- **Monday Funday** is when your campers of all ages will get the chance to play some traditional water games like Marco Polo or silly games like Water Dance Party. In addition to teaching swimming skills we believe seeing the water as a place to have fun is critical to the success of our swim program
- **Ocean/Ocean Games** under the guidance of our experienced ocean lifeguards campers of all ages will get the chance to travel to the ocean side of Saltaire for beach games, learning about the ocean and marine life, and more. Campers in 3-6th grade who are progressing in their swim lessons will learn how to safely enter and exit the ocean.

SWIM TEAM

- This year we are bringing back a modified swim team for campers ages 7+ during after camp (7 year old campers will be administered a swim test to make sure they can participate safely). Participants should ideally wear a navy or blue swimsuit and participants will be given goggles and a swim cap. Currently the 'swim meets' will be at the Saltaire Bay Front on the second Tuesday and Thursday of the session at 2pm.

MISCELLANEOUS

Does my camper ever get snacks or food?

Since camp is 3 hours we count on campers arriving full from breakfast and we trust campers will eat lunch after camp. On Fridays, a Juicy Juice ice pop will be served at the end of our camp day (*Juicy Juice ingredients: water, fruit juice from concentrate, sugar, contains 2% or less of the following: natural flavors, citric acid, sodium benzoate and potassium sorbate (preservatives)*). No nuts or nut products will ever be served.

How do I see pictures of all the fun stuff that happens at camp?

We will be posting pictures and fun tidbits on our camp's two social media sites at least once a week so follow us on Instagram @saltairesummercamp and Facebook Saltaire Day Camp & Recreation @saltairecamp

What measures has the camp taken to make sure my camper is safe considering Covid19?

Although we have made great strides and most adults are vaccinated as per SCDOH guidelines, adult staff who are unvaccinated or whose vaccination is not complete will be required to wear a mask. All staff and campers will be required to wear a mask indoors (Art Shed, Yacht Club, Fire House) until further notice. Ask Molly Davis molly@saltaire.org or our Medical Director Dana DeRuvo dana@saltaire.org

What is the refund policy?

50% Refund of any Program Session (2-Week Session for Camp, 4-Week Session for Junior Lifeguarding and 1-Week Session for Library) payment will be given if the session is canceled in writing no shorter than 1 week before the session starts. If the Camper or a direct-contact family member has a confirmed positive COVID test before or during their session, partial refunds will be considered in consultation with the Recreation and Medical Director on a case-by-case basis.

CAMPER GROUPS

How do you decide which group/pod my camper will be in?

Campers are assigned to groups based on their school level or rising grade in Fall 2021

Rising Preschool/Kindergarten: Sea Stars Pod A and Pod B	Rising 1st & 2nd Grade: Moon Jellies Pod A & Pod B
Rising 3rd & 4th Grade: Dolphins Pod A & Pod B	Rising 5th & 6th+ Grade (up to 12 years old): Sharks Pod A & Pod B

What if my camper has friends in an older group/pod?

Campers will be required to stay in their assigned pod/age group. Why?

During summer camp children participate in activities divided by developmental level. The goal is for campers to feel confident and successful as they learn or practice skills in a group of campers that are developing at a similar rate. If campers are placed in a pod where they are much younger, they can get overwhelmed or feel ‘out of their league’ with mature campers whose skills are more advanced. We understand you might feel your camper is highly skilled, socially steady and confident--and ready for the challenge. That might be true AND the camp policies are developed in the best interest of the entire camp community as a whole. When placed in their age/grade level appropriate assigned pod your highly skilled and confident camper will experience being a leader in their group, and that experience will be invaluable to their social emotional development.

In some rare instances a camper may not be developmentally ready to tackle the age group to which they should be assigned. Our goal is for the camper to feel confident and successful, so camp administration will work with families and may assign the camper to a younger pod so the camper will hopefully build confidence and feel like a leader.

We stick to this rule for consistency and fairness. If we started making exceptions then the pods would turn into a mish mosh of ages. Yes, camp can be a time to hang with friends-but remember it’s also a time to meet and make NEW friends! “Every friend was once a stranger” the old saying goes.

Still have questions? Email Molly Davis molly@saltaire.org