

**FLORHAM PARK RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Teen Summer Experience (TSE) 2017**  
**Family Handbook**

*Welcome to TSE 2017! We have many fun and exciting trips planned for your teens over the summer. Below is some basic information and answers to frequently asked questions that will help you familiarize yourself with TSE.*

**Overview**

TSE is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> summer in 2017. We have some exciting new trips planned that will provide your teens with a fun, safe, and worthwhile experience every day. We will attend two major league baseball games and one Broadway show, visit several amusement and water parks, and participate in other awesome activities all over New Jersey, and New York City. TSE is one of the only programs of its kind in all of northern New Jersey. The highly popular 5-week teen travel program will give your teens the summer of a lifetime!

We will be traveling to and from all of our trips by bus, which is included in the registration fee. We will use Florham Park Board of Education school buses for all but one of our trips. When we travel to Hershey Park, we will be riding an air-conditioned chartered coach bus.

The safety of our campers is our top priority. Your teens will be in small groups with a staff member for the entirety of each day. We will have one staff member per 12 campers or less. All staff members are college-age or older. Campers will be provided with wristbands printed with the phone number of the Recreation Department, and wear easily identifiable t-shirts.

**Recreation Department**

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

*When does TSE begin and end?*

TSE is a five-week program. Campers can register for any combination of weeks. TSE begins on Monday, July 3, 2017, and runs until Friday, August 4, 2017.

*When are the registration dates?*

TSE registration begins on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and ends on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. After that point, if your child is interested in registering for additional weeks, please notify the Recreation Department. Your child's name will be placed on a waiting list in the event a spot opens up prior to the interested week.

*Can I sign my teen up for additional weeks once TSE starts?*

We are not able to accept campers beyond the final count given to our vendors. If a spot opens up prior to each week, children on the waiting list will be contacted.

*Can I receive a refund?*

Generally, there are no refunds because trips, supplies, transportation, etc., are paid in advance. We may offer refunds if there are extenuating circumstances, or if we received credits from our vendors. These exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Recreation Director. Refunds will not be processed until the conclusion of TSE in August.

*Where do I drop-off/pick-up my teen?*

Each morning, TSE leaves from the Municipal Pool parking lot (because the Day Camp drop-off occurs simultaneously at the Community Center parking lot). At the end of the day, you can pick-up your teen at the Community Center parking lot.

*When do I drop-off/pick-up my teen?*

For most trips, you may drop-off your teens as early as 8:45 am. We will be leaving for most trips by 9:00 am and will not be able to wait for latecomers. Please check the calendar for trips that have earlier departure times – such as whitewater rafting, and Hershey Park. Projected return times are listed on the calendar. TSE staff will inform your teens to call you when we are approximately 30 minutes away.

*Who will be with my teen during the day?*

TSE provides a staff-to-teen ratio of 1:12 or better. All staff members are highly qualified, experienced, and trained professionals and role models who are hired to give the campers a great experience. Depending on the trip, staff members will be assigned to stay with a group of students, or will be dispersed throughout the location depending on the trip.

*Is TSE canceled on rainy days?*

No. TSE is not canceled on rainy days. Many of our trips are to indoor locations. For our outdoor locations, we monitor the weather closely and attempt to run the trips as scheduled, although times may be subject to change. If we are unable to visit our outdoor locations due to the weather, we may switch the days of our trips that week, if possible. Or we may substitute the planned trip with an indoor trip or movie. To help you plan, we will try to notify you as early as possible if drop-off/pick-up times, trip locations, or camper attire need to be changed. Campers will not be responsible for additional fees on days when the original trip is changed due to the weather.

*What will happen at TSE during very hot days?*

In the case of excessively hot days, we will try to keep your teens indoors or in the shade as much as possible, depending on the scheduled trip. Staff members will locate water fountains or provide water bottles to keep your teens hydrated. We also recommend that you send your teens with refillable water bottles or extra money for beverages on hot days. We encourage all teens to use protective sunscreen, sunglasses, and clothing.

*When will my teen receive his/her TSE t-shirt(s)?*

T-shirts will be distributed to teens on the first day of each week. Teens receive one t-shirt per week. On the registration forms, teens had the opportunity to purchase additional t-shirts at the cost of \$12 each. When TSE begins, extra t-shirts may be purchased if inventory is available.

*Can my teen bring hand-held games or cell phones to TSE?*

While we don't recommend bringing hand-held games to camp, teens may do so at their own risk. Most of our activities require full participation so there won't be much time for teens to play with hand-held games. Cell phones are allowed and will be used to contact parents to let you know when we are approximately 30 minutes from the Community Center. We are NOT responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen cell phones or hand-held games.

*Can a TSE staff member administer medication to my teen?*

Our staff members cannot administer medication to your teen. Staff members have experience with First Aid and CPR, and can provide band-aids and ice packs. Inhalers, Epi-Pens, and Glucagons should be given to TSE staff members, but your teens should be trained to self-administer. In the event of an emergency, 9-1-1 or on-location EMTs will be contacted to administer Inhalers, Epi-Pens, or Glucagons.

*What type of clothing and footwear is appropriate for TSE?*

We want your teens to be as safe and comfortable as possible. Therefore, we ask that you consider the day's weather forecast and scheduled activities when planning what to wear. We strongly suggest that your teens wear sneakers or closed-toed shoes. Flip-flops and sandals may interfere with some activities.

*When will my teen eat lunch?*

Your teens will have the opportunity to eat lunch at a designated time, depending on the activity scheduled for the day. Some of our trips provide lunch to campers. For trips that do not provide lunch, you can pack a bagged lunch or give your teen spending money. We recommend that you pack lunches in insulated bags with an ice pack so the lunch won't spoil.

*What happens if my teen has an accident or is injured?*

Parents will be notified as soon as possible. If the parents cannot be reached, the emergency contacts will be notified. Our staff members will provide basic First Aid, or 9-1-1 or on-location EMTs will be dispatched if necessary.

*Can I drop-off/pick-up my teen from a trip?*

If your teen needs to be dropped-off/picked-up from a trip due to a previous commitment, you must deliver a written and signed note to the TSE Director in advance. The TSE Director will attempt to make arrangements to accommodate you. A meeting place and time will be arranged and a staff member must accompany your child. If this situation interferes with the trip times or safety of other campers, we will not be able to accommodate you.

*How is discipline handled at TSE?*

TSE treats campers as teens, not children. We expect additional maturity and understanding of how to handle interpersonal situations away from family or the school environment. In the event of behavior problems, the following policy is followed:

- 1) The first time there is a problem, a discipline report will be filed with the TSE Director, who will notify the parent of the incident.
- 2) The second time, the teen will be suspended from TSE for a length of time determined by the TSE Director and the Recreation Director. No refunds are issued for missed trips.
- 3) The third time, the teen will be expelled from TSE. No refunds are issued for missed trips.

## **Trip Information**

### **Week #1**

Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

@ 9:00 am-5:00 pm

\*Mountain Creek, Vernon, NJ

NOTE: This is a water park. You may not bring outside food. You must leave all food on the bus.

Bring bag lunch

Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Camp Closed

Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Camelback Mountain Treetop Adventures

Tannersville

NOTE: Please wear sneakers. This is a climbing adventure, including zip lines

Details: Waiver required

Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ

Pole Position Raceway, Jersey City, NJ

NOTE: Lunch is provided.

Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am-6:30 pm

Whitewater Challengers, White Haven, PA

NOTE: We will be leaving for this trip by 8:00 am. You must have close-toed shoes that can get wet. Breakfast will be provided before the rafts depart. Teens should bring a bagged lunch and drink. All teens must have a parent/guardian sign a special waiver to attend this trip.

### **Week #2**

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-6:00 pm

\*Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom, Allentown, PA

NOTE: The park contains water rides. You may bring food at your own risk. The park does not allow outside food, but gate officials do not usually look inside bags.

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Jenkinson's Beach and Boardwalk, Point Pleasant, NJ

NOTE: Ride tickets will be provided. Teens may bring money to purchase additional ride tickets or to play arcade/boardwalk games. Teens should bring a towel and a change of clothing. Teens may bring a bagged lunch or buy a lunch.

Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:30 pm

Newport Centre Mall, Jersey City, NJ

Broadway Show – School of Rock

NOTE: We will have lunch at the Newport Centre Mall. Teens can either bring a bagged lunch or buy a lunch at the food court. Return time may vary due to traffic.

**\* indicates campers will be allowed to see the attraction in groups. Counselors will disperse throughout area for supervision**

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:30 pm  
Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island  
New York

Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:30 pm

\*Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Jackson, NJ

NOTE: This is a water park. You may not bring outside food. You must leave all food on the bus.  
Provide money for food

***Week #3***

Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
One World Observatory & High Line Park  
New York  
NOTE: Please bring bagged lunch

Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-6:00 pm  
Palisades Park Mall Sky Course Dave & Busters  
NOTE: Eat at Dave & Busters

Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-4:00 pm  
Keansburg Amusement Park & Runaway Rapids  
NOTE: This is a water park. Please provide money for lunch

Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
New York Mets vs. St. Louis Cardinals  
Citi Field, Queens, NY  
NOTE: You may bring a bagged lunch or money for food. Only drawstring bags are allowed. No backpacks. Return time may vary based on when the game ends as well as traffic.

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 am-4:30 pm  
Combat Sports Outdoor Laser Tag & Red Robin  
North Hanover Township, New Jersey

***Week #4***

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am -3:30 pm  
Circle Line Beast Speedboat & Lucky Strike Bowling  
New York  
NOTE: Please bring a bagged lunch

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Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
\*Six Flags Great Adventure

Jackson, NJ

NOTE: This is a water park. You may not bring outside food. You must leave all food on the bus. Provide money for food

Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-5:00 pm

NY Yankees vs. Cincinnati Reds

New York, Yankee Stadium

NOTE: You may bring a bagged lunch or money for food. Only drawstring bags are allowed. No backpacks. Return time may vary based on when the game ends as well as traffic.

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 am-6:30 pm

Whitewater Challengers, White Haven, PA

NOTE: We will be leaving for this trip by 8:00 am. You must have close-toed shoes that can get wet. Breakfast will be provided before the rafts depart. Teens should bring a bagged lunch and drink. All teens must have a parent/guardian sign a special waiver to attend this trip.

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am-4:00 pm

\*Tomahawk Lake, Sparta, NJ

NOTE: This is a water park. You can bring or buy a lunch.

### **Week #5**

Monday, July, 31<sup>st</sup>@ 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Combat Sports Outdoor Laser Tag & Red Robin

North Hanover Township, New Jersey

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> @9:00am-5:00pm

Camel Beach Mountain Water Park

NOTE: Teen should bring a towel. No outside food allowed. You must leave food on bus

Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>@ 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Jenkinson's Beach and Boardwalk, Point Pleasant, NJ

NOTE: Ride tickets will be provided. Teens may bring money to purchase additional ride tickets or to play arcade/boardwalk games. Teens should bring a towel and a change of clothing. Teens may bring a bagged lunch or buy a lunch.

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Skyzone Indoor Trampoline Park & Monster Mini Golf

Montville, NJ

NOTE: Waiver signed by parent. Bring Bag Lunch

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 am-8:30 pm

Hershey Park, Hershey, PA

NOTE: We will be leaving by 7:30 am. Teens may bring DVDs (Rated G or PG) to watch on the coach bus. Teens may also bring pillows, snacks, etc. for the long bus ride. No outside food is permitted in the park.

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