**BERA Summer Program Information:**

Since the early 1960’s, BNL has had a summer recreation program for the children of BNL employees, ages 5-13. Christine Carter, Supervisor of the QOL/BERA/Recreation office is coordinator of the program, along with staff and NYS Certified school teachers employed as BERA Counselors. The BERA Summer Recreation Program is a general arts, crafts and recreation/sports program with gym and swim time each afternoon. For additional information, please call the QOL/BERA/Recreation Office, ext. 5090, located in Guest Services, Bldg. 400.

***Please read all information in this packet.***

* The BERA Summer Recreation Program will operate for 8 weeks beginning **Monday, July 3rd, through Friday, August 25th, 2022**. You may sign up for as many or as few weeks as you’d like.
* Hours of the BERA program are **7:45am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday**.
* **Prompt** pick-up is expected at the end of each day.
* **The Program fee is $250 per week**, per child; Except for the short week #1,*Monday*, July 3th – Friday, July 7th,which will be $200due to the Laboratory Holiday on Tuesday, July 4th.
* In consideration of those with a hybrid schedule, a 3-day enrollment schedule will be available at $180 per week.
* A Non-Refundable Deposit of $100 per week, per child, is due with your application by 3pm on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, by cash or check payable to BERA.
* Final payment is due on or before June 16th, 2023. Please make checks payable to BERA, and mail to Recreation Office, Bldg. 400 or stop in with your cash payment.
* **Refunds will NOT be given for cancellations!**
* Children must be between the ages of 5 – 14 by, June 1st, and must be the dependent child of a BNL employee or appointed Guest currently working on-site. Contractors, Job Shoppers, and APS employees are not eligible. All applications will be verified*.*
* Campers who are 13 & 14 years old may participate in a “**Counselor in Training**” program by assisting the Counselors with organized activities, at a reduced rate of $125 per week.
  + If the camper would like to participate, please notify our office.
* Campers should be brought to the Rec Hall, Bldg. 317, each morning, NO earlier than 7:45am and picked up at the pool entrance, Bldg. 478, at the end of the day, NO LATER than 5:30pm.
* Appropriate behavior, language, and dress code are expected of all campers at all times. Failure to adhere to the rules set forth will result in dismissal from camp without refund.
* Parents must notify staff, before the start of each day, of their intentions to take their child for lunch, or early pick up.
* Children should bring a bag lunch (cold lunch preferred, microwave is not available). Refrigerators are available for the children’s lunch bags. Label, everything. YES, you may sign your child out for lunch!
* Snacks and drinks will be provided twice daily, with water available at any time during the day.
* NO electronic devices, iPods, Pokémon, cell phones or collectibles of any kind will be permitted!
* If your child requires medication during the day, please arrange an appropriate time with the staff for you to administer the medication at the Rec Hall. Counselors and staff will not administer medications. If your child is sick or becomes injured, the counselor will call you to ask you to pick up your child.
* If an Epi-pen is required, two sets must be provided, one to be kept at each location, Bldg. 317 & Bldg. 478.
* Be sure that your current office phone number and alternate phone number are accurate on the application. A copy of your child’s application with this information will be kept on file at the Rec Hall, pool, and gym.
* It is strongly recommended that each child wear sunscreen and insect repellant with DEET to prohibit  
  insect and tick bites. For additional information, please go to the BNL webpage:   
  <https://intranet.bnl.gov/esh/guides/nathaz/natural_hazards_one_pager.pdf>
* FSA: Flexible Spending Accounts can be used; please direct any questions regarding FSA’s to Human Resources, ext. 2877. Letters for income tax or flexible spending reimbursements will be mailed in September. Please be sure to check the box on page 5 if you need one!

**POOL/GYM/Tennis Courts:**

* Campers will be transported from the Rec Hall to the pool by school bus every afternoon. Pick your child up at the pool entrance adjacent to the parking lot off Bell Avenue. It is REQUIRED that you sign out your child. Park in a designated parking space in building 400 parking lot. Do not idle or double park!
* Pool time and swimming lessons are not optional; ALL must attend afternoon swim followed by gym time.
* When staffing and weather permits, we will offer tennis clinics for children in the afternoons.
* Red Cross Certified swimming instructors will offer group swim lessons once a week. Swim lessons are included in the BERA Summer Recreation Program fee. Each child will receive a group swim lesson once a week on a designated day for 7 weeks between 2:15-3:15pm. There will be no make-up classes for missed swim lessons. Lessons consist of groups of 7-12 children in the same age group.
* Daily open swim and gym time will be scheduled between 3:15-5:30pm for all campers. Unless a note is submitted for someone to be excused, all must participate in pool activities. If your child is only enrolled in a few weeks and you would like to bring them for swim lessons on the weeks they will not be attending camp, please be sure to check off the box on page 5 and they will be included.
* Children enrolled in BERA Summer Recreation Program may take 7 weeks of Swim Lessons, even if only enrolled in a few weeks of the Program. YOU MUST notify our office if you would like your child to participate in all 7 weeks of swim lessons and check the box on page 5. You will be required to bring your child to the pool if they are not attending camp on that particular day.
* We request that the children dress modestly, in good taste and prepared for physical activities. Sneakers or sandals should be worn. Flip-flops may prevent children from playing specific games or sports. Please supply your child with sun block, a hat or visor, pool towel, bathing suit, and a sweatshirt, and please make sure everything is LABELED!
* Locker rooms are for changing only – showers will be closed.
* All pool rules MUST be adhered to during swim time.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Carter, the BERA/Recreation Supervisor, on ext. 5090, located in Bldg. 400.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Children are generally divided into age-appropriate groups, but we are flexible and allow the children to choose the supervised activities they want to join. Example of activities during the day are listed below.

* Outside play on the Playground
* Talent Show
* Sewing
* Flag football, Soccer, Baseball, Golf, Archery
* Super Soaker water tag
* Treasure hunting
* Chess
* Air & Knock Hockey, Ping Pong
* Arts & Crafts- an assortment of challenging and fun projects
* Free creative play time for the younger kids with puzzles, books, educational toys
* Weekly swim lesson
* Daily swim and gym time
* Tennis
* Age-appropriate videos & films for rainy days
* Twice a day snacks & beverages
* Nature Hikes
* Tie dying

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

* International Picnic: A luncheon is shared by counselors, children, and their parents. Parents are welcome to join their children for lunch and are asked to bring a dessert to share. Date to be determined.

**FRIDAY SPECIALS:**

* Crazy Hat Day: Children work during the week making their crazy hats. On Friday they parade for the judges in three age groups. Top “4” win ribbons, and all participants receive a certificate of participation.
* Treasure Hunt: Children are divided by age into two groups. The two groups are then divided into two teams. Each team receives different clues that lead to the same treasure.
* Field Day: The children compete in individual and group activities by age. In the individual competitions the top “4” winners of each competition receive a ribbon. The winners of the group competitions write their names on the winning poster. All participants receive a certificate of participation.
* Surprise Day: Children make lunch bag tickets, which are used to keep track of the ten games they get to play. Eight carnival type games are set up in the Recreation Building. Every child will win a prize for playing.
* Fiesta Day: Two piñatas are made during the week with the help of the children. On Friday morning each child takes a turn trying to break the piñata. The piñata is filled with candy that is divided up later in the morning. Following the piñatas, the children sit down to a snack of nachos and cheese.
* Movie Day: Two movies are shown, one for the younger children and one for the older children. The children have popcorn for snack.

**For Office Use Only**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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Balance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to receive a letter in September for income tax or flexible spending reimbursement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my child will take 7 weeks of swim lessons while only enrolled in a few weeks of the program. I will bring them to their lessons.

**Indicate requested weeks of participation with a check mark, and circle dates of attendance.**

**Check either Full week, $250 each week, or Hybrid, $180 each week, and circle 3 dates**

*Note\* the cost for holiday week #1: Full week is $200 (4 days) and Hybrid is $180 (3 days)*

**Week #1 July 3-7 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates:** 7/3 7/5 7/6 7/7

**Week #2 July 10-14 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates:** 7/10 7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14

**Week #3 July 17-21 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates:** 7/17 7/18 7/19 7/20 7/21

**Week #4 July 24-28 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates:** 7/24 7/25 7/26 7/27 7/28

**Week #5 July 31- Aug 4 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates**: 7/31 8/1 8/2 8/3 8/4

**Week #6 Aug. 7-11 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates**: 8/7 8/8 8/9 8/10 8/11

**Week #7 Aug. 14-18 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates**: 8/14 8/15 8/16 8/17 8/18

**Week #8 Aug. 21-25 Full\_\_\_\_\_\_Hybrid: \_\_\_\_\_\_ circle 3 dates**: 8/21 8/22 8/23 8/24 8/25

Monday: Age 5 only

Tuesday: Ages 6 & 7 only

Wednesday: Ages 8 & 9 only

Thursday: Ages 10 & 11 only

Friday: Ages 12 - 14 only

\*Please note:

* To receive a swim lesson, your child must attend

camp on the day the lesson is assigned.

* The swim days are assigned by age.
* No exceptions will be made.

1) Camper’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: (circle) BOY / GIRL / Non-Binary

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_AGE (by 6/1/23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering Sept 2023:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) Camper’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: (circle) BOY / GIRL / Non-Binary

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3) Camper’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: (circle) BOY / GIRL / Non-Binary

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Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Life #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Bldg. #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_work ext. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_CELL\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Doctor’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL/SPECIAL NEEDS (must be disclosed)**: List any medical conditions that could restrict activities (i.e. diabetes, asthma, etc.) or any other condition or requirements the camp staff should be made aware of:

List those persons authorized to pick up your child:

List any allergies your child has (food, medications, etc.):

Note: Should we be unable to contact you in the event of an emergency, Brookhaven National Laboratory will take all reasonable medical precautions deemed necessary.

**NOTICE OF RISKS AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or legal guardian of

(Child’s name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as Participant, do hereby agree to the terms of this release and do give my full consent for his/her participation in the Brookhaven Employee Recreation Association (BERA) Summer Recreation Program 2023.

I fully understand that there is a chance of injury due to the nature of the program. I further understand that while BERA will take appropriate measures to reduce the chance of injury or illness, it cannot guarantee that no harm will come to participants. I understand and acknowledge that the threat of exposure to, or infection with COVID-19 may exist and that given the unpredictable nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the prevalence of community spread of COVID-19 by asymptomatic people, BERA cannot guarantee that each individual present at BERA Summer Recreation will not have COVID-19 or fully prevent any individual from becoming exposed to or contracting COVID-19. Therefore, by signing below and choosing to participate directly or permit the above-named child to participate in the BERA Summer Recreation Program, I acknowledge that I am aware of these risks. BERA makes no representations, endorsements, or warranties of any kind regarding the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the testing or health status of anyone else on its premises or at events it hosts or organizes.

I, for myself, and for my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives understand and agree that I knowingly I agree to release, indemnify, hold harmless and discharge BERA and its present and future parents, affiliates, and related entities, and any and all of their past, present, and future directors, officers, agents, administrators, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims, proceedings, losses, demands, liabilities, damages, costs, and expenses of any kind or nature whatsoever (including without limitation reasonable attorneys’ fees) out of or related to my and/or the above-named child’s participation in the BERA Summer Recreation Program, including any exposure or infection with COVID-19 as well as any other manner of personal injuries and death, including acts or omissions constituting negligence.

I further agree to release or waive any claim that I may have to acquire individually or as guardian for Participant by reason of the described program. I make this waiver and releases to legally bind myself, Participant, my executor, heirs, and assigns to the fullest extent now and in the future.

By executing this Agreement, I/we acknowledge and agree that I/we have read and understand all of the terms and conditions contained herein and on the Application on this Agreement and that I am signing this Agreement knowingly and freely.

Applications, both electronic and paper, will be retained by BERA for 3 years. The personal data collected on the application:

* Personal details such as name, age, address, phone number, emergency contact details
* Any Special Needs
* Information about the camper’s health, medical needs, allergies, and medication

will not be shared with third parties, except medical personnel in an emergency.

Executed on this day: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature