

PRE-K SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

PARENT GUIDE

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WELCOME!

We are excited to have your child registered in our playground program! Staff will be busy training in preparation for starting the week of June 15th.

Enclosed are the guidelines for our program. We plan on providing your child with a fun and exciting summer program with safety being our number one concern. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with our guidelines so there is a common understanding of the Plymouth Playground Programs.

We look forward to having your child in our program this summer!

REMINDERS



Kids Fest | Thursday, August 6th

Join us at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd, for a fun-filled evening with entertainment, food trucks, games, activities, and prizes! Carnival game tickets are 25¢ each or \$10 for an Unlimited Wristband (\$8 if purchased by 7/31). Games and activities cost 1-4 tickets each.



Notifications

We utilize a notification system called Remind to send out reminders via text or email. The instructions on how to sign up for the program are attached. If you have any questions, please call our office.

SAFETY

Our main goal is to provide a safe and fun program for your child this summer. Please read and follow the guidelines so that we can provide you and your child the best possible experience this summer.

- > > **WEATHER:** Programs will be cancelled for SEVERE WEATHER OR HEAVY RAINS. Do not send your child to the park if there is a severe weather warning for the area. Please call the Recreation Weather Line at 763-509-5205 to confirm a program cancellation. We will also send out a notification through the Remind system. If rain/severe weather effects the program while in progress parents may be contacted to pick up early.
- > > **DROP OFF/PICK UP:** Please drop off and pick up your child on time. We are only able to supervise your child during program times (Play Leaders move between different programs and sites throughout the day). You must sign in and sign out your child each day. If someone other than the parent is picking the child up, please fill out a pick up authorization form (included in this packet).
- > > **LEAVING EARLY:** Please notify us if your child needs to leave the program early, you must provide written notification to the Playground Leaders at the start of the program that day. Children will not be allowed to leave the program without permission from parent.
- > > **ILLNESS/INJURY:** If your child is seriously ill or injured, both 911/ Emergency Personnel and you will be contacted immediately. For any non-life threatening illnesses or injuries, you will be contacted first to determine what course of action you would like to take (e.g.: You will pick up the child). If we cannot reach you or your designated contact person, 911/Emergency Personnel may be contacted.
- > > **SNACKS:** Please try not to send any snacks with your child that contain nuts or nut butters (e.g.: peanut butter). We do have children in our program that have severe nut allergies.
- > > **WATER:** Please remember to send a full water bottle with your child each day. Even on the cool days we work up a sweat with all of our play and need to stay hydrated.
- > > **TOYS:** Please keep play weapons at home - they are not allowed in the playground program. Children will be allowed to bring water guns on designated water days - Playground Leaders will inform children of upcoming days that include water play.

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The primary goal of the Plymouth Playground Program is to provide a FUN summer experience for all of the participants. Please assist us by reviewing the Behavior Guidelines with your child. We have a staff of talented and dedicated playground leaders who will continue to reinforce these guidelines throughout the summer!

BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

- Listen to the playground staff and teen volunteers.
- Treat others with respect.
- Keep a positive attitude.
- Ask before you leave the area (i.e. to use the restroom).

DISCIPLINE POLICY

- 1ST OFFENSE: Verbal warning from leader.
- 2ND OFFENSE: Supervised timeout from program for 5-10 minutes (parent notified by Play Leader).
- 3RD OFFENSE: Parent is asked to pick up their child from the program and their child will not be able to attend the next scheduled day's program.
- 4TH OFFENSE: Child released from the program.

REMIN D NOTIFICATIONS

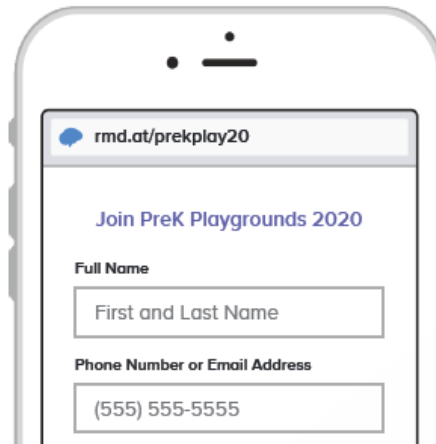
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>> **OPTION 1** If you have a smart phone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/prekplay20

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



>> **OPTION 2** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @prekplay20 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @prekplay20 to 763-645-5973.



PERMISSION SLIPS

Please complete and return to Play Leader as necessary.

PICK-UP PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child, _____ to be

(circle one/both) picked up/dropped off from the Playground Program at

_____ Park by _____

on _____ (date).

Parent Signature

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