

STERLING RECREATION

presents After the Bell

The Sterling afterschool program for the school year 2023-24 will be called **After the Bell**. The program is open to all students in grades K-8 attending the Sterling Community School and those living in Sterling (which includes children attending other schools and/or homeschooled).

Dates: The program begins on Tuesday, September 5th and will run thru the last day of school. We are open in coordination with the Sterling school calendar.

Early Dismissals: When the school calendar calls for a planned early dismissal, your children will be delivered to After the Bell at 1pm and pickup time will remain the same (6pm).

****We are NOT open when there is no school or if school lets out early due to inclement weather.**

Time: 3-6pm at the Sterling Recreation gymnasium.

Registration: A single form is all that is required.

We are limiting the program to 30 children. Forms must be filled out and dropped in the night drop box located outside of Town Hall. Forms are due by Wednesday, August 30th. After that all correspondence will be thru the recreation office.

Fee: \$50 per week for one child

\$40 per week for two or more children

First payment is due on or before Friday, September 9th (double payment which for the first two weeks).

Payment can be made in cash, money order or check (made payable to the Town of Sterling).

Parents must: contact the Sterling school and fill out the necessary paperwork to allow the school to transport your child from the school to our program. This must be done prior to the start of the program (September 5th)

Activities: We will be together for approximately 175 days. Each day your children will play outside on the playground, sandbox and other outdoor games. We will play in the gym both active and passive games. Our all purpose room will provide a quiet place for chilling out, doing homework, having snack and craft activities and games. We do allow for a half hour of television time per day (G or PG movie and Disney/Nickelodeon shows). The game room is filled with toys, an air hockey, fooseball and a ping pong table. Other game tables will be added this year. Trips and presentations will also be available during the program.

Pickup/Sign out: Parents are asked to check their “mailbox” daily for important information. The mailbox will be located outside the inside recreation office door.

Those picking up must be on the pickup list (provided by you) in order for us to release. Identification will be required at pickup.

Policies

Medication: We do not handle/hold medication.

Behavior: We handle minor issues on a regular basis (that’s part of the job when working with children). However; if these issues become unsafe, overwhelming or begin to overrun the program we will be in communication with you regarding what is going on and make a plan as to how to deal with these issues. Sometimes the result may be the child taking a break from the program (which is a last resort). The goal is for all the children to have fun, in safe, supervised and clean environment. I believe that daily communication is key to making our programs successful.

We will review expectations with the children on a regular basis.

some of the expectations will include:

- walking feet in hallways
- keep your hands and feet to yourself
- we don’t use foul language or threaten anyone
- we treat staff members, each other, property and equipment with respect
- there will be other reminders as the year goes on but all in all just behave

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE FACILITY. No smoking, drugs, alcohol or firearms are allowed on this property. If a person is suspected to be under the influence of a substance stated above, the next person on the call list will be called to pick up the child. Under no circumstance will a child be allowed to leave with an adult, suspected of being under the influence. The State Police may be called.

Withdrawal: If you choose for your child to withdraw from the After the Bell program we would ask that you do so in writing so that we can create space for another child.

You can always reach me, Jason Licciardi, Recreation director on the office phone at (860-564-2904 x 110), my cell phone at (401)787-7463 or via e-mail at jlicciardi@sterlingct.us and please like us on Facebook @Sterling CT Recreation