



Education is a whole-life process; it's the sum of what we learn that enables us to live satisfying and meaningful lives. Self-Directed Education is about being supported and empowered to direct our own process and create our own lives.

<https://www.self-directed.org/tp/summer-of-self-direction/>

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019 Green River Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp! We are excited to have your children spend their time with us. Our camp philosophy will be based on putting the children in the driver's seat, creating a fun and engaging environment that is safe and encourages creative discovery. Each day children will have freedom to make choices and create their own path to learning and building confidence as they go. As a staff, we will be there to guide them to build meaningful relationships, be creative, and discover new things. Each day our time will be divided between several types of activities.

First, back by popular demand, we will have off site field trips each week. These include: gymnastics at the pavilion, Evers Splash Park, archery at FMC red barn, Dip Dodge and Slide at Century West Park, the movie theater, and the Green River Recreation Center for swimming. We will also be taking in town and out of town field trips that differ each week. These can be found on your weekly schedule. New this year, for some field trips children will have the choice of going on the field trip or staying on site and learning through one or more of our stations.

Next, we will have designated station time. During station time kids can freely choose what they want to do by creating and discovering new things. At each of the following stations there will be staff available to guide learning and answer questions, but this time is designed for kids to have the freedom to play and create as they would like. This summer we will have these stations available:

- **Creativity Corner:** This is our art area. Here students can choose between the project of the day or whatever they can think up or want to try! We will have supplies like paper, glue, paint, markers, and more. The possibilities are endless.
- **Sports Center:** Sports Center is the place for kids on the move. We will have daily planned games like scooter races, basketball, tag, or human hungry hippos, but there is also the freedom for them to play whatever sport they choose that day.
- **Home Ec:** Here students will be able to learn life skills. They will learn simple cooking skills such as measuring and decorating goodies. They will learn about nutrition and manners. They will also be participating in STEM based activities. There will be sewing and knitting at this station.
- **Relaxation Station:** This is our space to hang with friends, take a break and relax. We will have books, board games, legos with guides to make awesome projects, Keva planks, as well as a staff member to lead quiet activities.
- **Playground Mania:** Here kids can have free play time on the playground or play one of our staff led activities like Hot Lava Tag. The grass field near the playground is where outdoor sports such as soccer will take place.
- **Game Nation:** Game Nation will have the table top versions of air hockey, pool, curling, shuffleboard, ping pong, and foosball. We will also keep kids moving in Game Nation with Dance Dance Revolution or Wii sports.

Lastly, we will have Daily Specials. These will be structured staff lead activities that kids can choose to participate in. They will include favorites like science and some soon to be favorites like Cooking, Dance and so much more.

New this year, our Summer Day Camp will be registering each participant in summer reading through the Sweetwater County Library. The children will be able to log their minutes online and earn tickets to receive prizes. We are excited to implement this and hope you will join with us in encouraging your children to read this summer! If you plan on registering your child separately, please let us know so we can remove them from our group online.

Also new this summer is the addition of Study Island! Summer Day Camp will be using a computer lab at Monroe and working together with Sweetwater County School District #2 to provide a fun and entertaining way to help keep the children up to date with what they've been learning in school. Time spent with Study Island will be tracked and rewarded.

Attached to this letter is our schedule. The schedule is broken down by time and activity. If you need to pick your child up early you can find us at the designated location. Times may not be exact, but they are as close as we can guess since we are working with children. Please call our site cell phone if you need to get ahold of us. The number is **307-870-4014**.

During camp, be sure that your child has all the required supplies with them each day. This includes: **athletic shoes, backpack, water (in a refillable water bottle with their name on it), two healthy snacks, an extra change of clothes and a jacket**. Please do not send your child(ren) wearing sandals. **For out of town field trips, you may provide a healthy lunch or we can get them a lunch from the School District.** We will take a lunch count the morning of the trip. We also ask that you donate one bottle of sunscreen per week. This will ensure that all campers are comfortable and prepared each day. When we are outside we will be reapplying sunscreen every 80-120 minutes. This requires a large amount of sunscreen so your donation is very important and appreciated.

We ask that you do not send sugary snacks, candy, soda pop, or personal items such as toys, trading cards, blankets or electronics with your child(ren) to Summer Day Camp. We try to promote healthy lifestyles and use School District #2 nutritional guidelines. After several years of Summer Camp we are also recommending, but **not** requiring a two piece tankini for girls during water days. (This is only a recommendation because we ask that they wear their swimsuit under their clothes and it is easier for them to use the restroom with a two piece swim suit.) We would appreciate if you send all items with the child's name written somewhere on them.

If you would like your child to have popcorn and a drink at the movie you will need to send them with exactly **\$3.00** on movie day, which is every Thursday. If you know how many movies your child will be attending during the summer, you may send the exact total amount with them the first week and we will keep track. We ask that you send your child in the colored shirt noted on the schedule for field trip days.

We strive to make summer camp a safe and enjoyable place for your child. We hope that it will be a wonderful experience, full of fun and lasting friendships.

Please sign and return all permission slips attached to this letter by the next business day. The signed form will be required before children will be able to participate in the activities. Each child needs their own permission slip.

Sincerely,

Katie Duncombe, CPRP
Recreation Supervisor

Field Trips Summer Day Camp 2019

Please initial all that your child has permission to participate in. Each child must have their own permission slip.

- _____ Gymnastics and Nerf Wars at the Pavilion (weekly)
- _____ Archery at FMC Red Barn (weekly)
- _____ Movie at Star Twin Theater (weekly)
- _____ Swimming at Green River Recreation Center (weekly)
- _____ Dip, Dodge & Slide at Rock Springs (weekly)
- _____ Evers Splash Park (June 11, July 2, July 9)
- _____ Bowling at the Fish Bowl, Green River (June 10, July 8)
- _____ Library Activities at White Mountain Library and Broadway Theater (July 8, July 22)
- _____ Fort Bridger and Piedmont Kilns (June 4)
- _____ Soul Studio (June 11)
- _____ Southwest Wyoming Regional Airport WW2 Bomber Tour (June 13)
- _____ Trout Unlimited at Expedition Island (June 17)
- _____ Manila, UT Agriculture Day (June 18)
- _____ Shrine Circus, Rock Springs (June 25)
- _____ Flaming Gorge Recreation Area (Hikes at Bear Canyon Bootleg Trail and Little Hole Trail) (July 3)
- _____ TBA (July 9)
- _____ Sweetwater Paint Creations (July 16)
- _____ Granger Stage Station (July 23)
- _____ Western Wyoming Community College Dino Tour (July 30)
- _____ Pineda's Kenpo Karate (July 31)

I hereby give my consent and certify that _____ is in normal health and capable of participating in Summer Day Camp. I understand that participation in Summer Day Camp involves certain risks and that regardless of the precautions taken by the Green River Parks and Recreation Department, or the participants, some injury may occur.

I hereby give my consent for City of Green River staff to use sunscreen and bug repellent on my child.

_____ Please Initial for sunscreen/bug spray Use

*special sunscreen/bug spray needs _____

Pictures and videos of the children will be taken periodically during summer camp. Some of these will be used in promotional purposes for the City of Green River.

_____ Photos of my child may be used. Opt out

(Please Initial)

Parent/Guardian:

Date:
