

# Notes from “Uncle” Rick:

## 2021 Early Bird Registration

Each year, around the middle of July, Jacque and I welcome our camp families to visit camp and see their campers in action during a regular camp day. We look forward with great excitement each summer to “show off” our great summer camp while our campers get to “show off” for their moms, dads, grandparents, and extended family. We are dreaming of the moment sometime in July of 2021 when we will all get a chance to “show off” for each other once again!

Southampton has a proud tradition of “firsts” in the traditional summer camp universe. Here is a partial list of some SSDC “firsts” through the years:

- Heated pools
- Main entrance gate attendants to help control and monitor our grounds
- That giant zip-line across Lake Daniel!!
- Little Hoot’s Playhouse
- Evening Club Shows in Theatre & Dance for parents
- Air Bungee!
- A fully air-conditioned modern sanitized Dining Room
- A fully mirrored, air-conditioned professional dance studio with a shock absorbing wood flooring system
- High and low ropes courses in the trees of our beautiful wooded areas
- A low mini zip-line in the trees for our youngest campers
- Staff photo I.D. badges for added security
- A collegiate style fieldhouse with electronic scoreboards and a balcony for spectators to accommodate all sports from futsal & hockey to basketball & 9 square in the air!
- A 4-sided climbing rock wall including a “45-degree climb”, a “ledge”, a “flat” and a realistic rock “contoured” section
- A complete Bankshot Basketball course facility
- Our resident owl family: Hampy, Honey & Little Hoot
- Scrumptious lunches offering a multitude of lunch choices including fresh fruit, salad, egg, chicken, pasta salad, yogurt, “sushi day”, & much more
- “Tumble Track” and “Mini Mountain” in Gymnastics
- Tent covered Pro-Wall Ga-Ga courts (2) on plush carpet
- “Ride the Ridge” Climbing Tower / Zip Line Combo
- Nine Square In The Air Game

### NEW FOR 2021:

#### - OUTDOOR AMERICAN NINJA-STYLE OBSTACLE COURSE

This new attraction has been developed and built as part of our Outdoor Challenge program in our wooded area. It will provide an awesome new experience and individual challenges for campers of all ages in 2021!

#### - TOTALLY NEW CONTINUOUS BELAY HIGH ROPES COURSE

Expanded and re-engineered for maximum enjoyment and ease of access, this course will expand our campers imaginations as they travel safely on a series of amazing new obstacles built high in the oak and beech trees and newly installed poles in the wonderful canopy behind Lake Daniel.

#### - QUICKBALL BASEBALL

This new activity is a high-speed, low pressure baseball training sport which mixes physically active game play with individual accomplishment and style. Easy to learn and play, this *fast-paced game* will delight all campers and enhance their athletic experience.

## 2021 Registration Info:

The challenge for us is to continue to supply all of these exciting elements, maintain and enhance our first-class facilities, create a safe, healthy, and friendly environment **while providing consistent quality and value for our camp families.**

For 2021, we are offering a locked-in all inclusive early enrollment tuition rate of **\$4750. Tuition includes door to door transportation, nutritious lunch and snack daily, camp shirt and camp photo.** Extended Day options are available from 7am to 6pm daily.

Once again, we can only *guarantee* placement at these rates for 2021 when you **REGISTER ONLINE during the Camper Early Enrollment Period, which will end on September 30, 2020 or until we reach full camp enrollment.** At SSDC our mission is to continue to provide the **BEST** facilities, with the **BEST** staff and the **BEST** programs in the **BEST** summer camp environment anywhere! It is our sincere wish for your child(ren) to join us for another Southampton Summer in 2021!

**\*\*\*2021 online registration IS NOW OPEN!**

**\*\*\*Please check our website at [southamptondaycamp.com](http://southamptondaycamp.com) to register.**

### SPECIAL NOTE:

With the obvious exception of this strange 2020, throughout these past 47 years we have enjoyed the wonderful experience of observing the benefits of a well run, synchronized, action packed full 8-week camp season. The full eight weeks gives everyone an opportunity to develop new friendships which can last a lifetime. It also provides multiple chances for growth and development in athletic, cultural, and social areas which shorter camp sessions just cannot match.

Finally, a traditional 8-week summer camp packs multiple culminating activities into the final 10 days or so, giving special meaning to the summer as a whole. In recent years, many of our longtime campers have wanted to try overnight camp for a few weeks. Also, many families would like to extend their summer vacations into camp time.

With all of the above in mind, we again will offer a **limited number** of 4-week placements for 2021. Tuition for these placements is **\$3100**. You may choose the first 4 weeks or the last 4 weeks of the 2021 season. Of course, we strongly believe in the value and continuity of our full 8-week season, but we will do our best to incorporate many of our “full season” principles into our 4-week programs. ***Please understand, however, that either 4-week session will not include all special events and activities provided in the full 8-week season.*** Also, once you are “locked in” to a 4-week session it may not be possible to switch back to a full season. ***Application acceptance is subject to approval by the Directors and all placements are then determined by the order in which applications are received online. All application acceptances and placements are based on the best interests of the camp community as determined solely by the Directors.***

**TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE 2021 CAMP SEASON  
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021  
CAMP CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Dates are subject to change due to school calendar changes)**

**Early Bird Registration for the 2021 season is now open online at [www.southamptondaycamp.com](http://www.southamptondaycamp.com).  
CAMPER EARLY BIRD ENROLLMENT program will expire on September 30, 2020.**