



JUMP START SPORTS

Aurora Sports Camp Parent Information

Camp Directors – Aron Olaffoster and Kaitlin Catalani

Coach Kaitlin has a lot of experience working with children, both in a camp and classroom setting. She has taught kindergarten for the past ten years and worked for the science centers summer camps for four years. She loves seeing kids excitement and joy when they are actively involved in an activity or project. She is originally from Aurora and is excited to be back working with the children in this community. Kaitlin's cell number is: 216-403-1204

Coach Aron is finishing up a degree in Early Childhood Education at Kent State University. He has two and a half years of field experience with kindergarten, first and second grade classes. He is beyond excited to support the development of my campers as athletes, and as young people. Coach Aron has been playing lacrosse since second grade, and has experience coaching many lacrosse camps. Other sports he has played throughout his life are soccer, football, golf, basketball and wrestling. Aron's cell number is: 330-221-9469

Please use this number ONLY for emergencies during camp hours. If you need to reach a member of the Jump Start team, after camp hours please call Rick Hart at 330-571-3424 or via email at rhart@jumpstartsports.com.

I. Mission Statement: Our goal is to provide each camper with an exciting and meaningful summer experience. We strive to create a highly active, encouraging, and safe environment in which children have the opportunity to create new friendships, learn the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, and develop self-esteem by improving their abilities in both physical skills and social communication. Jump Start Sports is committed to helping children of all skill levels benefit physically, emotionally, psychologically, and socially through their participation in sports.

II. Weekly Theme: Each week of camp focuses on a different sport or theme. A program will be designed for each age group of both genders. Campers engage in activities that will enable them to learn fun facts about the sport/theme, gain an understanding of the rules and components, and participate in age appropriate drills designed to improve their abilities and provide them many opportunities for success. Campers will also compete in fun, low-key game play and competitions that strongly emphasize sportsmanship and teamwork. The themed activities occur during the morning portion camp.

III. Equipment:

All equipment for the weekly sport/themes will be provided. Each camper will receive a Jump Start Sports cinch bag for their belongings. We recommend that each camper:

- Bring and wear sunscreen. We can apply spray during the day, but we like them to come with a base.
- Bring water bottle every day. We will have ice water available for refills
- Wear socks and tennis shoes. Crocs and sandals are NOT adequate for the daily activities.

IV. Drop Off: Camp drop off is Door #4, a Gymnasium Entrance. It is located in the courtyard, by where the school buses park. Campers **MUST** be walked to check in by a parent/adult. Campers **MUST** also be signed in to camp by an adult. *When signing your child in, you will communicate with the staff who will be picking your child up that day. The person picking up must show their ID to our staff when signing the child out.*

V. Morning Routine: After “roll call” each day, campers will first play a fun, active all camp game such as “Capture the Flag” or “British Bulldog”. Campers will then participate in the planned, weekly themed activities and games until it is time for lunch.

VI. Lunch: Lunch is from 11:45AM – 12:15PM. Please pack your child’s lunch daily. The lunches will be stored inside, but will not be refrigerated. We also recommend packing an extra snack for the afternoon. If your child has any food allergies, please notify the Director.

VII. Half-Day Campers: Children attending the morning session only, are welcome to stay for lunch. Pick up for morning campers should be at 12:00PM. If they are eating lunch with the rest of camp, please pick them up no later than 12:15PM. Afternoon campers may come early to have lunch with their friends or arrive between 12:00PM -12:15PM for afternoon activities.

VIII. Afternoon Electives: In the Afternoons; we will play a variety of gym games, partake in nature activities, playground fun and enjoy crafts.

IX. Pick Up: Parents should arrive for pick up no later than 3:00PM, if you are not registered for after care. Please be sure to check the camper out by signing the camp roster and showing ID to the staff. *You will now be required to show your ID when signing your child out of camp. The name on the ID MUST match the name written down by the parent/adult at drop off. If we were not told this particular person was picking up, we will reach out to the phone number given as the emergency contact to verify.* We want your children to be in the safest environment possible! Campers remaining after 3:00PM will be considered part of After Care and will need to pay the After Care Fee. **We ask all parents to please be timely.**

X. Before and After Care: Before Care begins at 7:30AM and After Care runs until 6:00PM.

Before and After Care are Online. Money will NOT be exchanged at camp! If you are interested in Before Care or After Care, you must sign-up online before the service is needed.

After Care Late Policy: Please understand that our staff is only scheduled to work until **6:00PM**. Be sure to arrive on time. If you arrive after 6:00PM, you will be charged \$1 for every minute late up to 15 minutes. After 6:15PM, you will be charged \$2/minute. The fee will then be due the following day at drop off. If you are late more than one time, we will not allow you to use the After Care service again. Please be timely!!

XI. Discipline Plan:

1. **Verbal Warning:** Children will be asked to refrain from a specified behavior. A maximum of 2 verbal warnings will be given before a Time Out is issued.
2. **Time Out:** The staff member will take the child to the side and explain why their behavior was inappropriate. Children will not be able to participate in activities until the age appropriate Time Out is over.
3. **Disciplinary Reports:** If a problem persists, a disciplinary report will be given to the parent/guardian upon pick-up. Disciplinary reports will be kept in the child's file.
4. **Parent Phone Call:** If the action is affecting the well-being of the rest of the camp, the parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick the child up immediately. If this action takes place 3 times during the course of the program, the child will be dismissed from camp with no refund granted.
5. **Removal from Camp:** If it gets to this point Rick and the Camp Director should be contacted.

**When checking your child in for their first week of camp, you will need to initial that you have read and understand the discipline plan.*

XII. Valuables and Money: Campers SHOULD NOT bring valuables or money to camp. Computer/video games and cell phones will not be permitted at camp under any circumstances. If a camper does bring valuables, such as a watch or jewelry, we are not responsible for the loss or theft of the item.

XIII. Camper Attire: Children should wear comfortable clothing and **tennis shoes to camp daily**. They will be very physically active every day and sandals/crocs are not suitable for any activities. Also, please do not have campers wear anything that you do not want them to get dirty or possibly damaged.

XIV. Facebook Fridays: Every Friday, we will be posting pictures on our Facebook page from each camp location. This will give you a visual narrative of what we did within that week. We think this will be a fun way to stay connected. Please be sure to check it out! The waiver signed upon registration included permission to post pictures and other images. Individual children will never be "tagged" or identified. If you do not want your child's image included in any post on social media, please notify us by email at Bhelmer@jumpstartsports.com

Reminder:

Anything that is brought to camp should be marked with your child's full name (water bottles, jackets, lunch boxes, ect.). Many things are left each day, and this will help us return your child's belongings.