



**Parent  
&  
Camper Handbook**



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Dear Oasis Family:

Thank you for being a part of our Oasis community. Summer is just around the corner and our team is busy preparing for another safe, fun, and memorable experience!

We have created this *Parent & Camper Handbook* as a reference to help answer any questions you may have before and during the summer. Prior to the summer, we also invite you to attend a Parent Orientation. The date, time and location of this event depends on your site and will be sent out prior to camp via mail and email.

In addition to this handbook and other enclosures, look out for your camp invoice. In the meantime, please check out our website at [www.oasischildren.com](http://www.oasischildren.com) for updated information both pre-camp and throughout the summer. If you have any other questions please don't hesitate to contact us by phone (718) 596-4900 or email us at [info@oasischildren.com](mailto:info@oasischildren.com).

Thank you and Welcome to camp!

The Oasis Team



## BOOM CHIACK-A-BOOM

(This is a repeat after me cheer!!)

I said a Boom Chicka Boom  
I said a Boom Chicka-Boom  
I said Boom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Boom  
Uh Huh  
Oh Yea  
One more time....

Motorcycle style  
I said a Vroom Chicka Vroom  
I said a Vroom Chicka Vroom  
I said a Vroom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Vroom  
Uh Huh  
Oh Yea  
One more time...

Variations...Louder, Softer, Underwater...

## WE ARE OASIS

(Chorus) 1 we are Oasis

2 A little bit louder

3 I still can't hear you

4 More More More

(Repeat Chorus...Louder)



## The O-A-S-I-S Cheer!

*Leader:* Hi-Dee Hi (2x)

*Group:* Hi-Dee Ho (2x)

*Leader:* Have you got that spirit?! (2x)

*Group:* yea, yea! (2x)

*Leader:* Let me hear it with your hands!

*Group:* Clap, Clap, - Clap Clap Clap / Clap, Clap, - Clap Clap Clap

*Leader:* Hi-Dee Hi (2x)

*Group:* Hi-Dee Ho (2x)

*Leader:* Have you got that spirit?! (2x)

*Group:* yea, yea! (2x)

*Leader:* Let me hear it with your mouth!

*Group:* O,A,-S-I-S / O,A,-S-I-S

*Leader:* Hi-Dee Hi (2x)

*Group:* Hi-Dee Ho (2x)

*Leader:* Have you got that spirit?! (2x)

*Group:* yea, yea! (2x)

*Leader:* Let me hear it with your feet!

*Group:* Stomp, Stomp, - Stomp Stomp Stomp / Stomp, Stomp -

Stomp Stomp Stomp

*Leader:* Hi-Dee Hi (2x)

*Group:* Hi-Dee Ho (2x)

*Leader:* Have you got that spirit?! (2x)

*Group:* yea, yea! (2x)

*Leader:* Let's put it all together now

Everyone claps, stomps and spells out Oasis at the same time.

## OASIS FANS

*Leader:* Hey all you Oasis Fans let me hear you clap your hands

*Group:* Clap-clap, clap-clap-clap (2x)

*Leader:* Now that you got the beat let me hear you stomp your feet

*Group:* Stomp-stomp, stomp-stomp-stomp (2x)

*Leader:* Now that you got the groove let me see your body move

*Group:* Ah ooh ah ah-ah, ah ooh ah ah-ah

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## PRE-SUMMER INFORMATION

### Pre-Summer Forms

Please know that there are five forms that must be completed prior to your child attending camp. They are:

- Oasis Behavioral Guidelines
- Health Record
- Child Release and Emergency Contact Form
- Swim and Trip Consent Form

Most of these forms are part of your online registration. If you registered online, you only need to submit the Health Record and the optional Transportation form to complete your registration. If you submitted a paper enrollment form, these additional forms are also available for download at [www.oasischildren.com](http://www.oasischildren.com) - click on the "I've registered for camp, now what?" button. You may mail paper forms to our main office prior to June 15th. After June 15th, please hold them and turn them in directly to your site office.

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### Health Record

The Department of Health states that we cannot allow any child to begin camp until this form has been completed. This form has two sides: one must be filled out and signed by your *family physician* and the other is to be completed by a parent or guardian.

### Parent Orientation

The week before camp begins Oasis will hold a Parent Orientation. During this orientation you may pick up your child's t-shirts, meet the Leadership Staff, ask questions about the camp day and turn in any remaining forms. The dates, times and location will be determined prior to camp and all families will be notified via email or mail. This information will also be published

## WHEN YOUR SUMMER WITH OASIS ENDS

### Parent Survey

Every year we strive to make Oasis better. We value your suggestions and rely on them to not only know how we're doing but know how to improve. One of the valuable ways we receive feedback is by conducting Parent Surveys at the end of the summer. We will send a survey via email and we ask that while it's still fresh in your mind, you can follow the link to tell us how the summer was for you. If you are interested in completing a survey and have not yet supplied us with an email address, please contact your Site office.

### Tipping

Tipping is not mandatory however, we do believe that it is our staff members who make Oasis special. If you feel that the young adults who worked with your son or daughter this summer did a good job and you would like to recognize them with a gratuity you should feel comfortable doing so. Many of our staff members are working their way through college or graduate school, so we're sure they would greatly appreciate it.

If you wish to give a tip and are not able to give it directly to the staff person, please place it in a sealed addressed envelope and ask a member of the Leadership Staff to get it to the appropriate person.



### Field Trips

Throughout the summer, your child's group and/or division will go on a variety of trips. On those days, campers will leave on their trips after morning rally and will return for the afternoon wrap-up. Your child's field trip schedule will arrive in a future mailing.

**\*Please note that we cannot accommodate Parent Chaperones on trip days. Children still need to bring their lunch with them. Please do not send any money with your child on trip days.**

### Special Events

Special events including theme days, all camp activities or shows may take place throughout the summer. On these days there may be changes to the regular activity schedule. Parents will be notified in advance of Special Events.

### Inclement Weather Days

While we hope that the weather will be beautiful every day throughout the summer, we know that sometimes it rains and sometimes there are heat advisories. Oasis takes measures to have Rainy Day Schedules for days that it rains, where we do our program activities inside. These activities will vary depending on indoor facilities. Likewise, on days that it is extremely hot, we will stay in shady, cool areas and limit physical activity. As always, we are constantly providing water and sunscreen.

### Visitation

Parents are welcome to visit Oasis at any time after the first week of camp. However, we do encourage you to allow your child to adjust to the program before visiting. When you visit, you must come dressed to participate in all activities planned for the day- that's the Oasis way! If you are going to visit, please be sure to call our camp office a day in advance and also be sure to sign in at the camp office upon your arrival.

## GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

### Contact Numbers

Oasis Headquarters: 718-596-4900

Site Office: TBD

\* Direct Site numbers will be available prior to the start of camp

### Hours of Operation

Our program begins at 9AM and ends at 5PM. You may drop off your child as early as 8:30AM and pick up by 5:30PM.

### Extended Hours

At some Oasis site extended hours are offer for an additional fee. You may drop off your child as early as 8:00AM and pick up as late as 6:00PM. The fee is \$60 per week for both or \$30 per week each. Registration for these sessions must be made in advance.

**\*Please contact your site office for more information.**

### Changes to Enrollment

If you need to make changes to your child's registration during the summer all requests should go through the Site office.

## YOUR CHILD'S GROUP

### Grouping

Every child is placed in a group with campers of the same age. Each group consists of 15-18 campers guided by at least two Group Leaders. Children under 8 and over 10 are placed in coed groups, while those between 8 and 10 are placed in all girl and all boy groups.

### Camper to Staff Ratios

At Oasis, our adult to child ratio is always 1:7 or 1:6 for our younger campers. In addition to each Group's Leaders, a Program Instructor runs each specific activity in which the children participate. A team of Division Leaders act as supervisors and every site has a nurse or EMT as well as a team of certified life-guards.

### Friend Requests

You may request for your child to be grouped with other campers by listing up to three friends, in order of preference on the enrollment form. We work towards grouping your child with their top choice.

**\*Please note: We cannot guarantee any requests will be met. We will not group more than three friends together, as this may hinder positive relationship building within the group. Any "negative group request" will take precedence.**

### Your Summer Contact

Three to five groups make a Division which is led by a Division Leader. Your child's Division Leader will be your summer contact regarding any specific behavioral issues or issues specific to your child's group. You will receive the Division Leader's cell phone number prior to camp.

Calls that do not pertain specifically to the group should be made to the camp office. For example calls regarding late arrival, early pick up, absences, etc.

## ARRIVING AT AND LEAVING CAMP

### Arrival Procedures

Oasis staff will be present every morning to greet and supervise the children between 8:30AM and 9AM.

- *Campers should arrive no later than 9AM.*
- *Please make sure that your child has been checked-in by his/her Group Leader before you depart.*
- *Please give any notes, medication, specific instructions, etc. to your child's Division Leader.*

### Lateness & Absences

If your child is going to be late or will not coming to camp, please call the site office to let us know immediately. Any child arriving late must be accompanied by their parent/guardian and signed in at the camp office. The child will then be taken by a staff member to meet his/her group.

**\*\*Please note, that there will be no reimbursement for absent days and we do not allow make-up days\*\***

## THE CAMP DAY

### Daily Schedule

During the camp day your child will participate in four activity periods and three community times.

*8:00—8:30 Early Drop off Arrival (See Extended Hours)*

8:30—9:00 Regular Arrival

9:00-9:30 Morning Rally (announcements, shout outs, cheers)

9:30-11:00 Activity Period 1

11:00-12:30 Activity Period 2

12:30-1:30 Community Lunch

1:30—3:00 Activity Period 3

3:00—4:30 Activity Period 4

4:30—5:30 Snack, Wrap up and Regular Dismissal

*5:30—6:00pm Late Stay (See Extended Hours)*

### Program Activities

Activities vary based on location, facilities and staff, but on a typical day your child will be taking part in activities such as:

**Sports and Recreation:** Tennis, soccer, volleyball, softball, lacrosse, basketball and other group games.

**Environmental Education/Adventure Programs:** Orienteering, pond & stream study, fishing, nature hikes, birding, bouldering and rock climbing.

**Creative & Performing Art:** Arts, crafts, music, drama, dance and cooking.

**Swimming:** We offer both instructional and recreational swim for all campers. We have a swim director, lifeguards and swim instructors on deck at all times, in addition to the children's group leaders, providing a ratio of 1 counselor for every 3 campers.

During the group's first visit to the pool, every child's swim skills will be tested in order to place them in the right swim level group. At the end of the summer, campers will receive an *American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program* certificate.

## Health & Medication

At Oasis we have a Health Director on site at all times. If your child is bringing any medication from home, it **must be** in its original container with your child's name, dosage, and doctor's name. You must also provide specific written instructions for the administering of the medication.

\*Please note that the child will administer any medications themselves in the presence of the Health Director.

Please notify us of any food and/or medication **allergies** your child may have. Do not send "over the counter" drugs, such as nasal spray or cough medication.

**The Health Director will notify you immediately if your child becomes injured or ill. You will be informed of minor problems i.e. small scrapes, headaches, etc. when your child is picked up at the end of the day.**

## Personal Equipment

Oasis will provide your child with all necessary equipment to participate in all activities. We strongly discourage your child bringing their own equipment.

Campers **should not** bring any money or valuables to camp. In particular, campers are not allowed to have gameboys, i-pods, cell phones, toys, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, etc. These items are a distraction and tend to get lost or broken easily. If your child brings these to camp, they will be kept in the camp office until the end of the day.

**Please note - Oasis will not be responsible for any lost or damaged equipment.**



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## Dismissal Procedures

Campers can be picked up as early as 4:45PM, but should be picked up no later than 5:30PM. At dismissal, you will be required to sign-out your child with an Oasis staff member.

**\*Please note that perpetual lateness will result in a late pick-up fee of \$1 per minute. Please consider enrolling in extended hours if picking up by 5:30 is an issue for you.**

## Camper Release

We will only allow a child to be picked up by persons that have been authorized to do so by the child's parent/guardian who registered them for camp. The *Camper Release Form* provides space to list those authorized to pick up your children from Oasis. If someone is picking up your child that is not on that list, the name of that person has to be called into the office by noon of the day of pickup.

**\*Please note-- a photo ID is required when picking up campers.**

## Early Release

If you wish to pick up your child early, please notify the site office at least 24 hours in advance. **You must sign your child out directly from the office.** An Oasis staff member will escort the camper from their activity to the office to meet you.

**\*Camp activities are spread out**, so please realize if you don't call with enough notice, it will take us some time to get your child to the office for pick up.

**\*Please note - Early release is not possible on days your child is on a field trip. There may be limits to the times you can pick up your child based on the daily schedule.**



## TRANSPORTATION

### Bus

For an additional fee per week at some Oasis locations, you can take advantage of our bus service. If your child will be using the bus you **MUST** complete a Transportation Form, indicating the pick-up and drop-off locations for your child before camp begins. Any changes to your child's transportation schedule must be reported to the office immediately. **\*Please note that last minute changes may not be accommodated. Extended hours cannot be combined with the transportation option.**

### Morning pick-up:

- It is important for the buses to remain on schedule. For this reason, if a child is not at the bus stop by the scheduled departing time, **the bus will not be able wait**. If you miss your designated bus stop, you may try to meet the bus at the following stop or take your child directly to camp.
- Your child must be checked-in by an Oasis Staff member before they get on the bus.
- Please give any notes or medication to the Oasis Bus Counselor.

### Afternoon drop-off:

- Campers must be signed out by their parent/guardian at their drop off location.
- If a parent or other authorized person is not at the stop when the bus arrives, the camper will remain on the bus. The bus counselor will attempt to contact the parent by phone to make alternate arrangements. Often parents are able to catch up with the bus and meet them at one of the following stops. If this is not possible, the camper and staff will return to camp, where they will wait until someone is able to pick-up the camper.

## WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING TO CAMP

### Clothing

Safety is our number one priority; therefore, campers must wear their Oasis T-shirts everyday. We will provide your child with five camp T-shirts at no additional charge.

Campers should wear shorts, socks, and sneakers, in addition to their Oasis t-shirt. This clothing will allow children to be comfortable when participating in ALL camp activities. Please no sports sandals or Crocs.

Campers should also bring a swimsuit, towel, and plastic bag for wet bathing suits every day.

**\*Please note: if your child comes to camp without an Oasis shirt, we will provide one for them at an extra cost of \$5 per shirt.**

### Sunscreen and other items

Oasis will provide sun screen and water throughout the day. Please feel free to send your child with other items to make their camp experience more pleasant, such as sun screen, sun glasses, goggles, hat, water bottle and jacket (on cold days).

### Lost and Found

Please mark all of your children's belongings! Although we try to identify and return all lost items at the end of each day, we are always left with numerous hats, t-shirts, backpacks, sweaters, etc. If you are missing something, please be sure to check the Lost and Found boxes located in the camp office.

**Please note: at the end of the summer all Lost and Found Items will be discarded or donated to Good Will.**

### Lunch and Snacks

Campers must bring their own bag lunch (please make sure to label them) in a soft lunch box/bag. The lunches will be kept refrigerated until lunch time. Oasis will provide your child with water throughout the day.