

2022

HEMPFIELD REC

SUMMER

PLAYGROUND

***Amos Herr Park**

***Mountville Park *Silver Spring Park**



Parent Handbook

Welcome to Hempfield Rec Summer Playground Program

This handbook contains important information for you to reference throughout the summer. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact your site supervisor or contact Matthew Charles directly.

STAFF DIRECTORY

HARC Playground Director	Matthew Charles 717-898-3102 x 142
HARC Program Director	Cristine Maser 717-898-3102 x 139

Site	Supervisor
Amos Herr Park	TBD
Mountville Park	TBD
Silver Spring Park	TBD

PLAYGROUND OPERATION

PLAYGROUND SITES

Address and Phone

Amos Herr Park
1700 Nissley Rd
Landisville, PA 17538
717-682-5734

Mountville Community Park
155 Clay St.
Mountville, PA 17554
717-682-7673

Silver Spring Community Park
3800 Ironville Pike
Columbia, PA 17512
717-682-5935

Playground Dates

June 13 – August 5, 2022

(Playground program will be closed on Monday, July 4. Sites will be closed on Pool Party Days. June 24, July 8, July 22)

Hours

9 am - 3:30 pm

\$2 per minute charge will result for any child not signed-out by closing time. Payment will be due at time of pick-up. Child will not be permitted to return to playground until fee is paid. No early drop-off.

Ages

Six-years-old through 13-years-old

Playground Closing / Early Dismissal

In the event of inclement weather, all sites are subject to closing either early or for the entire day. The director of the program will make this decision on the morning of the day in question or during the course of the day if weather conditions change after opening the site. In the event of an early closure, site staff will notify parents of children who are in attendance that day. If it is already storming, the staff will take the children to a sheltered area until picked up. Ask your site supervisor where that place will be. We will not call anyone for all day closures; instead, we will send an email to notify families. Make sure that we have your current email address. No refunds or make-up days for closures.

During extreme heat days (heat advisories), playground will continue, but on a scaled back approach. Please remind your child(ren) to drink water throughout these days.

Pool Party Days -All Playground sites are closed on Pool Party days.

Pool and Pizza Parties - Friday, June 24, July 8, and July 22.

10a.m. – 1p.m.

(Rain dates: July 1, July 15 & July 29)

Cost: \$15/child (includes pool party & lunch)

Drop-off and pick-up at East Petersburg Community Pool.

All Playground sites are closed on Pool Party days.

Note: If we use a rain date, then all sites will be closed and no refunds issued for either date.

PLAYGROUND INFORMATION/PROCEDURES

Attendance

Daily attendance is optional. You do not need to notify staff if your child will be absent.

Sign-In

Children may be signed in any time after 9am at all sites. Staff are not responsible for your child(ren) prior to these times. It is mandatory that each child be signed in immediately upon arrival at their site. Parents must sign in their child(ren) during the day with a parent initial. Children are not permitted to sign in without parents unless specified on the form.

Sign-Out

It is mandatory that each child be signed out prior to leaving the site. Children will not be allowed to leave the site unless they are signed out with a parent initial. You must complete the “Dismissal” section of the *Emergency Contact and Consent Form* to allow your child to sign him/herself out without an adult. Otherwise, your playgrounder must be signed out by an adult listed in the “Dismissal” section. Once a child has been signed out from the site, he/she may not return to that site any more that day, including near where the site is held. Please let supervisor know your child(ren) is/are leaving for the day.

HARC will not be responsible for children who do not follow the policy and leave the site without prior consent. Further, HARC is not responsible for children walking back and forth from the Playground sites.

Lunch

Please provide a packed lunch daily for your child. Non-perishable items only – refrigeration is not available. Lunch will be 12-12:30pm (approximately) at all sites. Please note that some field trips may include lunch. Please refer to the Field Trip descriptions beginning on page six.

Pizza Meal Deal Days

Meal deals are offered every Wednesday. The cost is \$6.00 for two slices of cheese pizza and a drink.

All money is due the previous Monday. No late orders.

NO special orders can be placed and only one meal deal will be allowed per child.

Please remind your child/ren if they got the meal deal, so they can listen for their name at lunch.

Ice Cream/Popsicles

A cold treat may be purchased every Tuesday and Thursday at all sites for \$1.

Attire/Personal Items

Dress your child in comfortable clothing and sneakers that can get dirty. We recommend that you apply sunscreen to your child every day before they arrive at Playground. Please send a reusable water bottle with your child’s name on it so that they may fill it up throughout the day. Hempfield Rec is not responsible for any item that your child brings from home. We will not be held responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged clothing, jewelry, or other personal items. Items will not be replaced, and there will be no reduction in fee or other form of compensation. We highly recommend electronic devices are not brought to the site; use during the playground program is prohibited.

Bulletin Boards

Sites will post important information weekly on their bulletin boards. Please be sure to check this information, in order to stay up-to-date. Sites will also post donation requests as needed for special activities. Please consider helping when you can. Thank you in advance!

EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Emergency Contacts

In the event that you cannot be reached, Hempfield Rec will contact the person listed as the emergency contact on your child's *Emergency Contact and Consent Form*. If your phone number or other emergency contact information should change over the course of the summer, please notify your site supervisor immediately.

Administering Medication

In accordance with the licensing regulations of the Pennsylvania Department Human Services, non-prescription drugs are not administered, nor are children permitted to take medications during the program.

Prescription medication can be administered if the following requirements are met:

- Prescription medicine may be taken by the child, only if the parent fills out the medication log in detail each day.
- The medication must be in its original container with the child-proof cap, have the child's name on it and include instructions.
- The staff will also fill out the medication log, indicating the time the medicine was taken.

Illness Policy

No child is permitted to attend Playground when they are ill. Please keep your child home if they have any of the following conditions:

- A temperature of 100 degrees or more
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Any contagious infection (such as pink eye or strep throat)
- Severe stomach cramps or pain
- Severe ear aches
- Incontinence (not potty-trained)
- Covid-19

If any of the above conditions arise during the course of the day, the parent or emergency contact will be contacted and asked to pick the child up immediately. Please note that if your child is absent due to a fever, the child must be running a normal temperature at least 24 hours before his/her return to Playground. In the case of pink eye or other infections, the child must be on antibiotics for at least 24 hours prior to his/her return.

RULES FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Site Rules

Each site establishes specific rules that are appropriate for their specific site. The site rules are reviewed with the Playgrounders on the first day of Playground and throughout the summer. Failure to adhere to the rules may lead to suspension or removal from the program.

Incentive Program

Playgrounders will be recognized by staff for performing good deeds, being a good friend, or demonstrating good behavior. The site supervisors will develop good behavior incentives and rewards for the Playgrounders.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

All children are expected to behave in an appropriate manner. Any child who does not will have consequences according to the guidelines below. All suspensions will result in an immediate call to the child's parents. The parent will be asked to immediately remove the child from the Playground site upon notification. The following will be used as a guide; however, the Playground Director reserves the right to review all problems and suspend children at his/her discretion. In the end, we hope to never use suspensions and removals, but the safety and well-being of all children and staff is our first priority. These are just a few examples and we reserve the right to suspend at our discretion.

1-Day Suspensions:

Repeated use of inappropriate language, i.e., profanity
Repeated disruptive, disrespectful behavior or bullying towards any staff or child
Stealing of HARC, staff, or other children's property

3-Day Suspensions:

Intentional destruction or abuse of playground and/or park property. Guardians will be responsible for any fees required to repair/replace damaged property.

5-Day Suspensions:

Fighting or dangerous actions-directed towards any child or staff

Permanent Suspensions:

Any repeated physical or verbal attack or threat toward any child or staff.
Any weapons or possessions judged harmful by the staff will be confiscated and result in permanent program suspension.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Arts and Crafts:

In order to keep arts & crafts costs to a minimum, we are asking for your help. Please consider donating supplies listed on the Playground Bulletin Board's "Giving Trees."

PLAYGROUND FIELD TRIPS

Participation for all trips is optional. Field trip participants must be dropped off and picked up at Amos Herr Park on the day of the trip. Ample staff remains at the site with the remaining children while trips are occurring. Field trip participants are required to wear a playground shirt, which will be provided to you at the child's first field trip.

Each trip has a limited number of spaces available. Registration for trips is first come, first serve. **Trip registration will only be taken with full payment – Spaces cannot be held without payment.** Waiting lists will be maintained for filled trips. Trip dates are subject to change, dependent on weather conditions.

*****Please note the times listed for return are estimated. Remember that fees for all field trips and special events are non-refundable. No Refunds. No exceptions.**



Pool Party Days -All Playground sites are closed on Pool Party days.

Friday, June 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (rain date July 1)

Friday, July 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (rain date July 15)

Friday, July 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (rain date July 29)

Cost: \$15/child (includes pool party & lunch)

Drop-off and pick-up at East Petersburg Community Pool.

All Playground sites are closed on Pool Party days.



The Castle Roller Skating (100 max. each)

<http://castlerollerskating.com/>

#1 Tuesday, June 14

#2 Tuesday, August 2

Itinerary:

9:15 a.m. Depart Amos Herr Park

10:00 a.m. Arrive at The Castle

10:00 a.m. Skating and Fun!!!

12:00 p.m. Depart The Castle

12:30 p.m. Arrive at Amos Herr Park

Fee: \$26

The Castle is a Roller Skating Rink! The trip includes two hours of roller skating, arcade games, and a pizza and drink for lunch. We pay for the quads (skates). If you would like to wear rollerblades, please bring an additional \$1.50. OPTIONAL Snack bar is open (if your child would like a snack, please send money). Campers should wear playground field trip t-shirt. Bagged lunch may be brought, but will be eaten at A. Herr Park when they return.



Lancaster Barnstormers (50 max.)

<http://www.lancasterbarnstormers.com>

Thursday, June 16

Itinerary:

10:15 a.m. Depart Amos Herr Park

2:00 p.m. Arrive back at Amos Herr park

Fee: \$28

Take me out to the ball game! Participants will enjoy a baseball game against the Somerset Patriots. Participants will receive lunch, which includes a hotdog, chips, and a drink. Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.



Guppy Gulch (50 max. each)

#1 Tuesday, June 21

#2 Thursday, July 28

www.guppygulchcamp.com

Itinerary:

9:00 a.m. – Drop off at Amos Herr Park

10:00 a.m.- Arrive at Guppy Gulch

2:30 p.m. – Leave Guppy Gulch

3:30 p.m. – Return to Amos Herr Park

Fee: \$40

Must be a strong swimmer and comfortable with water. 8-13 Years Old ONLY.

Itinerary:

Don't miss out on Guppy Gulch! A former quarry is now home to a freshwater reservoir with inflatable slides, climbing walls, bumper boats and more! Participants must be able to swim. Life jackets will be provided and must be worn at all times. Prior to departure, a liability form must be completed for each participant. The form can be found at the website above. Children will need a bagged lunch! Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.



The Laserdome (110 max. each)

1 Thursday, June 23

2 Thursday, July 7

3 Tuesday, July 26

www.laserdome.com

Fee: \$30

Itinerary:

9:00 am Depart Amos Herr Park

12:00 pm Lunch - lunch not provided, just a fountain soda – please pack a lunch

1:15 pm Return to Amos Herr Park

Play a 40-minute game of laser tag and experience a laser light show concert! Please pack your child a lunch; a fountain soda will be provided. Your child is welcome to bring money to play video games or purchase additional snacks. Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.



Go 'N' Bananas (100 max. each)

1 Tuesday, June 28

2 Tuesday, July 19

Fee: \$32

<https://www.gonbananas.com/>

Itinerary:

9:00 am Depart Amos Herr Park

12:00 pm Arrive back at Amos Herr park (Lunch at Amos Herr Park – not provided)

Trip includes admission to Go 'N Bananas and a \$10 game card. Campers will be able to engage in mini bowling, spin zone, laser tag, and ballocity and use their game card in the arcade. There is no monkeying around, it's "Go N" to be Bananas! Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.



Zoo America Tour and Live Animal Show (50 max. each)

Thursday, June 30

Itinerary:

- 9:15 am Load bus at Amos Herr Park
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at Zoo – not provided – please pack lunch
- 2:30 pm Load Bus to Amos Herr Park
- 3:15 p.m. Arrive back at Amos Herr

Don't miss this fun filled day of exploring. Zoo America in Hershey. We will visit with and observe so many animals that live in North America, including black bears, bison, elk, wolves and so many more! **Please pack a lunch for your child.** Children may bring additional money to purchase snacks or novelties. Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.

Fee: \$28

Fee is non-refundable



Lake Tobias Wildlife Park & Safari Tour (50 max.)

www.laketobias.com

Tuesday, July 12

Itinerary:

- 9:00 a.m. Load Bus at A Herr Park
- 9:10 a.m. Depart for Lake Tobias
- 10:15 a.m. Arrive at Lake Tobias – special programs/safari tour
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 3:00 p.m. Leave from Lake Tobias
- 4:00 p.m. Return to Amos Herr Park

Fee: \$34

Animals, reptiles and birds from around the world can be found here. Trip includes admission, safari ride, and reptile show. Campers should wear their camp t-shirt and bring a brown bag lunch. Spending money for the gift shop is optional.



Cherry Crest Farm Fun Amazing Corn Maize Maze (50 max.)

www.cherrycrestfarm.com

Thursday, July 14 1 Bus

Itinerary:

9:15a.m. – Load bus at Amos Herr Park

9:30a.m. – Depart for Cherry Crest Adventure Farm

10:15a.m. – Arrive at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm

2 p.m. – Depart Cherry Crest Adventure Farm

2:45p.m. – Return to Amos Herr Park

Fee: \$34 Fee is non-refundable

Don't miss this fun filled day of exploring The Amazing Maize Maze, Small Mazes, Giant Slides, Farm Tour Wagon Ride, Pedal Carts, Singing Chicken Show, and much more. Please pack a lunch for your child. Children may bring additional money to purchase snacks or novelties. Participants must wear their playground field trip shirt.