

# TEEN SCENE

This is the place for teens (entering 7-9 grade) looking to get off the couch and get out of Oak Park for the summer! With at least two field trips per week, teambuilding activities, community projects, and swimming at Ridgeland Common, there's no time to get bored. No need to worry about admission fees - they're all included. With great staff who love working with teens, parents can be assured that their teens are in good hands and teens can rest easy knowing that they'll have a great time with their friends - old and new!



## DAILY ACTIVITIES

### Monday

Welcome to camp! Each teen will get the chance to meet the rest of the group through some fun games, followed by ice skating at Ridgeland Common. Afterwards, the camp will be introduced to this week's special project (volunteer, learn a new skill, etc.).

### Tuesday

Today's the day that the camp will get outside to play games—everything from dodgeball to ultimate frisbee. Campers will also travel to Barrie Park for outdoor archery lessons just for Teen Scene!

### Wednesday

Mornings will consist of a mix of indoor and outdoor activities—everything from cool crafts to the ultimate capture the flag game. In the afternoon, the camp will make the most of Ridgeland Common, cooling off with ice skating and an afternoon swim!

### Thursday

Get on the bus! Each week, Teen Scene will go on a cool field trip to places like water & amusement parks, Vertical Endeavors, hiking trails, and more! We might even travel to other Park District Teen Camps for lunch & friendly competition!

### Friday

Finish out the week with a bang! Under the supervision of Teen Scene staff, the group will learn to navigate and safely use the CTA & Metra to explore Chicagoland attractions and beaches. Admission fees & train tickets are included!

## CAMP INFORMATION

### Camp Sessions

**Grades:** Entering 7 - 9

**Location:** Ridgeland Common

**Days & Times:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm

**Fees:** \$183 (Oak Park residents)/\$275 (non-residents)

Dates:	Codes:
June 16-20	#229000-01
June 23-27	#229000-02
June 30-July 3	#229000-03
July 7-11	#229000-04
July 14-18	#229000-05
July 21-25	#229000-06
July 28-August 1	#229000-07
August 4-8	#229000-08

#### Spots still available in all sessions!

*\*Camp will not meet on Friday, July 4; to make up for the time missed, campers will take an extended day trip to Great America earlier that week.*

### Contact Us

On-going and open communication between parents, guardians and staff is essential for a positive experience for each teen. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss questions and concerns with camp staff. Should there be something your teen is experiencing at camp or in their personal life which may reflect in their behavior or attitude at camp, please inform staff of the situation. Camp-specific contact information is included below. During the camp season, feel free to address any questions about Teen Scene to:

**Coordinator of Teen Camps**  
TeenCamps@pdop.org

**Programs Supervisor**  
(708) 725-2110

### Sending Your Teen to Teen Scene

We know that your teen doesn't need a babysitting anymore. So why should you send them to camp? Teen Scene staff won't just watch your teen - they'll encourage them to be active, try new things and meet new people. Check out our goals below to see what we mean.

### Camp Goals

It would be easy to say that Teen Scene is all about fun....because, well frankly it's a blast! But staff work to make sure that teens get more out of camp than just field trips. Teen Scene has created the following goals which are reinforced every day at camp and serve as a guideline for staff in how they plan daily camp activities as well as how they respond to those inevitable unplanned moments. These goals include

- To encourage campers to make new friends and learn to work and get along with different people and personalities by incorporating camp-wide challenges and games into the schedule that require all campers to work together to complete.
- To take advantage of the opportunity to model responsibility, teamwork, and other leadership skills throughout the camp day and by having a behavior plan that recognizes teens (and encourages them to recognize each other) for exhibiting these qualities at camp.

### ACA Accreditation

The Park District of Oak Park is proud to be one of only a handful of park districts in the nation to be accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). This nationally recognized program, developed exclusively for the camp industry, focuses on program quality, health, and safety issues. It also requires us to review every facet of our day camp operations on an annual basis. We have voluntarily submitted to this independent audit by camp experts and are proud to have earned this mark of distinction.



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## Preparing for Camp

- Bring a reusable water bottle to help keep your camper hydrated throughout their active day.
- Please have your teen apply sunscreen before leaving home. Pack additional sunscreen so they can reapply throughout the day.
- Teens should dress in comfortable clothing that can get dirty. Consider the daily activities and have your teen wear comfortable shoes that they can play a variety of sports in; gym shoes are strongly recommended.
- Pack a healthy lunch and snack marked with your teen's name. Do not send mayonnaise or milk-based products as refrigeration is not available. Due to potential allergies, please do not send peanut-based products (including peanut butter) or any other tree-nut based products.
- Check the weekly schedule sent home on the first day of the session for any additional needed items such as a towel and swimwear or waivers or special clothing for a fieldtrip.
- We've got plenty of fun packed into each day at camp. Teens should leave all games, electronic equipment (**including cell phones**), and any other valuable items at home. They only serve as a distraction that can lead to behavior problems or disappointment if the item is lost, stolen, or damaged.

## Sign-In and Sign-Out Procedures

- Campers who walk or bike to camp must have written permission in advance from a parent. Unless indicated on the Participant Emergency Form, parents are responsible for signing their teen both in and out of camp at the designated pick-up and drop-off locations. Parents may designate other responsible parties to pick-up or drop-off their teen, but this must be indicated on the Participant Emergency Form.
- Any adults picking up a teen from camp must be prepared to show a picture ID to staff until they become familiar with those authorized to pick campers up. We realize that this is a slight inconvenience, but hope that you understand that it is for the safety of your teen.
- In order for the staff to properly prepare for the camp day, camper sign-in will begin at the scheduled camp start time. If teens should arrive to camp early, they should be prepared to wait outside of the camp location.
- Late pick-ups result in a substantial cost for the Park District. A late fee will be billed to you at the following rates for each occurrence that your teen is picked up late:

1-15 minutes:	\$10
16-30 minutes:	\$20
31-45 minutes:	\$30
over 46 minutes:	\$40

## Registration Deadlines and Forms

So that staff can be adequately prepared for the first day of each camp session, all campers must be registered and have Participant Emergency Forms on file by 5pm on the Thursday before each camp session. Staff are unable to accept registration on-site. **Please be aware that your teen will not be allowed into camp unless he/she is pre-registered and has a Participant Emergency Form on file. If your teen comes to camp on the first day without a form, he/she will be sent home.** All registration information can be found at [www.pdop.org](http://www.pdop.org) and the emergency form is available at <http://surveys.pdop.org/s3/Participant-Info-2014>.

## If Your Camper Isn't Feeling Well

For the benefit of everyone attending our camps, we require that any campers suspected of having (or have been diagnosed as having) a contagious illness stay home from camp. If a teen begins exhibiting symptoms such as those listed below while at camp, parents will be contacted to pick their camper up.

- Fever of 100.5 or higher
- Persistent, deep, or hard cough
- Runny nose with green or yellow discharge
- Vomiting or Diarrhea (camper must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to camp)
- Contagious infections or infestations such as pinkeye, lice, ringworm, unexplained rashes, scabies, or impetigo

## If Your Camper Will Miss a Day

If your teen will miss camp for any reason, you should call the camp Site Supervisor on the cell phone number that will be provided to you during the first day of camp to notify the camp of the absence. If we do not hear from you by phone or written note, your teen will be marked absent and staff will make an attempt to contact you by phone. Please help the staff avoid unnecessary phone calls by reporting your camper's absence or late arrival.

## Camper Responsibilities

We want camp to be a great experience for everyone involved. In order for this to happen, everyone needs to play a role in creating a positive and safe environment. Campers have a responsibility to help with this as well including:

- Showing respect to all campers, staff, equipment, and facilities
- Only using appropriate, kind, and positive language with others
- Using caution when playing games & sports so as to avoid causing bodily harm to participants or staff

Consequences for not following these or any other rules developed for specific camps will be shared with the campers each session. Staff will address each incident with the camper (and parent if the situation requires) in a positive and fair manner meant to help teach campers how to make better choices. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the well-being of themselves or the camp and no refunds are issued in these circumstances.



## Inclusion

The Park District of Oak Park works cooperatively with the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) to integrate campers with disabilities into recreational programs. Inclusion aides may be present at camp to work one-on-one with a specific camper, only intervening when necessary. If you feel that your camper would benefit from additional assistance at camp, be sure to communicate the necessary information to the Park District or WSSRA's Inclusion Coordinator. There is a 2 week minimum notice required by WSSRA for proper staffing and training purposes.