



## Summer Playground 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 Stoughton Recreation Playground Season! We know you had various options to choose from and we are thrilled that you chose to spend your summer with us! This year we have taken many steps to improve the overall experience for our children and their families alike, and are very excited for you to enjoy them. Even if you have attended our Playground programs in the past, please read the following packet to understand changes that are new this year.

Each year we continue to evolve as a program and department, and this summer will be no different! We look forward to new field trips, new facility improvements of our site, continued excellence in staff, and even new program attendees through partnerships with the Stoughton Public Schools. It seems this school year flew by but we are ready to get started!

To make sure that your child has the most successful summer possible, we would like to ask that you take the time and review this packet provided. Included in the packet you will find important information regarding our playground program and activities.

Thank you for your anticipated attention and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask any of our well trained staff or get in contact with the Stoughton Department at 781-341-1300 x9244.

Sincerely,

*Matt Cauchon*

Recreation Director  
Town of Stoughton

## PROGRAM DATES

### OPEN PLAYGROUND 2020

**8:30 am-2:30 pm**

**After Playground: 2:30 pm -4:00 pm**

Open Playground Week One 6/29-7/3

Open Playground Week Two 7/6-7/10

Open Playground Week Three 7/13-7/17

Open Playground Week Four 7/20-7/24

Open Playground Week Five 7/27- 7/31

Open Playground Week Six 8/3-8/7

Open Playground Week Seven 8/10-8/14

### PRE-PLAYGROUND 2020

**8:30 am-2:30 pm**

**There is no After Playground for Pre-Playground**

Pre Playground Week One 6/29-7/3

Pre Playground Week Two 7/6-7/10

Pre Playground Week Three 7/13-7/17

Pre Playground Week Four 7/20-7/24

Pre Playground Week Five 7/27- 7/31

Pre Playground Week Six 8/3-8/7

Pre Playground Week Seven 8/10-8/14

### KNGIHTS OF SUMMER 2020

Knights of Summer Week One 7/6-7/10

Knights of Summer Week Two 7/13-7/17

Knights of Summer Week Three 7/20-7/24

Knights of Summer Week Four 7/27- 7/31

Knights of Summer Week Five 8/3-8/7

### STOUGHTON OUTER LIMITS: TEEN PROGRAM

Stoughton Outer Limits Teen Program: Week One 7/27- 7/31

Stoughton Outer Limits Teen Program: Week Two 8/3-8/7

Please note: **There is no option to drop your child off early. Drop off is at 8:30AM**

**Pick up is at 2:30 pm for all campers not enrolled in the After Playground program. After Playground is simply an extension of the Open Playground day. If your child is not picked up at 2:30 and they are not enrolled in After Playground, you will be billed for After Playground appropriately.**

## LOCATION

**South Elementary School  
171 Ash Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072**

**Open Playground** will meet and take place outside, on the playground, black top, and fields of the South School throughout the day. Drop off takes place at the parking lot gates and our staff will be present to guide your child down to the group!

**After Playground** is simply an extension of the Open Playground Program. It is in the same location, with the same counselors, and is a continuation of the typical Open Playground day.

**Pre-Playground** will check into their classroom INSIDE. To enter, please walk through the main playground gates to the back of the school. Walk up the stairs and through the school entrance, your classroom will be on the left. There will be signs and staff to guide you!

**Stoughton Outer Limits** will meet outside on the playground and fields of the South School. Drop off takes place at the parking lot gates and our staff will be present to greet your teen!

## REGISTRATION

All registrations for Playground **MUST** be done on through Stoughton Recreation's online registration system at [www.stoughtonrec.org](http://www.stoughtonrec.org) or in person at the Recreation Department office. Any child found to be at a session of playground who is not registered will have their parent/guardian called, will be sent home and billed appropriately.

**Please note: All registrations online will be valid only when credit card payment is received. There will be no option to register and then print out the necessary forms to pay by check or cash. All cash and check payments must be done in person, in the office.**

## DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

### **Check in**

On the first day each week, check in will be done at the Stoughton Recreation tent located at the entrance of the playground gates. Here your child will be checked in, and receive their playground items (shirt, water bottle, etc.) and any permission slips that are necessary for that week. Each day after that, your child will check in with their assigned counselor directly.

### **Open Playground**

Open Playground encourages the idea of play. Our staff and supervisors will be present in all areas of the playground to encourage and guide children in traditional and non-traditional games, activities, and programming all will enjoy. Every day we will have sports, arts and crafts, and special events planned for all to partake in. All daily activities will be supervised and managed under the guidance of counselors. When special events are on the schedule, all registered children for that week will be notified ahead of time in case any preparations are needed.

There will be instructional activities as they pertain to sports and arts related activities. Each week, a new sport or activity will be introduced and our trained staff will hold programs for anyone interested. This could range from basketball to spike ball, painting to ceramics! These are not mandatory, just an

additional layer of programming we would like to offer all who are interested! A schedule will be announced to program participants each day.

### **After Playground**

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### **Pre-Playground**

Pre-Playground is a more structured program that will take place in a classroom setting with programming outside as well. Each week will be themed with activities and games to represent that theme. Weekly schedules will be distributed as soon as they are completed by the supervisory staff of Pre-Playground. Field trips for Pre Playground are included in your registration fee.

### **RAIN DAYS**

Due to the generosity and understanding of the Stoughton Public Schools, we have been granted access to additional classrooms and indoor space- we no longer cancel camp when it rains. In the event of inclement weather, we will play low impact/energy games indoors. It is the discretion of a camper's parent or guardian if you wish not to send your child to the program on these days.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips for Open Playground are on a "pay as you go" basis and are **NOT** mandatory. Each field trip will require a separate permission slip and payment to attend, and the amount varies based on the field trip. Permission slips will be handed out at the beginning of each session to the children that are registered.

Seats are limited on the field trips as we will only have one bus for our exclusive use this summer. If we receive more requests than seats on the bus, we will hold a random lottery drawing to pick who will be able to attend the field trip.

Pre Playground has two field trips to local Stoughton playgrounds, and five on-site field trips. These are at no additional cost and are part of your registration fee.

### **AMES POND WATERFRONT**

Open Playground children will be given the opportunity throughout the summer to visit Ames Pond Beach along with staff. The beach will be fully staffed by the Recreation Departments lifeguarding staff. Children and playground staff will be transported via school bus to the pond here in town. All children will submit to a swim test or they will not be allowed into the water. Swim days are posted on the attached activities calendar. This activity is not mandatory!

### **STAFF**

Our staff are of the highest quality. All Pre and Open Playground staff have gone through an extensive interview process as well as background checks. Playground staff is made up of local high school students, college students, and many college graduates. The head supervisors of each program bring with them many years of teaching, coaching, and supervisory experience.

Every staff member will be wearing a “STAFF” shirt at all times for your comfort and convenience. Please do not hesitate to approach the at any point with any questions or concerns you may have!

## LUNCH AND SNACK

**Children are responsible for providing their own lunch and snacks for the day.** *There will be no specific lunch time throughout the day so it is up to your child to use their discretion on when or when not to eat.* We encourage you to pack extra as the children are very active throughout the day and tend to work up quite the appetite!

Please do your best to refrain from sending your child with soda and sugary drinks. We want to be sure they are hydrated to the best of their ability. Every child will be provided one (1) Stoughton Recreation water bottle and a water fountain will be available inside the school.

Please note that **PRE-PLAYGROUND CLASSROOMS ARE A PEANUT FREE** zone.

## WHAT TO BRING (RECOMMENDED)

- ✓ A lunch, two snacks, & water bottle
- ✓ A change of clothes (Optional, encouraged for water activity days)
- ✓ Closed toed shoes for running
- ✓ Hat or visor
- ✓ Stoughton Recreation Summer T-Shirts (Field Trip Days Only)
- ✓ Sunblock (camp staff cannot apply)

## WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Jewelry
- ✓ iPods/MP3 players
- ✓ Tablets
- ✓ Gum or Candy
- ✓ Money
- ✓ Video Game Devices
- ✓ Laptops

*\*Stoughton Recreation is NOT responsible for any items lost, broken or stolen\**

## SUNCREEN GUIDELINES

Please apply sunscreen on your child every day before arriving to the playground. **Playground staff cannot and will not apply sunscreen to the participants once they arrive at camp.** This is for the safety of both staff and children. Counselors will remind the children on multiple occasions throughout the day to apply their sunscreen when necessary. We encourage you to purchase and pack spray sunscreen for ease of use. **Sunscreen stations will be provided for your convenience at the check in tent as well as located at the picnic tables.**

## EARLY PICK UPS

**If you arrive early to pick up your child, you must check them out with the Pre or Open Playground Director.** This is necessary to avoid any confusion during the multiple check-in times we hold through the day. We want to make sure your child is accounted for at all times appropriately.

## WALKER WAIVERS (OPEN PLAYGROUND ONLY)

If you wish for your child to walk home after playground, permission must be granted at the time of registration. A child will not be permitted to walk home without this completed documentation. If you would like to grant permission at a later date, please contact the Stoughton Recreation Office.

## PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOR POLICY

Appropriate behavior is expected from all participants at all times in recreation programs. To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all participants, the Stoughton Recreation Department has developed the following Code of Conduct:

Campers must:

- Show respect to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities
- Refrain from using foul language and obscene behavior
- Refrain from causing bodily harm to themselves, other participants or staff
- Abide by the guidelines encouraged by Stoughton Public Schools Bullying Policy.

The previously listed guidelines have been developed to make recreation programs safe and enjoyable for all participants. Additional rules may be developed for particular programs as deemed necessary by staff. The Stoughton Recreation Department strives to protect and respect the rights of all participants. A positive approach will be used when handling behavior issues. The Stoughton Recreation Department reserves the right to dismiss a participant (depending on the severity of the conduct). If a behavioral management plan has been developed through your child's school, please inform the staff so that we can support the effort.

## MEDICATION AND ALLERGIES

All medications and allergies must be made aware to the Stoughton Recreation Supervisor. If your child has an epi-pen, please provide two (2) pens.

## LATE PICK UP POLICY

**For Open Playground ending at 2:30:** Parents and Guardians will be given a 15-minute grace period to pick up their child from the Open Playground program ending at 2:30. After that, your child will be auto-enrolled in After Playground and the charge will be reflected on your Stoughton Rec account.

**For Pre-Playground and After Playground:** Parents and Guardians will be given a 15-minute grace period to pick up their child from Pre-Playground at 2:30 or After Playground/Knights of Summer at 4:00 pm. After that, you will be charged \$5 for every 15 minutes you are late. After 30 minutes, your child will be released to the care of the After Playground counselors or Stoughton Police. Your late fee will be charged to your online household profile at [www.stoughtonrec.org](http://www.stoughtonrec.org) and is due immediately.

**If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us:**

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