

Dear Camp Massasoit parents,

Welcome to session 4! We would like to inform you of the schedule and format for Family Night. The Family Night for Session 4 will be taking place on **Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016**, from 5-8 p.m.

The focus of the Family Night is to provide campers and their parents with the opportunity to share in a "typical" day at Camp Massasoit. There will be an open activity time during which families can visit our program areas. The Family Night will offer opportunities for your child to climb on the ropes course, display their archery skills, or spend time as a family on a boat on the waterfront, cook some s'mores, and view the slide show.

All of our program areas will be offered through the distribution of tickets with pre-assigned times to each area. Both the climbing on the ropes course and our archery range are available only to Camp Massasoit campers. However, the use of our canoes is available for all family members to participate in. All other areas will be organized in a manner that allows families and campers to jump into an activity when they arrive. Please note that all campers must be supervised by an adult.

Dinner: We will be offering the option of a barbecue meal through Springfield College Food Service, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, salads, drinks and dessert. Dinner will be served between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Picnic Grove. The cost per person is \$13, for both children and adults. This is the price that Camp Massasoit is charged by Springfield College Food Service. As a family, you are welcome to bring your own prepared food. During this time, you will meet the camp staff, and the various groups in camp will be presenting small skits and songs for your enjoyment.

Parking: If you are coming to family night, **PLEASE DO NOT come before 4:45 p.m.** as regular pick-up will be taking place. Parking will be available at East Campus on a first-come, first-served basis. Once our lot is filled, we will be directing traffic to the Child Development Center. For those parking at the Child Development Center, a shuttle will be available to take you to and from East Campus or there will be signs posted so you can walk. **Please make sure that you bring identification with you so we release your child to only individuals you have authorized us too.** If disabled parking is needed, please contact the camp office.

Not Coming? For those campers not staying for Family Night, child pick-up will be the usual procedure. Campers must either be picked up or met by a parent or guardian by 5:15 p.m. Please note that the regular Springfield College shuttle will not run on Family Night. If campers are not picked up by 5:15 p.m., we will handle the situation as we would on any other camp day by phoning the emergency contacts. If no one is reached at the emergency numbers, we will call the Department of Social Services at 5:30 p.m.

Cancellation: If there is inclement or impending poor weather due to lack of indoor space, Family Night will be cancelled. **If you are unsure if Family Night will be cancelled due to weather, please go to our web page at springfield.edu, type "Camp Massasoit" in the search bar, and then click on Camp News.** If Family Night is cancelled, normal pickup will occur from 4:15 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. If this is the only session your child is attending and you would still like to attend a Family Night, you are more than welcome to attend another Family Night session. Please contact our camp office and we will provide you with the details.

Thank you in advance for assisting the camp staff in enhancing the Family Night experience. Please fill out the enclosed form, even if you are not attending, and return it to Camp by **Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016**. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at (413) 750-5011.

Thank You,

The Camp Massasoit Staff

Family Night at Camp Massasoit

Join us for an evening of fun for the whole family!

Reminder: If you are planning on coming you **DO NOT** need to come and pick your child up prior to the event; they will be supervised until 5:15. Once you arrive we will let your children know that you are here and they will meet you at the check-in point (Just make sure to bring your ID with you)!!!

Thursday:

4:15-5:15 Regular pick-up occurs.

5-6 Families and campers enjoy the BBQ or their meals brought from home, introduction of camp staff, camper skits and songs.

6-8 Ropes, boats, archery, a slideshow and crafts will be open for families.

8 Campers and families head home.

Reminders:

- Campers are not allowed to stay for Family Night without adult supervision.
- Camp Massasoit prohibits the use of alcohol.
- Smoking is only permitted in designated areas.
- Food brought from home must be prepared.

Please complete the form below, **cut** at the line, and return it to camp no later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, even if you are not attending.

Family Name: _____

Camper(s) Name(s): _____

_____ Not attending Family Night, normal pick up.

_____ Number attending, bringing own food for dinner.

_____ Number of people for BBQ dinner. (\$13 each)

If family night is cancelled what would you like us to do to your check:

_____ Rip up your check and throw it away

_____ Return it to you

We request payment by check only. Please make checks payable to **Springfield College** and list **camper name** on the memo line.