



The Newtown Township Parks & Recreation Department would like to welcome your family to Camp Newtown! We are excited to bring a safe and fun camp experience to your camper this season. In this packet, you will find important information about camp. Please read through this information thoroughly. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Your cooperation is essential to help the camp run successfully. Thank you for your support, and have a great, safe, and fun summer!

Camp Newtown Hours & Location

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Newtown Elementary School, 1 Wrights Road, Newtown, PA 18940

Camp Information & Communication

Camper Folders

Your camper will receive a folder on the first day of camp. It will include the camp calendar, camp directors' contact info, counselor names, and two camp shirts. If you did not pick up your placards at the township office, they will also be in the folder.

The camp calendar includes information on field trips, special events, and theme days. A weekly calendar will also be available with detailed information on what to bring and wear on those specific days of camp. The weekly calendars will be on Google Drive by the end of the business day on the Friday before. You will be notified of changes to the calendar as early as possible via email or text.

Google Drive Link

We have a Google Drive link that will be used for camp photos. The drive will also contain general information, including calendars and contact numbers. The Google Drive link will be emailed to everyone before the start of camp.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES

Camp begins at 9:00 am. Please note that drop-off is not permitted before 8:50 am.

Drop-off and pick-up for camp will be curbside. The Camp Directors will be outside during drop-off and pick-up to facilitate the process. A map showing the traffic pattern is included at the end of this packet.

A car line will start 10 minutes before camp, so you can drive up and drop off to the Camp Directors. They will be ready to greet your child and escort campers into the school. Please have your child ready to exit the car on the curb side. Our littlest campers should practice buckling and unbuckling to ensure a swift drop-off and pick-up. Campers are expected to be on time and ready to participate at the beginning of camp.

Each family will receive four name placards for pick up. Distribute these placards to anyone authorized to pick up your camper. Placards will need to be displayed on the dashboard. If you do not have a placard in your vehicle, you will be asked for a Photo ID and **MUST** be listed as an authorized pick-up person. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Placards will be available for pickup at the Parks & Recreation office M-F, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, from June 1st until June 19th. If you do not pick up your placards, they will be in your camper's take-home folder.

Campers must be picked up promptly at dismissal. After a 10-minute grace period, a late fee of \$5 will be charged for every additional five minutes. Late fees are assessed per camper.

LATE DROP-OFF AND EARLY PICK-UP GUIDELINES:

Late drop-off and early pick-up are discouraged!

On trip days and swim days, late drop-off and early pick-up are not permitted.

After 2:00 pm, no early pickup is permitted. Campers must wait to be picked up during regular dismissal.

Absolutely no drop-off is permitted at the back gate/blacktop area, even if campers are still outside.

If the Camp Directors are no longer outside, regular drop off has ended. Please **text the Assistant Camp Director's cell phone upon arrival** so they can escort your child into camp. Maintaining an accurate camper count is essential for safety. Dropping off campers without staff assistance can lead to confusion with attendance.

Please be aware of the safety of others when dropping off or picking up your child. Be considerate and patient, and watch your speed when pulling in and out of the parking lot.

CAMP NEWTOWN AFTER CARE

If your child is registered for aftercare, they are permitted to stay until 5:30 pm. For aftercare pick-up, parents will need to park in Newtown Elementary School's back parking lot (next to the shed/playground) and walk into the cafeteria. A table will be set up there. Please do not go past the table; we will call your child and bring them to you. You must present your ID or car placard when picking up your camper. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

RELEASE OF CAMPER(S)

We will release your child ONLY to the adults listed as authorized for pick up. If there are any special arrangements or legal restrictions that impact the drop-off and pick-up of a child, please submit that paperwork for our records.

TRANSPORTATION

Camp staff is not permitted to transport campers under any circumstances.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS & DRESS REQUIREMENTS

What to Wear

Sneakers (Flip flops and open-toed shoes will be allowed only during water activities.)

Comfortable athletic attire, sweatshirt (if needed), as the school is air-conditioned.

Sunscreen/Bug Spray

Campers should come to camp wearing sunscreen daily. Camp staff is **NOT** allowed to apply sunscreen to your camper. Please teach your child how to apply their own before the first day of camp. If your child is susceptible to burns on the scalp or hair part, be sure to send in a hat labeled with their name inside.

Label all items your child wears and brings to camp.

Extra Set of Clothing - If you feel it might be necessary, you can bring an extra set of clothing for your child to keep at camp. Please put it in a clearly labeled Ziploc bag and give it to the camp director. This will be returned at the end of camp.

What to Leave Home

Valuable items

Money

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

Cell phones are **NOT** permitted at camp. Camp Directors have phones available in case of emergencies. A list of directors' phone numbers will be in the folder that your camper receives on the first day of camp.

Electronics are not permitted at camp (i.e., nooks, iPads, handheld gaming systems, etc.).

We are not responsible for the safety of digital technology brought from home.

Campers are responsible for whatever they bring to camp. If it is valuable, please leave it at home.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Campers should bring a lunch, a reusable water bottle or drink(s), and snacks each day.

Monday is Pizza Day! Two slices of pizza will be provided to each camper. If your child does not like pizza or would prefer to bring their own lunch, please feel free to do so.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate dietary restrictions for the pizza provided.

Staff will encourage campers to drink plenty of water, as they will be active and spending time outdoors. Campers should bring a reusable water bottle to camp each day. Bottle-filling stations are available for refills throughout the day.

Please make sure all water bottles are clearly labeled and check them periodically to ensure names have not rubbed off.

We make every effort possible to ensure your child's safety. Any food allergies your child has should be documented on the Camp Newtown Information Form. We do promote a nut-free camp, but we cannot guarantee it.

TRIPS

The cost of all trips is included in the camp fee. If your child is not going on the trip, they cannot attend camp on that day. For safety and supervision reasons, campers may not be dropped off or picked up at off-site trip locations. This policy allows staff to maintain accurate headcounts and ensures that directors and counselors are fully available to supervise campers and respond to any needs throughout the trip.

SWIMMING

Campers go swimming at the Northampton Swim Club once a week for approximately 2.5 hours. Swim days are Wednesday and Friday, with half the camp going on each day. The swim schedule will be provided on the first day of camp. Please have your camper arrive at camp wearing their camp t-shirt, bathing suit, and sunscreen already applied. Be sure to pack a towel and extra sunscreen for reapplication.

If you'd like your camper to change out of their swimsuit before leaving the pool, they will need to exit the water 30 minutes early. Campers staying for aftercare can change when they return to school.

Campers may also bring money to purchase snacks from the snack stand.

The pool includes a roped-off area that is 3 feet deep. To swim outside of this area, campers must complete the **Deep Water Swim Test**.

The swim club has **four lifeguards on duty at all times**, and our counselors are also stationed around the pool to help supervise the campers. In addition, the **Camp Director or Assistant Director** accompanies the group to the pool to provide additional supervision.

(Pictures of the pool and the requirements for the **Deep Water Swim Test** are included at the end of this packet.)

Use of jackets, bubble flotation devices, including water wings, noodles, or other paraphernalia are prohibited. The use of US Coast Guard-approved flotation devices is permitted as long as a counselor is in the pool with the camper and is within arm's reach.

Northampton Swim Club requires parents to sign a waiver. A link to the form will be sent.

Camp Newtown has a designated area at the pool with several picnic tables and a canopy. There is also a snack stand where campers can purchase treats. We will send out more information about what items are available and how much they cost.

If your child is not going swimming, they cannot attend camp on that day.

For safety and supervision reasons, campers may not be dropped off or picked up at the swim club. This policy allows staff to maintain accurate headcounts and ensures that directors and counselors are fully available to supervise campers.

DISCIPLINE

All township programs follow a strict discipline policy. Fighting, profane, or abusive language will not be tolerated. If your child's behavior is disruptive and their conduct is inappropriate, you will be notified. Each child will be dealt with on an individual basis. The Camp Director or the Parks & Recreation Department will confer with the parent by telephone or in person. Please review the discipline policy with your child. See link below.

[Discipline Policy](#)

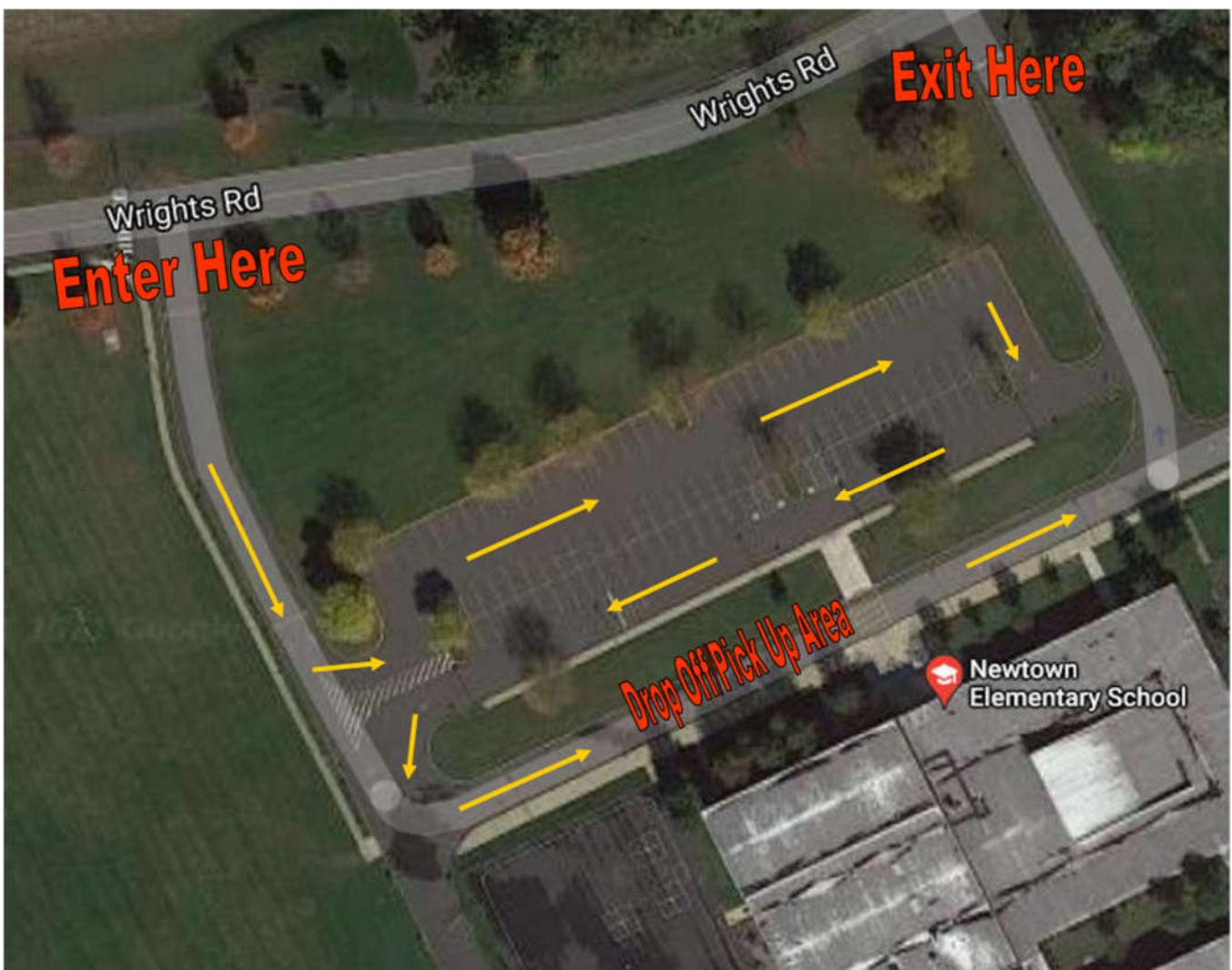
Camp Newtown Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Newtown Elementary School

1 Wrights Road, Newtown, PA 18940

Camp Newtown will use the side entrance of the gymnasium for drop-off/pick-up

Aftercare will use the cafeteria doors in the back of the school



Northampton Swim Club



DEEP WATER SWIM TEST

Who needs to take the deep water swim test?

Anyone under the age of 16 who wishes to swim independently outside the roped 3ft area of the pool.

How often is the test administered?

Once daily per camp group visitation period, minimally every 2 hours club is open.

How often can the test be taken?

Participants can make only one attempt per day to successfully complete the deep water test.

What are the requirements to pass the test?

1. Must jump from the side of the pool into a 5.5 or 9-foot section of the pool.
 - a. Participants may not slide in from the side. The requirement to jump is meant to ensure that if a swimmer accidentally falls into deep water, they can safely bring themselves back to the surface without assistance.
2. Tread water for 30 seconds.
 - a. The Lifeguard or Manager will alert the participant when time is up.
3. Swim approximately 25 yards (72 feet) across the width of the pool.
 - a. Participants may use any stroke or combination of strokes (including doggie paddle)
 - b. Must keep swimming, cannot stop
 - c. Cannot touch the pool wall or bottom, or hold onto the lifeguard or lifeguard rescue tube
4. Exit the pool using either the ladder or pulling themselves up by climbing the side of the pool.

Lifeguards will remain in the water within arm's reach of each participant throughout the test!

Successful completion of the Deep Water Swim Test is determined by the Swim Club Managers!

Participants who successfully complete the requirements will be issued a silicone swim band.

Names and dates are recorded in the Swim Test Log maintained at the Front Desk.

The swim band must be worn on the left wrist or upper arm, not the ankle, every time entering the pool. First swim band issued at no cost; replacement bands are \$1.00

If the swim band is lost or forgotten, swimmers will not be permitted outside the 3-foot section of the pool unless they purchase a replacement band.