



2019 Cleveland Heights Summer Fun Camp Parent Information

Camp Directors – Juan Del Valle and Mary Kate Kendel

Coach Juan is an educational aide in Shaker Heights. Prior to that, he spent 16 years teaching social skills at the positive education program. He has over 35 years experience working with youth in various capacities, ranging from CYO basketball coach to a camp counselor at an outdoor wilderness program for troubled youth. He is looking forward to using his experience and positive outlook on life to enhance the summer camp experience for your children. Juan's Number is: 216-645-6359

Coach Mary Kate graduated this Spring from the University of Mount Union with a major in Sport Business and a minor in Chinese. This is her fourth summer working with Jump Start Sports at the Cleveland Heights Summer Fun Camp and she is super excited to be back once again! However, her summer will be cut short. Coach Mary Kate is leaving at the end of July to move to Shanghai, China, where she will be teaching English to children with EF English First! She is looking forward to making her last summer with Jump Start a great one! Mary Kate's Number is: 216-780-5470

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

Kelly Robinson will be the Assistant Director. She is a senior Early Childhood Education major, minoring in spanish at John Carroll University. She has grown up playing sports her whole life. Her two favorite things are being active and spending time with children. She is thrilled to be a part of the Jump Start Sports team and to learn and grow with your kids!

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.

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. There will be a wide variety of activities offered in the afternoons. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, swimming is offered. Please pack a swimsuit and towel for your child every day because if we do not have swimming, we may offer water games. On Tuesday afternoons we have skating. Skates are provided by the Rec Center. There will be a wide variety of other electives offered.

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.

Drop Off:

Campers MUST be walked in by a parent through the front of the Recreation Center. Once you have entered the center, you will be directed to the Child Care Room. This will be our "home base" for the summer. We will have a counselor there to show you the way. Once you are into the Child Care Room, you MUST sign your child in each day. When signing your child in, you will communicate with the staff who will be picking them up that day. This process will secure the safest environment for your child. You may also make any special arrangements at that time.

Pick Up

Parents should arrive for pick up no later than 3:00pm, if you are not registered for after care. When retrieving your child, please be sure to check the camper out by signing the camp roster and showing ID. You will also be required to show your 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. PLEASE bring your ID when picking up your child. We want your children to be in a safe environment and this helps us achieve that. Campers remaining after 3:00 will be considered after care kids. After care pick up ends at 6:00pm. We ask that all parents, please be timely.

Half-Day Campers

Children attending the morning session only are welcome to stay for lunch and get picked up after lunch at an assigned location. Pickup for morning campers should be at Noon. Afternoon campers may come early to have lunch with their friends or arrive at 12:15 for afternoon activities.

Before and After Care

Before Care begins at 7:30AM and After Care runs until 6:00PM **NEW:** You are NOW able to register for Before and After Care Online! Money will not be exchanged at camp! You can register for extended care online at any time.

After Care Late Policy

Please understand that our staff is only scheduled to work until 6:00PM and our contract with the city only permits us to be there until that time.. 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.

Discipline Plan

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. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the physical well being of all of the campers and to ensure all campers feel that they are in a safe and fun environment. Discipline is meted in the following steps:

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.

Valuables and Money

Please do not allow your child to bring valuables or money (aside from lunch 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 cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of the item.

Campers Attire Campers should wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes to camp daily. They will be participating in many sports each day and crocs/sandals are not suitable for these activities. Also, if you do not want your child to get certain clothing dirty, I would suggest not wearing it to camp. We will be outside everyday and this may lead to damaged clothing. 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.

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