

# SOUTHAMPTON SUMMER DAY CAMP

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*“The Perfect Place to Grow Up” Since 1973*

## A Parent’s Guide to Camp Transportation



### TRANSPORTATION OVERVIEW

The SSDC day begins and ends with a safe, spirited ride to and from camp. Camp provides **door to door service** from a bus, van or car. All of our drivers are 21+ years of age and are approved by our insurance carrier. All of our bus drivers are CDL certified and have undergone rigorous background checks with their respective bus company. All vehicles used by camp are subject to the stringent safety and insurance standards.

Parents can opt to drive their children within the normal camp day and receive a rebate per camper. Parents who choose this option will receive instructions prior to the first camp day on the SSDC’s pick-up and drop-off procedure.

### TRANSPORTATION BY CAMP

You will be happy to know that we can drive your children to and from camp each day as part of your tuition. Your child is not only guaranteed to make it to camp on-time but it’s also hassle-free for you.

Getting to and from camp is our first important activity of the day. The camp day truly begins when your child is picked up and does not conclude until he/she is safely returned to your home. We have concentrated on providing a safe and efficient camp transportation program since 1973 through our door to door service. We carefully select the best type of vehicle for each geographical situation and route.



Buses are driven by Commercial Drivers Licensed (CDL) drivers. All camp drivers must be 21+ years of age. All drivers must have a safe personal driving record and pass the camp’s insurance server’s stringent protocol for safe driving. Driver license and background checks are verified through the bus company or by camp. All vehicles used by camp for transportation are fully licensed and insured.

In addition to the professionally trained and experienced bus drivers, SSDC provides a Bus Counselor on all school buses. The role of the Bus Counselor is to take attendance, be sure that the children are seated, provide leadership to assist the campers in every way possible and help to ensure the safety of all campers.

We provide transportation throughout Bucks County, Montgomery County, and some areas of Philadelphia. Some of our stops include, but are not limited to: Huntingdon Valley, Holland, Ivyland, Richboro, Newtown, Warrington, Upper Dublin, Hatboro-Horsham, Abington, Cheltenham and Jamison. We cannot accept requests for specific drivers or modes of transportation. Your transportation may not necessarily be the same from summer to summer. You will be notified approximately one to two weeks before camp begins concerning your child's pick-up time by the driver or bus supervisor.

### ***SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT TRANSPORTATION***

- Choice of transportation mode for all campers is made by the Transportation Supervisor in conjunction with the camp's Executive Director.
- All campers are picked up and returned to the same address each day in the same vehicle.
- Based on PA State regulations, some children must be placed in special seating (car or booster seats).
- Any requests for extra transportation accommodations may result in additional costs.
- Changes in the mode or location of your child's transportation must be approved by the Transportation Supervisor.



Our job is making sure our campers enjoy every part of their day and their ride to and from camp is no

exception! Our Transportation Supervisor will be happy to help you with any questions or concerns about transportation.

### ***PARENT TRANSPORTATION***

In addition to Camp Transportation, we offer a **Parent Transportation Option**. The Parent Transportation Option (**Parent Self Trans**) allows you to drop-off/pick-up your child at camp. If you choose this option, you will be entitled to a transportation rebate. You will receive detailed instructions prior to the first camp day regarding drop-off and pick-up procedures.

The following constitutes **Parent Self Trans**:

- Campers must be dropped off at camp between 8:30am and 9:10am
- Campers must be picked up between 4:05pm and 4:15pm
- A detailed information packet will be mailed to you prior to camp.

Parents who have chosen to transport their campers to and from camp will receive instructions prior to the first camp day on the pick-up and drop-off procedure that we utilize at camp. ***Parents must stay in their vehicle while camp staff assist campers to and from their cars with their belongings.*** Campers will exit from the right side of the vehicle for safety in the morning. **We request that the camper's bags are in the vehicle, not in a trunk area.** For the safety of campers and staff we ask you to remain in your vehicle at all times. In addition, please follow any direction given by our staff during pick-up and drop-off. We appreciate your cooperation. Our Transportation Supervisor will be happy to help you with any questions or concerns about transportation.

## **EXTENDED CARE INFORMATION**

If you'd like to drive your child in and out of camp each day but need to do so outside of our normal hours then you'll want to participate in our Extended Care Program. A nominal fee will provide extended care coverage for both Early and Late Care during the summer. Extended Care is also available on a drop-in basis for a nominal fee.

Extended Care opens at 7:00am and closes at 6:00pm. During our Extended Hours we have a few staff members who facilitate different games at camp both inside and outside. Additionally, we provide a small snack and drink for each camper. As you can see, we try and make Extended Care as special as the camp day... which is why some camper's want their parents to let them stay "just a little bit longer".

For more information regarding Extended Care please contact our office.



## ***IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION***

Our drivers will not drop off any camper without being sure that the camper is safe. As a preventative measure, you will be asked to complete an **EMERGENCY PLAN**. This form will be handed to your driver. If you are delayed or not at home, this plan will go into effect. Drivers are instructed to notify camp immediately when this occurs.



## ***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP'S TRANSPORTATION POLICIES***

Parents who utilize the camp's transportation will be notified approximately one to two weeks before camp begins by your child's camp driver or bus supervisor. This staff person will discuss your child's pick-up and drop-off times. We need your patience and cooperation during the first week of camp as the pick-up and drop-off times become consistent. Camp Transportation is a complicated puzzle to solve each summer, therefore we do not honor driver requests or guarantee that your child's transportation will be the same from summer to summer. Our Transportation Supervisor will be happy to help you with any questions or concerns about transportation.

## ***HAMPY'S CAMP TO SHORE SHUTTLE***

Beginning in 2019, we began to offer a Shore Shuttle to the Margate Library on Fridays. This optional air-conditioned motor coach bus with a lavatory will depart camp at approximately 2:30pm to the Margate Library in Margate, New Jersey and is available at an additional cost by cash or check only. Campers are provided with a snack and drink for the ride to the shore. Campers are supervised by Camp Staff and usually arrive at the Library at approximately 5:30pm. If the shuttle is running late due to traffic, we will let you know.

## ***A WORD ABOUT COMMUNICATION***



### **EARLY DISMISSALS FROM CAMP**

If you need to leave camp before dismissal, a parent or guardian must provide a signed and dated note to the office. This note should include the following: time and date of early pick up, the camper's first and last name & the name of the person who will be responsible for pick up. If a note is not received, a phone call to the office at 215-355-4567 is permissible. Parent(s) or guardian(s) **MUST** come to the SSDC Office to sign-out your child. **SPECIAL NOTE: PLEASE PLAN TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP NO LATER THAN 2:45PM** due to the busyness of camp and end of the day transportation needs in our parking lot.

**To speak with someone in the office directly**

**please call between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm, Monday to Friday.** If you leave a message outside of our office hours, your message may not be



retrieved until the next day. Camp is very busy during the season so please use email as a last resort to communicate with us. A phone conversation can help all of us clarify all issues as quickly as possible. Please communicate with us! It is our sincere desire to make each summer season for your family a pleasant experience. We want to know during the camp season if you have a concern or issue so we can work towards resolving it. We are all working toward the same goal which is to provide a safe, happy, and positive environment for your children summer after summer. In cases of **true emergency** if camp lines are busy please call Rick directly at 267-246-2693.