



2010 All Stars Camp Parent Information

Welcome!

We're glad your child is coming to All Stars Camp this summer! This annual camp is designed to help young people transition from their familiar elementary schools to the more challenging culture of middle school. Your involvement is key to the success of this exciting program.

Logistics:

If you're not sure which week your child's registered for camp, feel free to confirm by calling 581-1230. Camp will run from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the PBA site on Weibel Avenue. We have a full, active schedule. It's important that your child **arrives between 8:45 and 9:00** and be **picked up at 3:00**. The PBA Range is located on Weibel Avenue, which runs between Route 50 and Lake Avenue, northeast of Saratoga Springs. Look for our flags and camp banner at the driveway entrance on Weibel Avenue.

There is a waiting list for camp. If for any reason your child has to drop out, please notify let us know as soon as possible by calling **581-1230** so that other families can make plans.

The Program:

The All Stars Camp is a traditional day camp experience *with a difference!* Twice each day your child will participate in "All-Stars," which is rated a model program by the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. That means it has confirmed long-lasting results in reducing alcohol, tobacco, other drug use, violence, and sexual activity among middle school students. It's a fun and interactive program that builds on the information and skills youth acquired in their 5th grade D.A.R.E. program. You will receive more information about the program on the first day of camp.

Since preventing early sexual activity is one of the goals of the program, there is mention of sex in some of the materials. The curriculum promotes sexual abstinence just as it promotes abstinence from substance use and violence. If you have any questions about the content, please call 581-1230. We'll be happy to give you an opportunity to review the curriculum, or look for more information on our website at www.saratogapartnership.org.

Every day your child will bring home a folder with material for you and a worksheet to share. You should plan to take at least 15 minutes each evening to discuss the sheet with your child, sign it, and then make sure that s/he brings it back to camp in the morning.

Friday morning: Campers will travel by school bus to the Maple Avenue Middle School campus. While there, they will be given a tour of the facility, interact with school staff and a student panel, and have the opportunity to practice working the combination locks on student lockers.

Friday afternoon: There will be a **Graduation Celebration** beginning at 2:00 PM in the Maple Avenue Middle School auditorium. During the celebration, campers will receive their T-shirts and camp certificates. The celebration will culminate with a brief video of highlights from the week. **If possible, please join your child for this meaningful event.**

Attendance:

While at camp, your child will become an important member of their All Stars Team. It is expected that campers will attend all five days of the program. Attendance is taken each morning at 9:00. If your child must be absent, please call the camp office at **587-3037** by 8:45 a.m.

Dress:

Campers should dress comfortably and for the weather. **Sneakers are required.** Revealing attire and clothing that displays slogans and artwork related to alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, gangs or violence is not permitted. It is recommended that your child wear sunscreen and insect repellent each day.

Food:

Campers need to bring a water bottle, at least one snack and a bag lunch Monday ó Thursday. We will provide a snack and a pizza lunch on Friday. Please let us know if your child has any food allergies.

Staff:

The experienced staff includes Camp Director Erin Lloyd and Activities Director Evan Williamson, prevention professionals Maureen Cary and Robin Ambrosino of the Saratoga Partnership for Prevention, Patty Kilgore of the Prevention Council, and trained college interns from the Prevention Council's "Cool Out of School" Program.

Photographs:

We expect that there will be media coverage of camp. In addition, pictures will be used on the Saratoga Partnership for Prevention's website, for the Friday celebration, and in public relations materials. If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please notify camp staff.

Questions Prior to July 14th:

Please call 581-1230 during business hours, or leave a message in the Prevention Council mailbox after hours and your phone call will be returned as soon as possible.

After July 17th, please call 587-3037 during camp hours Monday through Thursday.
On Fridays, please call Maple Avenue School at 587-4551, extension 2000.

**FAMILIES ARE INVITED to the Graduation Celebration
at Maple Avenue School on Fridays at 2:00 p.m.!**