



2019 Hudson Sports Camp Parent Information

Hudson Camp Directors

Sports Camp: Alli Baylor. Alli is a long time Hudson resident and a graduate of Hudson High School where she played Varsity Basketball and Track. She graduated from Valparaiso University in 2018, where she starred on the track team. She is now a full time teacher and has attended Jump Start Sports Camps as a camper, counselor, assistant director, and director. If you have an urgency during camp hours, her cell phone number is 330-592-6717.

Preschool Camp: Courtney Alexandrino left the Florida sunshine to pursue a Master's Degree in Deaf Education at Kent State University. Prior to coming to Ohio, she worked for two years as an English teacher for the Peace Corps in the Republic of Georgia. While there she directed and organized a sports and nutrition camp for girls and worked with schools country-wide to host field day events for students with special needs. Coach Courtney has a passion for working with children from a young age and has also served as a tutor, big sister, and behavior therapist. She is excited to join Jump Start Sports this summer as the Preschool Camp Director and looks forward to working with your children! Courtney will also be assisting Alli at the Sports Camp when the Preschool Camp is not in session. If you have an urgency during camp hours her cell phone number is 305-898-2930.

Please only use these numbers for an urgent situation during camp hours. You can also reach Rick Hart, the Executive Director of Jump Start Sports, at 330-571-3424 or via email at rhart@jumpstartsports.com.

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.

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. All equipment for the weekly sport/themes will be provided.

What to Bring and Wear

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 a 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.

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

Campers SHOULD NOT bring valuables to camp. Electronics 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.

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 recommend also packing an extra snack for later in the day.

New this year: On Fridays, HCER is introducing "Camp Cafe" which will offer a different hot lunch each Friday. You can see each week's menu and pay online through HCER no later than 9am Wednesday each week. Lunches are prepared and served in the HCSD kitchen by HCSD staff and costs \$5.

Consistent with the Hudson City Schools policy, Hudson Sports Camp is a Nut Aware Environment. All staff will be notified of any children who have food allergies and all children will be required to wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after eating lunch. Please discuss any specific concerns you have for your child with the Camp Director and Rick Hart.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Camp check in begins at 8:45 AM daily. Our staff will be on site prior to that getting prepared for the day, but we will not be able to care for your children at that time. If you do need to drop your child(ren) off prior to 8:45, please arrange for before camp care with HCER. The registration table is in front of the gymnasium entrance at the east end of the school. Parents must walk their children to the registration table and sign them in. When signing in your child, please communicate with the staff who will be picking them up that day. If campers are biking or walking to camp, please have them bring a note on Monday giving them permission to bike or walk home each day.

Campers will be assembled in the gymnasium for pick up around 2:45PM. Parents should arrive for pick up no later than 3:00PM. Please be sure to check the camper out by signing the camp roster and showing an ID. The name on the ID MUST match the name written down from the parent at drop off. If we were not told this particular person was picking up, we will then reach out to the phone number given as the emergency contact to verify. Campers remaining after 3:10pm will be escorted to HCER After Camp Child Care in the Hudson Middle School Commons and parents will be responsible for payment to HCER.

Half-Day Campers are welcome to stay for lunch. Pick up for morning campers should be between 11:45 AM and 12:15 PM. 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.

Before and After Camp Care will be managed by HCER and will be held in the Hudson Middle School Commons. Jump Start Sports staff will escort campers from Before Camp Care and to After Camp Care. Please call HCER for details and pricing information (330) 653-1210.

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.

Afternoon Electives

The afternoon electives offered vary each day. Below is a schedule of when each afternoon elective offered and descriptions of the electives. Parents are encouraged to review the electives with their child to help select activities and to be sure their child has any additional equipment required such as a swimsuit, bicycle, and biking helmet, etc. On short weeks, the schedule of afternoon activities will be revised.

- **Mondays**
 - Walk to Veteran’s Way Splash Pad
 - Campers choose from a variety of sports and fun gym games
- **Tuesdays**
 - Horseback riding
 - Bike Ride to Colony Park
 - Campers choose from a variety of sports and fun gym games
- **Wednesdays**
 - Walk to the Green for Ice Cream!
- **Thursdays**
 - Bike Ride to Hudson Springs Park
 - Campers choose from a variety of sports and fun gym games
- **FUN Fridays**
 - Special Activities will be planned every Friday!
 - Walk to Veteran’s Way Splash Pad

Special Afternoon Electives

Horseback riding: Horseback riding is \$15 per session for a program conducted by the Hudson Equestrian Center. Horseback riding is limited to 10 campers per week and is conducted on a “first come, first served” basis. Campers will ride their bikes to the equestrian center, which is located just over 1.5 miles away from camp at 2242 Ravenna Street.

Biking: Trips to Colony Park and Hudson Springs Park on Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, each week. The Jump Start Sports staff has designed very safe routes and procedures for all of our bike trips. The Hudson School campus, infrequently traveled roadways, and nearby parks (with extensive biking trails) provide an ideal setting for 4-5 mile (round trip) bike rides which are challenging and fun for young children. We maintain a minimum of a 6-1 camper to staff ratio for all bike trips. A car follows the caravan to forewarn oncoming automobiles and to aid any straggling bikers. Hudson Police, Hudson City Parks Department, and Hudson EMS are also notified prior to departure on all trips. All campers who would like to go on bike rides must have a bike that is in very good condition and a suitable bike helmet. Parents can drop off their child’s bike in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon. Bikes are stored at the Middle School outdoor bike rack and can be kept overnight at the owner’s risk. A bike lock is recommended.

Fishing: Fishing will be offered on all bike trips to Hudson Springs Park. The camp will provide limited bait and tackle. Campers who would like to fish may also bring their own gear, which will be transported by the escorting car. Fishing gear is stored in the counselor’s room before and after the bike trip.

Discipline Policy

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

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 the 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.
5. **Suspension:** If the bad behavior continues after a formal report and/or a phone call is made to the parents, JSS Management will enforce a one day suspension. There will be no refund granted for this missed time.
6. **Expulsion:** If the behavior persists after Suspension, JSS Management will enforce an expulsion from camp. There will be no refund granted for any camp time paid for that would be lost in this case.
7. **Emergency Situation:** If there is ever a concern for the health or well being of other campers, JSS Management reserves the right to forego this procedure and go directly to Expulsion.
8. **Consultation of Authorities:** Prior to any suspension or expulsion, JSS Management will consult with the proper authorities at the school system and/or recreation department hosting the camp.

This policy is rarely enforced to the point of Expulsion and parents receive ample communication prior to that point. It is vital to the safety of all of the children at camp, however, that all parents or guardians are aware of this policy.

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