DAY CAMP INFO & FAQs 2025

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What time is camp?
Saltaire Day Camp morning camp runs daily from 9:00am to 12:00pm. After Camp Classes hours generally run from 12:30pm to 6:00pm Monday to Thursday - with a few exceptions.

How much does it cost and what's included?
Morning camp tuition is $390 per week. Participation in our camp sports teams is included in the tuition for morning camp for campers 6-12 years old. Note: 6-7 year olds can participate in Juniors Soccer. Campers age 8+ up can participate in Seniors Soccer, Corkball, and/or Basketball. NEW: All campers can stop by the Art Shed for Open Studio and work on some arts and crafts from 1:30-3:00pm. Registered campers will sign in and get an art shed "stamp" on their hand for the day. Please note that Sea Stars campers who do not self-dismiss (most of them!), and the Moon Jellies campers who are not self-dismiss, *will have to be dropped off and picked up.* Have a visitor for the week not registered in camp who wants to make art? They can fill out a guest registration form at the art shed.

How do after camp activities work this summer?
Families have the option to **register** for after Camp classes that range from $15-$25 per class depending on materials and supplies. Registration will be ***weekly***, and a registration link will be sent out the weekend before camp starts. There are no refunds for after camp classes. The registration schedule is below. More information about classes will be available in late June!

After Camp Registration Schedule

Week 1 - June 30 - no after camp	Week 5 - July 28 - registration opens July 21
Week 2 - July 7 - registration opens June 30	Week 6 - August 4 - registration opens July 28
Week 3 - July 14 - registration opens June 7	Week 7 - August 11 - registration opens August 4
Week 4 - July 21 - registration opens June 14	Week 8 - August 18 - registration opens August 11

CAMPER GROUPS

How will my campers be grouped?

For the summer of 2025 we create ***age based groups***.

4s and 5s SEA STARS	**6s and 7s** MOON JELLIES
8s and 9s DOLPHINS	**10s, 11s, 12s** SHARKS

What if my camper has friends in an older or younger group?

When you register your camper you will be asked their birth date and that data will automatically place them in a group. We trust you will enroll your children in their correct age group so they can succeed socially and be safe physically. If your camper attends a school where the age cut offs work differently, or your camper has a fall birthday contact the office and we can have a conversation to see if switching age groups is workable. If the camp administration does not feel the camper will succeed in the group their family selected, the camp administration reserves the right to move the camper to the age group that coincides with their birth date.

CAMPER START OF DAY

Where should my camper go at 9am?

THE BASKETBALL COURT! All campers will meet at the Basketball Court and check in with their counselors. There will be announcements and a joke of the day. Camp administration requests that 4s and 5s (rising Preschool and Kindergarten students) be dropped off and picked up by an authorized adult. For 6 and 7 year olds (rising 1st & 2nd graders) we request that they are dropped off by an authorized adult on *at least the first day* they attend camp. At that point verbal permission can be given for 6s and 7s (rising 1st & 2nd grade campers) to self-report and self-dismiss.

What about bikes?

YOUNGER CAMPERS
4s and 5s (SEA STARS)
6s and 7s (MOON JELLIES)
Should park their bikes on the bike racks near the playground on Beach Plum Walk. (East or Fair Harbor side of the Ball Field). There will be NO parking of bikes on Neptune Walk, or in front of the Art Shed.

OLDER CAMPERS
8s and 9s (DOLPHINS)
10s, 11s, 12s (SHARKS) and CAMP STAFF
Should park their bikes on the bike racks on Broadway (West or Kismet side of Ball Field).

CAMPER END OF DAY: LAST ACTIVITY

What happens at 12pm?

4s and 5s (rising Preschool and Kindergarten campers) must be picked up by their authorized adult at the Bay front on Monday - Thursday and Fridays at the field. Our 6s and 7s (rising 1st & 2nd graders) will need to be picked up at the Court Monday - Thursday and Fridays at the field *unless* their authorized adult gives permission for the child to self-dismiss at drop off to the Group Leader. All other campers will self-dismiss from their last activity location (see schedules) at 12pm.

RAIN AT CAMP: THE PLAN

What happens if it rains?

The weather in Saltaire/Fire Island can be difficult to predict. If it's raining, the Camp Director has a discussion with the Village administrator and other Village staff - and uses 3 weather and radar systems to make the most informed decision of whether or not to "call it" and have an indoor day at camp. The Camp Director will wait until close to 8:30am to make the call since the weather can change drastically. A message will be sent through Campbrain. If time allows we will post on social media as well. We will cancel camp if a tropical storm or hurricane is predicted. If a rain day is called, your camper will start and end their day at Saltaire Yacht Club back room which is located at Marine Walk and Bay Promenade. Bike parking is limited and we must keep the walk safe. There will be no biking during rain days so ideally campers should walk. If campers bike younger campers use the bike racks on Bay Promenade when the Yacht Club rack is full. Dolphins and Sharks (8+ campers) use the bike parking on Broadway across from the ball field. The campers will travel to the indoor spaces available for activities: Art Shed, Art Shed Deck, Saltaire Yacht Club Backroom, Saltaire Yacht Club Deck, Bay Gazebo, Fire House, and Library-depending on availability. Send campers in a raincoat or bring a towel. They **will travel in the rain** from activity to activity! Finally, if it's a variable forecast we may switch to the regular schedule if the weather changes early in the morning - like say it's sunny by 10am. The Camp Director will send another message so that you will be prepared for pick ups.

CAMPER PREPAREDNESS: FROM HEAD TO TOE

What should my camper wear? Do they need to bring anything like snacks?

- COMFORTABLE CLOTHING: In order for campers to participate safely in camp, please have them wear comfortable clothing so they can move and play freely. The camp administration discourages campers from wearing dress up clothes or costumes/accessories (unless there is a special event), pajamas, etc. Campers should ideally be unencumbered by their clothing and free to move and play
- CAMP T-SHIRT: Each camper will receive 1 Saltaire Day Camp T-shirt which must be worn on Fridays
- HAT: for sun safety, hats are encouraged-although hat sharing is not permitted
- SHOE POLICY: Due to the potential for injury (broken glass, hot summer boardwalks, bicycle pedals/chains) footwear for camp is *strongly suggested*. Sneakers are **required** for Field and activities as well as soccer, corkball, and basketball during camp for increased mobility and safety
- TOWEL: please back a towel
- BATHING SUIT: see below
- RAINCOAT: throw in the suitcase - might not need but helpful for rain days.
- SUNSCREEN & BUG SPRAY: It is important to apply sunscreen and bug spray on your camper before arriving at camp. Camp Staff does not apply these products to campers but we can encourage campers to reapply.
- WATER BOTTLE: We have access to water fountains and coolers/cups–but an additional water bottle is helpful so campers stay hydrated

- BACKPACK: Campers should have a backpack (with their name on it) to carry their items. A totebag is workable, but the camper can be “hands free” with a backpack.
- SNACKS: The camp will provide 1 serving of snack that will be served to the groups mid-morning and ice pops for most Fridays and special occasions. No nuts or nut products will ever be served and we will be sensitive to common allergens (dairy/gluten/etc). Due to the risk of contamination and allergic reactions, **Campers may not bring snacks from home.** Campers with allergies should describe those allergies in the medical information questions during registration.
- EPI-PEN or INHALER: Please make sure that you list the epi-pen in the medical information section at registration. A doctor’s order is required for all medications and they will be required to self-administer. The Health Director can work with your family and run a “self-administer” session if requested.

CAMPER SWIMMING

What should my camper wear on swim days?

- For our 4-7 year old campers, wearing a bathing suit under clothes is a simple option. Campers can also bring their bathing suit and change but the process is time consuming and they can miss swim time. As in other years our youngest swimmers will swim last so that they can change right after camp if needed. Please pack a towel with your camper’s name written on it.

Does my camper need a swim cap?

- Swim caps are optional. Please send one in your camper's bag and tell the group leader - and we will make sure they wear it.

Does my camper need floaties or personal floatation devices if they cannot swim?

- For safety purposes campers are NOT permitted to use personal floatation devices during camp. At times they will be provided with a kickboard, noodle or barbell for instructional purposes.

Will my camper go swimming in the rain?

- Campers *will* go swimming in light rain--unless there is bad weather forecasted like thunder and lightning. In that case we will switch to a special rain day schedule.

What is the deal with swim testing?

- Campers will be swim tested at the beginning of July and beginning of August - OR when they start camp if it is not at the beginning of each month. Swim tests will take place during the camper’s regular swim time.

Is there anything else I should know?

- Occasionally there may be the presence of miniature jellyfish larvae coined ‘bay lice’ which can cause discomfort for some campers. We will make every effort to make sure campers rinse off after swimming. Campers who usually wear a one-piece bathing suit might want to consider a two-piece or tank suit so that the ‘bay lice’ do not get trapped under their bathing suits.

Do the campers do anything else in the water but swimming lessons?
Yes! Read below.

- ***Monday Funday*** is when your campers of all ages will get the chance to play some traditional water games like Marco Polo or silly games like Water Dance Party. In addition to teaching swimming skills, we believe seeing the water as a place to have fun is critical to the success of our swim program
- ***Ocean/Ocean Games*** under the guidance of our experienced ocean lifeguards, campers of all ages will get the chance to travel to the ocean side of Saltaire for beach games, learning about the ocean and marine life, and more. Campers in 3-6th grade **who are progressing in their swim lessons** will learn how to safely enter and exit the ocean.

SALTAIRE SWIM TEAM

- **How can my camper participate?**
    - Campers must be 7 years old and will need to pass a swim test on their first morning practice. Families can sign up for the swim team online on **Monday, June 30.**
    - Practices are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (NOT THURSDAY) and Friday mornings from 8-8:45am and begin Week 2 or Monday, July 7 and run through Week 7 or Friday, August 15.. We have two swim meets scheduled and more on the way!
    - Campers planning on signing up for Swim Team Participants should wear a navy or blue swimsuit (ideally), and swim team members will be given goggles and a Saltaire swim cap.
    - **Questions?** Ask Meg Schou, Camp Aquatics Director: aquatics@saltaire.org

SALTAIRE SPORTS TEAMS

- **How can my camper participate?**
    - STARTING WEEK 2: All 6 & 7 year old campers (Moon Jellies) can participate in our Saltaire Soccer Junior team practices and games *at no extra charge.*
        - Junior Soccer Practices are Tuesday from 12:15-1:00pm
        - Junior Soccer Games are Thursday at 4:30pm
            - Equipment/Uniform: Campers will be given a Saltaire Sports shirt they should wear to games. They may be required to also wear a team pinny that will be provided. Sneakers are required and cleats are fine. Shin guards are helpful if you have them; the camp has extra.

    - STARTING WEEK 2: All 8+ year old campers can participate in our Saltaire Soccer Senior team, Saltaire Corkball Senior team, and this year we are introducing a Saltaire Basketball Senior team! Campers can attend the practices and games at no extra charge. It's a community tradition!
        - Corkball Practices are Monday from 1:00-2:00pm
        - Corkball Games are Wednesday at 5:00pm
        - Senior Soccer Practices are Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm
        - Senior Soccer Games are Thursday at 5:00pm
        - NEW: Senior Basketball Practices are Wednesday from 12:15-1:00pm
        - NEW: Senior Basketball Games are July 18, August 1, and August 15 at 12:15pm
            - **NEW: ALL SENIOR SPORTS:** Equipment/Uniform: Campers will be given a Saltaire Sports shirt they should wear to games. They may be required to also wear a team pinny that will be provided. Sneakers are required.
                - Soccer: cleats and shin guards are helpful if you have them, but not required.

WHAT IF MY PLANS CHANGE? REFUND POLICY

Day Camp, Swim Team Refund Policy

50% Refund of Day Camp tuition will be given if the session is canceled in writing (email fine) by the parent/guardian at least 21 days before the session starts. If a written cancellation notice is given after the 21-day deadline, no refund will be given.

Please fill out the located on the website and send it to summercamp@saltaire.org

Day Camp, Swim Team Refund Schedule

Must receive notice in writing by the dates in red to receive a 50% refund:

Week 1 - deadline for 50% off: June 9	Week 5 - deadline for 50% off: July 7
Week 2 - deadline for 50% off: June 16	Week 6 - deadline for 50% off: July 14
Week 3 - deadline for 50% off: June 23	Week 7 - deadline for 50% off: July 21
Week 4 - deadline for 50% off: June 30	Week 8 - deadline for 50% off: July 28

After Camp Registration and Refunds

Registration for after camp classes will open on Monday the week before the classes begin. **PLEASE NOTE: There will be no refunds given for after camp classes in SUMMER 2025.** Camp Administration will issue a 100% refund in the case of weather related cancellations or the Camp changes the class in some way (ie: cancels class due to low enrollment, changes day, instructor, etc).

Credit Card usage

By using a credit card to pay for Village of Saltaire programming, you give the Village of Saltaire permission to apply any/all refunds to the credit card used for the purchase. Refunds will be issued to the payment method/payee at registration. Any manual registrations for additional programming will be charged to the credit card on file, unless the family provides a different credit card. A detailed family household account statement which can be accessed at villageofsaltaire.campbrainregistration.com

How do I pay by check or money order?

- Please note if you choose to pay by cash, check, or money order the Village of Saltaire MUST receive your payment within 14 days or your application will be deleted. After Friday, June 13 all camp payments in the form of cash, check, or money order must be made in person at the Village of Saltaire between 8am and 4pm.

  You can make checks payable to the Village of Saltaire and send your check to:

  Village of Saltaire

  ATTN: Summer Camp

  P.O. Box 5551

  Bayshore, NY 11706

How do I see pictures of all the fun stuff that happens at camp?

- We will be posting throwback pictures on some Thursdays - beginning in July we will post pictures a throughout the week - so follow us on Instagram @saltairesummercamp

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