

2009 Day Trippers Brief Sheet
Prince William County Park Authority
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What is Day Trippers Camp?

In its 2nd year, Day Trippers is a full-day travel camp for children ages 8-10 and 11-15 years of age. Campers will travel to a different location in and around Northern Virginia and Washington, DC each day!

What are your age groups?

We have designed our camps for 8-10 years and 11-15 years for age appropriate groups visiting age appropriate sites.

Where is Day Trippers conducted?

The Day Trippers camp departs and returns to the newly renovated Birchdale Recreation Center at 14730 Birchdale Avenue, Dale City, VA 22193.

What are the hours of operation?

The camp itself meets 9am-5pm.

How are campers transported?

Day Trippers will be transported in Prince William County School buses.

Do you offer extended sitter service?

Yes, morning sitter service is available from 6am-9am for \$20 weekly and afternoon sitter service is available from 5pm-7pm for \$20 weekly or you can register for both for \$40.

What is the ratio of camper to counselor?

We operate our full day camps with a 1:10 ratio or better.

What is a typical day like for the campers who attend Day Trippers?

Campers arrive at the Birchdale Recreation Center by 9am and board the bus by 9:15am. Campers will usually arrive at the destination by 10am and begin their activities. Lunch begins at noon, and then it's off to the afternoon scheduled activities or swimming. The bus will drop campers back at Birchdale at approximately 4:45pm for 5:00pm dismissal.

Why is this camp more expensive than other camps we offer?

We are designed to be a smaller camp that will offer more specialized activities and trips for its campers. For our customer's convenience, all transportation and admission fees are included.

Are there any special forms that need to be completed?

Upon registration, participants should complete a **CAMP REGISTRATION FORM** and a **CAMPER INFORMATION FORM** (double-sided form). These forms will be available online at www.pwcparks.org. A parent's handbook with camp information will be available online and for pick at PWCPA registration sites before camp begins in June.

How many staff will you have and what will their qualifications be?

Day Trippers is overseen by a full time recreation programmer with over 25 years of experience. We employ a Head Counselor, Camp Counselors (ratio of 1:10), a Camp Attendant, and an Extended Care Counselor. Our counselors meet high standards and requirements set by PWCPA, which include:

Minimum of 6 months of experience with children	Be 18 years or older
CPR and First Aid certified	Pre-Camp Training (20+ hours)
TB tested	Subject to Criminal Background Checks
Blood Born Pathogen Training	Daily Health Observation
Sexual Harassment	

Day Trippers Registration Details

- ✓ Registration will be accepted beginning March 7 at the following locations:
 - Chinn Center
 - Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center
 - Ben Lomond Community Center
 - Veterans Park
- ✓ Expanded weekly sessions offered June 22 – August 7
- ✓ Sign up for one week or all nine.
- ✓ Camp fee = \$215/week
- ✓ A \$40 deposit per child, per week will reserve their spot in camp (if registering in person)
- ✓ A 25% deposit per child, per week will reserve their spot in camp (if registering online)
- ✓ Extended care options available from 6am-9am and from 5pm-7pm
- ✓ Extended care fees = am and/or pm service - \$20/week each
- ✓ Parent Handbooks will be available online

What about inclement weather?

Our camp runs rain or shine. We will move inside immediately if lightening and/or severe weather conditions occur. Alternate plans will be made to visit indoor places of interest like movies, bowling alley, skate rink and others.

What means of communication do you use?

The Head Counselor will receive a PWCPA issued cell phone and the counselors will communicate among themselves while on the road via two-way radios.

Will my child be safe?

PWCPA staff is highly trained and skilled before the first day of camp. To ensure the safety and well being of the program, external and internal audits will be conducted on a regular basis. Audit focus is on staff files, camper files, staffing, supervision, health and safety, and the facility.

What if my child is sick or injured during camp?

Minor injuries and illnesses will be reported to parents as soon as possible. If a major injury or illness occurs we will use the emergency contact form and phone all listed contacts until we reach you.

Should I send my camper with money?

If we are traveling to a site that may have concessions or a gift shop, campers may bring money. The PWC Park Authority is not responsible for lost or stolen money or personal goods.

May my child bring an I Pod or cellular phone to camp?

We prefer they not bring these or any other valuable items to camp as we have found they tend to distract the campers for the camp activities intended for them.

Who is the contact for Day Trippers Camp?

Recreation Programmer, Mary Pope - her e-mail address is mpope@pwcparks.org and her phone number is 703-670-7112 ext 229.

Be sure to pick up our camp booklet available in February and our Spring-Summer edition of the PWCPA Leisure magazine available in April.