# BACC TRAVEL Ballston Area Community Center PROGRAM













FRIENDS FOR
SUMMER
ADVENTURERS
FOR LIFE





# WELCOME TO BACC TRAVEL PROGRAM



CAMP BEGINS
JULY 7
CAMP ENDS
AUGUST 22

7:00AM-5:30PM

DROP OFF BEFORE
9:00AM EACH DAY

# DAILY REQUIRED ITEMS:

-LUNCH
-TOWEL BATHING SUIT
-SOCKS
-SNEAKERS
-WATER BOTTLE

# TRAVEL PROGRAM BASE LOCATION

-SUNSCREEN

GORDON CREEK ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
50 WOOD ROAD



LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE GORDON CREEK SCHOOL The Ballston Area Community Center (BACC) Travel Program is a field tripbased Summer Program for children entering 5th Grade - 12 years old OR who will be turning 13 years old during the dates of program.

Program begins and ends each day at Gordon Creek Elementary School.

The 7 Week trip schedule is made up of a variety of outdoor and indoor recreational and educational activities. We travel daily via Durham School Transportation to destinations in the surrounding area and around NYS.

Adventure & Exploration: Every day brings new and exciting activities—white water rafting, gem mining, beach discoveries, and more—creating lasting memories and life skills.

Safe & Supportive Environment: We prioritize safety and fun, ensuring kids thrive while building friendships and a sense of adventure.

Trained & Qualified Staff: All staff are CPR/First Aid-certified and trained in child supervision, meeting NYS' Office of Family and Children Services standards to provide the highest quality of care.

Growth & Development: Our program encourages outdoor exploration, curiosity, confidence, and teamwork through hands-on experiences and group challenges.

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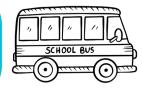
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### THE WHERE, WHO, AND HOW TO'S



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Camp Opens Daily: 7:00AM Camp Closes Daily: 5:30PM We will take a school bus daily to our scheduled destination departing at different times each day.

Your child will need to be at Camp by 9:00AM each day.

We will return between 3:30 & 4:00PM unless otherwise stated.

#### WHERE?

Travel Program Base & drop off/pick up is in the Gordon Creek Elementary School Cafeteria. You will park and enter through the white fence to the Cafeteria Doors for pick up and drop off.

IMPORTANT: THERE ARE SOME TRIPS WE WILL NEED ALL CAMPERS TO ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 9:00AM

Please have your child arrive 30 minutes prior to specified departure time for each trip on the schedule you will receive.

Required arrival times will also be posted on white board at sign in daily.

We may arrive back after 4:00PM some days, depending on traffic and distance of the trip. Our ETA arrival home will be posted on schedule and posted on the white board near the sign in/out daily.

#### WHAT ABOUT BUSSING?

We will take a Durham School Bus to and from each trip, daily. Travel Program staff will ride on the busses with the campers.

Depending on where we travel each day, we will be leaving at a specific time.

You will be receiving a separate email containing a schedule of estimated departure and arrival times back to Gordon Creek for Each Day/Trip

We are a licensed program through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. Regulations can be found at www.ocfs.ny.gov.



#### **2025 PROGRAM DATES & TIMES:**

Week #1 July 7 - July 11 Week #2 July 14 - July 18 Week #3 July 21 - July 25 Week #4 July 28 - Aug 1 Week #5 Aug 4 - Aug 8 Week #6 Aug 11 - Aug 15 Week #7 Aug 18 - Aug 22

## DAILY ROUTINE AT CAMP

Campers arrive and can eat breakfast, or play inside the cafeteria, gym, or outside, before trip preparation begins.

7:30-8:30AM

Staff and campers discuss the trip for the day, and then break into groups

Group 1| 5th graders (9- & 10- year-olds) Group 2| 11- & 12-year-olds

8:30AM-9:00AM

For most trips, we will separate and each group will attend a different location on their own bus. For some trips, we will attend the same destination as one group

~9:00AM

We attend the scheduled trip, and return home on the same school bus. We offer a daily post trip snack and activities at Base until pick up.

3:30/4:00-5:30PM

# THE WHERE, WHO, AND HOW TO'S CONTINUED

#### DROP OFF TIME?

Depends on the trip!
NO LATER THAN 9:00AM

Please CHECK YOUR
TRIP SCHEDULE have
your child arrive
30 minutes prior to
specified departure
time for each trip on the
schedule.

#### WHERE?

Travel Program Base & pick up/drop off is in the Gordon Creek Elementary School Cafeteria.

You will park and enter through the white fence to the cafeteria doors for pick up and drop off.

All planned trips are subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors.

How are trip change decisions made due to weather? Will I be notified?

We watch the weather carefully the night before and will make a final decision about a change, if needed by opening of Camp at 7:00AM. All parents will be notified of this change at drop off, or via the Playground App or email.

# HOW DOES IT WORK ON A TRIP WITH GROUPS? WILL MY CHILD BE ON THEIR OWN AT ALL?

Travel Programers are not allowed to travel without their counselor and must stick with a buddy within the group for rides and bathroom breaks. A counselor is responsible for a group of 10 kids who must stay together at all times. Each counselor carries basic first aid supplies, a cell phone, and a walkie-talkie. There is always a Supervisor on Site for each group. Children are never allowed to roam or walk alone without the group.

What about food, lunch, breakfast, snacks? We offer a breakfast and snack option daily. Each child should bring a nutritious lunch and labeled, refillable water bottle each day .There is no refrigeration or microwave available for lunches. We can never guarantee the ability to buy food or snacks while out on a trip.



#### WHEN AND HOW TO REGISTER FOR CAMP & PRICING

- Read the Travel Program Handbook, Agreements, and Requirements in full.
- 2. Follow this link

#### Click Here to Register



This link will be active for eturning families on 3/12/25 and new families on

- 3. Submit your Enrollment Application through Playground.
- 4. Wait for Acceptance Email. No payment is due until acceptance
- 5. Once acceptance email is received - \$50.00 Deposit for each week & \$10.00 Registration fee per family is due.
  - 6. Set up auto-payment.

7. Upload most recent Physical/Immunization Records to Playground.

#### WHEN AND HOW DO I PAY?

Weekly payment is due on Playground, BACC's online registration platform, TWO Fridays prior to the week you are registered for. Payment can be made via Auto-Payment on Playground, Cash, or Check made out to and mailed to BACC. Deposits are due within 48 hours of receiving acceptance email and are taken off balance due for each week you reserve.

## TRAVEL PROGRAM PRICING & PAYMENT



#### \$360 per week, paid via Online Account on R playground

Deposit: \$50 non-refundable deposit per week is due once your application is accepted and within 48 hours after you receive the acceptance email. There is a one time non-refundable/nontransferable \$10.00 Travel Program registration fee per child.

One Child Two Children Three Children Four Children \$1,332.00 per session 30% Disc.

\$360.00 per session \$684.00per session 10% Disc. \$1,008.00 per session 20% Disc.

Payment is due two Fridays prior to <u>ch week that you are attending</u>



#### **IMPORTANT!**

No applications will be accepted before 9:00AM on registration dates

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

There are no refunds for voluntary withdrawal from the program after June 20, 2025. Cancellations submitted after this date will not receive refund or credit.

The \$50 deposits are non-refundable or transferrable. Cancellations requests are required to be **EMAILED** to Travelprogram@ballstonareacc.org



Please remember we require separate payments for Travel Program and Summer Day Program.

Q: How is my Deposit Applied? A: Your deposit is applied to the weekly amount due - to calculate how much you owe, each week, subtract \$50.00 from the weekly cost. Deposits are nonrefundable.

Q: My child may not attend everyday. Is there a drop-in option?

A: No, when filling out the application please SELECT ALL DAYS of that week. Even if they will not attend all. We do not offer daily rates, only weekly.

Q: What happens if I am placed on the Waitlist?

A: No Money is due. If a spot opens, we will contact you.

Q: When is payment due?

A: For example, if my child's program week begins Monday, July 21st, full payment must be received by Friday, July 10th.

#### **PAYMENT INFORMATION, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES**

#### **WEEKLY AUTO-PAYMENT**

Payments for camp can be processed via weekly auto-draft on Playground.
When filling out the application online, you will provide Bank or Card information which will be automatically charged each week.

<u>Payment is due two Fridays prior to</u> <u>each week that you are attending</u>



Non-payment of program fees by the payment deadline will results in cancellation of the Program registration for your child.

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Withdrawals due to serious illness or emergency situations are handled on a case-by-case basis.

#### **SPLIT FAMILIES**

If your family needs to split payments/charges please contact Meghan@ballstonareacc.org to let us know who should be charged and responsible for specific amounts.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Anyone can apply for financial aid on a need basis, the scholarship can be found in application. Scholarships will be awarded based on availability of funds.

# NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS & REG FEES

A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due for each week once the acceptance email is received. Calculate and apply payment to Playground within 48 hours.

There is a one-time, non-refundable \$10 registration fee for each child.

#### **INSUFFICIENT FUNDS**

If Payment is returned or rejected for any reason, BACC may charge a \$20.00 fee. Campers with an outstanding balance will not be able to attend camp until balance is paid. Any outstanding balance will make them ineligible for future BACC programs.

#### LATE PICK UP FEE

BACC will charge a late fee of \$1.00 for every minute your child is at Camp after 5:30PM. If you will be running late, please call or email us to give notice.

#### **DSS ASSISTANCE**

We accept payment through Saratoga DSS.
Parents/Guardians are responsible
for ANY fees not covered by DSS.

If DSS is supplementing tuition, you must provide a current acceptance letter to BACC by June 1, 2025



Statements for Tax
Purposes will be located
in your Playground
Account under Billing,
Statements





# TRAVEL PROGRAM EXAMPLE TRIP SCHEDULE

THE FINALIZED SCHEDULE WILL BE EMAILED OUT CLOSER TO START OF PROGRAM

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS ARE BEACH DAYS!	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
WEEK 1	White Water Rafting (Both Groups)	Group 1: Wild Play High Ropes Course Group 2: Kayaking at Grafton Lake	<b>Both</b> <b>Groups:</b> Utica Zoo	Group 1: Kayaking at Grafton Lake Group 2: Wild Play High Ropes Course	Both Groups: Million Dollar Beach			
WEEK 2	Group 1: SPAC Peerless Pool & Pavillion Group 2: Veteran's memorial Beach Bolton Landing	<b>Group 1:</b> Ninja Lab <b>Group 2:</b> Liberty Ridge Farms	Both Groups: Zoom Flume	<b>Group 1:</b> Liberty Ridge Farms <b>Group 2:</b> Ninja Lab	Group 1: Veteran's Memorial Beach Group 2: SPAC Peerless Pool & pavillion			
WEEK 3	Group 1: Million Dollar beach Group 2: Shepard's Cove Lake George	Group 1: Basketball Hall of Fame Group 2: Herkimer Diamond Mine	Both Groups: Great Escape	Group 1: Herkimer Diamond Mine Group 2: Basketball Hall of Fame	Both Groups: Moreau Lake			
WEEK 4	Grafton Lake State Park	Group 1: Fun Spot Group 2: ADV Family Fun Center	Both Groups: Valleycats Baseball Game	Group 1: Million Doll Group 2: The Fun Spot	Saratoga County Fair			

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WEEK 5	Group 1:  Moreau Lake Group 2:  Million Dollar Beach	Group 1: Fort William Henry Group 2: Big Don's Wild River Mini Golf	Both Groups: Six Flags New England Massachusettes	Group 1: Big Don's Wild River Mini Golf Group 2: Fort William Henry	Group 1: Million Dollar beach Group 2: Moreau Lake
WEEK 6	Group 1: Peerless Pool and Pavilion  Group 2: Shepard's Cove Beach	Group 1: Thatcher Park Ropes Course Group 2: White Water Rafting	Both Groups: Splash Down Beach Water Park	Group 1: White Water Rafting Group 2: Thatcher Park Ropes Course	Group 1: Shepard's Cove Beach  Group 2: Peerless Pool/Pavillion
WEEK 7	Group 1: Veteran's Memorial Park Group 2: Mine Kill State Park	Group 1: Blue Mountain Lake Museum Group 2: Zoom Flume	Both Groups: Washington County Fair	Group 1: Zoom Flume Group 2: Blue Mountain Lake Museum	Group 1: Mine Kill State Park Group 2: Veteran's Memorial Park
CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

# WHAT TO BRING AND CAMP CONDUCT POLICY

#### DAILY REQUIRED ITEMS FOR EACH CAMPER:

- Re-Fillable Water Bottle (Labeled with name)
- Sneakers
- Non Aerosol Sunscreen Bugspray
- Healthy Lunch & Snacks
- Extra Clothes & Weather Appropriate Clothing UV Protective Clothing

#### Beach/ Water days:

- Swimsuit & Towel
- Water Shoes

#### WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME:

- Electronic Devices
- Valuable Items
- Toys/Stuffed animals
- Make Up/Perfumes

BACC is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen items.

Sending Cash in with your child is optional each day pending availability of concession items at trip locations.

# POSITIVE GUIDANCE



Behavior Management is achieved through an affirmative approach that honors each child's individuality. Utilizing praise and positive reinforcement proves effective in guiding children's behavior. Positive feedback and engagement from adults and peers helps with the development of self-awareness, problem-solving skills, and self-discipline. BACC Staff will facilitate children in resolving day-to-day conflicts independently. Techniques such as positive role-modeling, establishing boundaries, redirection, and presenting positive behavior alternatives will be employed to influence behavior. In cases of persistent or severe negative behavior, a meeting with the Parent/Guardian, Site Director, and Child Care Director will be convened. Collaboratively with parental involvement, a plan will be devised to address the child's behavior. The BACC retains the authority to suspend or terminate a child from the program if there is no improvement in behavior or if the behavior is deemed severe, irrespective of whether a meeting has been conducted. Immediate dismissal from the program may occur if a child causes physical harm to others or displays excessively unsafe or inappropriate behavior.

#### MINOR AND MAJOR INCIDENTS & BEHAVIORAL POLICY

#### **MINOR INCIDENTS:**

Minor day-to-day infractions that occur and are dealt with immediately in the moment by program staff.

# **EXAMPLES OF THESE INCIDENTS ARE:**

- Misuse of BACC property/School property
- Misuse of Property at any location we attend
- Disruptive Outbursts
- Inappropriate Language
- Roughhousing

When a MINOR incident occurs during Camp, our primary aim is to engage in in making improved choices going forward. Our team employs constructi

When a MINOR incident occurs during Camp, our primary aim is to engage in problem-solving and support the child in making improved choices going forward. Our team employs constructive approaches to assist the child in recognizing that negative conduct ultimately leads to unproductive outcomes. It's important for every child to participate in planned activities while being mindful of their accountability for their actions. We ensure each child is equipped with an understanding of our fundamental safety and behavioral guidelines, we aim to foster self-discipline under our care, offering guidance as needed. Should a child persistently demonstrate behavioral challenges, we will promptly inform you and encourage your involvement in guiding your child's behavior. Minor incidents will be documented, and may result in immediate suspension from program if they become repetitive and do not improve.

# 3-STRIKE POLICY

#### **MAJOR INCIDENTS:**

Endanger the physical and mental safety of the child, other children, staff, the public, or property

#### **EXAMPLES OF THESE INCIDENTS ARE:**

**Chronic/Repeat minor behaviors** 

**Weapons** 

Bullying

Theft

Leaving supervised area without permission

Throwing stones or projectiles

**Abusive Language** 

Verbal Threats Direct disobedience of BACC staff

- Violation of a code of conduct at any location we are visiting
- Taking videos, pictures and/or posting/using others likeness or photos social medias within program

A child exhibiting any of these behaviors will be separated from the group, parents/guardians contacted as soon as possible, a behavioral report completed, and a conference will be set with parent/guardians scheduled. Prior to the child returning to program, a meeting between parent/guardian and Child Care Director/ Site Supervisor must occur. If actions are deemed inappropriate enough, your child may be immediately suspended or expelled from the program. For the safety and well-being of children in our care, we cannot care for children who display chronically disruptive behavior. Chronically disruptive behavior is defined as verbal or physical actions that may include but are not limited to:

- Behavior that requires constant attention from staff
- Behavior that causes physical or emotional abuse to other children, self, or staff
- Behaviors or actions that ignore or disobey rules

#### **DISMISSAL FROM PROGRAM**

If an incident is a Major incident, it will fall under our "Three Strike Policy." On occasions where behaviors warrant a strike, it will be clearly indicated on an Incident Report and a meeting will be scheduled with the Parent/Guardian and Program Director. If the child receives three (3) strikes, they will be dismissed from program, forfeiting all deposits and payments. Future participation in ANY BACC Programs will be reviewed and decided upon at the discretion of the Executive Director/Program Director. If actions are deemed inappropriate enough, your child may be immediately suspended or expelled from the program regardless of amount of strikes received up to that point.

Please Note: BACC reserves the right to determine eligibility of children with mental and or physical/challenges due to their need for individual attention, and group ratio requirement. If it is determined that a child is not functioning well in a group setting, parent/guardians will be notified to discuss the situation.

# HEALTH POLICIES & MEDICATIONS / ALLERGIES

# SICK OR INJURED CHILD POLICY

We reserve the right to send a child home from if they are ill. Children who become ill may not remain at program - a parent or guardian will be contacted and asked to pick up their child immediately. The child will not be allowed to return to program until they are symptom free, without medication for a 24 hour period. Any child suspected to have a communicable disease will be isolated from other children. All families will be given notice if a child at program has been reported to have a contagious disease.

#### BACC Requires that a child remains home if they have:

- A temperature of 100 or greater
- Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)
- Impetigo
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Strep Throat
- Head Lice or Nits
- Ring Worm

# EMERGENCIES & SERIOUS INJURIES

Child safety is the most important priority of BACC's Summer Travel Program. BACC Staff are trained in the Basics of CPR and First Aid and will treat children experiencing minor injuries such as bumps, bruises, scrapes and stings, taking written note of specifics on an Accident Report. Parents and Guardians will be informed of all first aid given to your child. We will carry an emergency information card daily for your child.

In order for BACC to provide medical, dental, health or hospital services in an emergency, you will be asked to sign a medical release in the Program Application. In the event of a major injury such as a broken bone, puncture wound, or head injury, the parent/guardian will be contacted immediately and the child will be transported by ambulance to the nearest medical facility to be treated by medical professionals. A BACC Staff member will travel with your child, along with your child's emergency information card.

**Please note:** BACC holds no insurance for program participants. Parent/guardians are responsible for any medical costs incurred by their child.



# MEDICATIONS & ALLERGIES

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY KNOWN ALLERGY OR WILL NEED TO TAKE MEDICATION WHEN WITH US, YOU MUST FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE FORMS, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAMP APPLICATION.

ALL forms must be reviewed and signed by Physician and Parent Guardians before any medicine is accepted '

# A COPY OF THE MOST RECENT PHYSICAL IS REQUIRED FORMS FOR ALL CAMPERS BEFORE THEY BEGIN

Please have forms faxed to (518)884-0259, or emailed to Travelprogram@ballstonareacc.org.



Medications must be filled by a licensed pharmacist and in the original prescription container. On the container it must clearly state:

- Child's Name
- Medication Name
- Directions for Administration and Storage
- Recommended Dosage
- Time intervals of Administration
- Method of Administration
- Expiration Date

Over-the-Counter topical ointments may be administered with written directions from parents. You MUST notify us immediately if there are any changes in your child's medication - dosage, time being taken, etc.

#### How are medications records kept?

BACC Staff will keep a written record of the dispensing of medication, which includes the date and time of when medication is given, dose, and name of the staff person dispensing the medication. All unused medicine will be returned to the parent/guardian.

All forms are available to download from the BACC website and the Playground App.

#### PICK UP/ DROP OFF PROCEDURES & AUTHORIZATIONS

#### **AUTHORIZATION FOR PICK UP**

All people listed on your application who are authorized to pick up must be 18 years old and have a valid ID with them. Your child will not be released to anyone who is not your on your Pick Up List, unless BACC is informed, in advance, with written permission.

Non-Custodial Parent: (parent who does not have physical custody of his or her minor child as the result of a court order) Please note that unless there is a legal document ON FILE with the BACC Program Office, stating that one parent is not allowed contact with the child, staff is NOT legally able to keep a non-custodial parent from picking up the child. Please contact us with the proper paperwork if this applies to you.

#### Suspicion of Intoxication/Drugs:

No Parents/Guardians may pick up children under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. BACC staff will ask to have alternative transportation for the child if someone appears under the influence. If they refuse, as mandated reporters, BACC Staff will make a report to the Police and the NYS Child Abuse Hotline.

#### Sign In/Sign Out:

Parents/Guardians MUST sign their children in and out everyday that their child attends the program. Your child will not be released to any unauthorized person. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the staff in writing if another adult besides themselves will be picking up your child. Sign In/Out Sheets will be located by the front doors of program daily.



# FAQ'S

#### Q: What is the adult to child ratio while out on a Field Trip?

**A:** The ratio is 1:10, 1 adult paired with a maximum group of 10 children.

## Q: How do the two groups get split up? Can I request my child be with a specific child?

**A:** Travel Program is split into two groups, depending on birth-date, we will alert you which group your child is in, in your acceptance email.

Group 1: 9-10 years old; Group 2: 11-12 years old

We cannot accommodate requests unless children are the same age and grade.

#### Q: What are the Group procedures while out on a trip?

**A:** A counselor will be assigned a group of 10, they will remain together at ALL times. The campers are never allowed to travel without their counselor, they will also pick a new buddy each day, and stick with their buddy, within the group for rides and bathroom purposes. Each counselor holds basic first aid supplies, a cell phone for emergencies, and a walk-talkie for immediate communications. Each group will have always have a Supervisor onsite.

#### Q: When Can I Drop off? When Can I pick up?

**A:** Drop off begins at 7:00AM - We will leave at different times each day, depending on where we are going. Please check your departure/arrival trip schedule to ensure you are on time. Drop off is not allowed after 9:00AM.

**A:** Our average arrival back to base each day is between 3:30-4:00PM, if we arrive later than 4:00PM or are expected to return later, you will be notified.

#### Q:When are trip changes made due to weather? Will I be notified?

**A:** We watch the weather beginning the night before and will make a final decision on change, if needed, by opening of Program. All parents will be notified of this change at drop off, or via the Playground app or email.

#### Q: How can I get ahold of my child while they are out on a trip?

A: If you need to get ahold of your child or us for an URGENT/TIME SENSITIVE purpose, please contact either emergency phone:

Group 1: (518)888-4057 Group 2: (518)222-4733

#### Q: Can my child bring their cell phone or electronic device?

**A:** Your child can bring a cell phone for emergency purposes, but it must be kept away at all times. Per OCFS NYS regulations, electronic devices are not allowed for use within program.

#### Q: What Items are important to send with my child daily to Travel Program?

**A:** Water in a refillable bottle, shoes to fit the activity we do that day, and the neccesary items for sun protection of your choice: UV Protective clothing, and/or sunscreen

#### Q: Who should I contact with questions?

**A:** Travelprogram@ballstonareacc.org