

# PARK ANTICS SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

## PARENT GUIDE

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# WELCOME!

We are excited to have your child registered in our playground program! Staff will be busy training next week in preparation for starting the week of June 17th.

Enclosed are the guidelines for our program. We plan on providing your child with a fun and exciting summer program with safety being our number one concern. Please take some time to familiarize yourself with our guidelines so there is a common understanding of the Plymouth Playground Programs.

We look forward to having your child in our program this summer!

## REMINDERS

>> Playground Programs do not meet the week of July 1st.

>> Kids Fest | Thursday, August 1st

Join us at the Hilde Performance Center, 3500 Plymouth Blvd, for a fun-filled evening with entertainment, food trucks, games, activities, and prizes! Carnival game tickets are 25¢ each or \$10 for an Unlimited Wristband (\$8 if purchased by 7/29). Games and activities cost 1-4 tickets each.

### Kids Fest Schedule:

>> Carnival Games	6 - 9 p.m.
>> MN Zoomobile: World of Wildlife	6 - 6:45 p.m.
>> Cale the Juggler	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
>> The Jolly Pops	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

>> Notifications

We utilize a notification system called Remind to send out reminders via text or email. The instructions on how to sign up for the program are attached. If you have any questions, please call our office.

# SAFETY

Our main goal is to provide a safe and fun program for your child this summer. Please read and follow the guidelines so that we can provide you and your child the best possible experience this summer.

- > > **WEATHER:** Programs will be cancelled for SEVERE WEATHER OR HEAVY RAINS. Do not send your child to the park if there is a severe weather warning for the area. Please call the Recreation Weather Line at 763-509-5205 to confirm a program cancellation. We will also send out a notification through the Remind system.
- > > **DROP OFF/PICK UP:** Please drop off and pick up your child on time. We are only able to supervise your child during program times (Play Leaders move between different programs and sites throughout the day). You must sign in and sign out your child each day. If someone other than the parent is picking the child up, please fill out a pick up authorization form (included in this packet).
- > > **WALK/BIKE TO PROGRAM:** Please fill out a walk/bike permission slip (included in this packet) if you want your child to walk/bike home on their own. If your child is walking/biking you would not have to sign in/sign out each day as noted above. This is not allowed for Little Adventures or Summer Fun Days (Pre-K) programs. You only need to fill out one form for the entire summer.
- > > **LEAVING EARLY:** Please notify us if your child needs to leave the program early, you must provide written notification to the Playground Leaders at the start of the program that day. Children will not be allowed to leave the program without permission from parent.
- > > **ILLNESS/INJURY:** If your child is seriously ill or injured, both 911/Emergency Personnel and you will be contacted immediately. For any non-life threatening illnesses or injuries, you will be contacted first to determine what course of action you would like to take (e.g.: You will pick up the child). If we cannot reach you or your designated contact person, 911/Emergency Personnel may be contacted.
- > > **SNACKS:** Please try not to send any snacks with your child that contain nuts or nut butters (e.g.: peanut butter). We do have children in our program that have severe nut allergies.
- > > **WATER:** Please remember to send a full water bottle with your child each day. Even on the cool days we work up a sweat with all of our play and need to stay hydrated.
- > > **TOYS:** Please keep play weapons at home - they are not allowed in the playground program. Children will be allowed to bring water guns on designated water days - Playground Leaders will inform children of upcoming days that include water play.

# VISITOR GUIDELINES

- > > If you have friends (age appropriate for the program) visiting from out of town, you can register them to spend a day at the park with your child - one visitor per child per summer. There is no cost for the visit. This does not apply to the Pre-K programs.
- > > No visits are allowed the first week of the program while we get to know the children in our program. Our staff will be meeting 200+ kids that week.
- > > To participate, you must pre-register. Only a limited number of visitors will be allowed at each playground site per day. Visitors must be registered at least 1 week prior to the visit. Please call 763-509-5228 to register.
- > > If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please call 763-509-5228.

# BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

The primary goal of the Plymouth Playground Program is to provide a FUN summer experience for all of the participants. Please assist us by reviewing the Behavior Guidelines with your child. We have a staff of talented and dedicated playground leaders who will continue to reinforce these guidelines throughout the summer!

## BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

- > Listen to the playground staff and teen volunteers.
- > Treat others with respect.
- > Keep a positive attitude.
- > Ask before you leave the area (i.e. to use the restroom).

## DISCIPLINE POLICY

- > 1ST OFFENSE: Verbal warning from leader.
- > 2ND OFFENSE: Supervised timeout from program for 5-10 minutes (parent notified by Play Leader).
- > 3RD OFFENSE: Parent is asked to pick up their child from the program and their child will not be able to attend the next scheduled day's program.
- > 4TH OFFENSE: Child released from the program.

# REMIN D NOTIFICATIONS

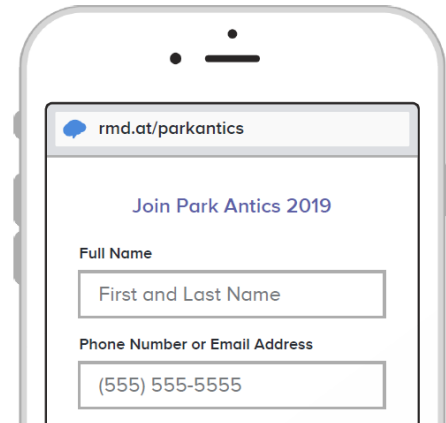
Get information for Park Antics 2019 right on your phone! Pick a way to receive messages for Park Antics 2019:

**> > OPTION 1** If you have a smart phone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/parkantics](http://rmd.at/parkantics)

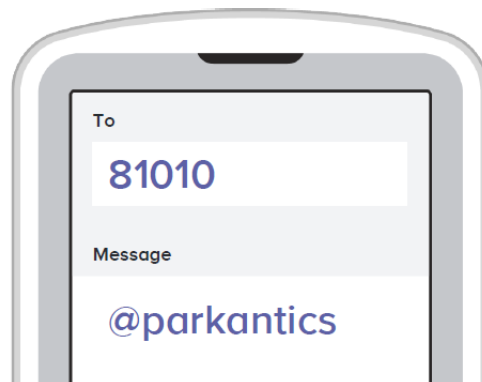
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**> > OPTION 2** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @parkantics to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @parkantics to 763-645-5973.



# PERMISSION SLIPS

Please complete and return to Play Leader as necessary.

## WALK/BIKE PERMISSION SLIP

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child,  
\_\_\_\_\_, to walk and/or bike home by themselves  
each day following the Playground Program at \_\_\_\_\_ Park  
where they are registered.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## PICK-UP PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
(circle one/both) picked up/dropped off from the Playground Program at  
\_\_\_\_\_ Park by \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date