

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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The Just for Fun (JFF) program, operated by the Grand Forks Park District, is a summer outdoor recreation program that provides supervised playground/park activities for children 6 - 10 years of age. This 'day camp in the park' program runs Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is hosted at eight different park sites with roughly 40 - 60 kids at each park, with 4 - 6 JFF Site Staff (generally high school age summer staff) at each site. This recreation program offers fun, collaborative play activities that are designed to encourage participation in outside group games, crafts, field trips, and special events. Each park program site will go to the public pool generally 1 - 2 times a week, with bus transportation and swim access provided by the program.

If inclement weather arises, the program may be cancelled for the day, or the program will be operated within the warming house at the park site. While we do have drinking fountains at all locations, there is no air conditioning at most sites. No snacks are allowed at the program site due to food allergies. Children are allowed to purchase snacks at the pool concession stands.

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE POLICY

ARRIVAL | Upon arrival to the JFF program, the parent/guardian or participant is required to sign-in. This assists our staff with attendance since we do not require the parent/guardian to communicate their child's attendance with us. If a child is late to the JFF program and the group has left for the pool, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to bring the child to the pool and sign-in with the JFF Site Staff.

DEPARTURE | Upon departure from the JFF program, the parent/guardian must sign-out their child out with the JFF Site Staff. If the parent/guardian is more than 10 minutes late to pick up the child, this will result in an "offense" as stated in the behavior plan. If you have given permission for your child to leave the program on their own (without the parent/guardian present), your child must contact the parent/guardian to notify them that they are leaving for the day and sign-out with the JFF Site Staff. Once your child leaves the program for the day, they will not be allowed to return that same day.

If your child needs to leave the program early, the parent/guardian must communicate this request and receive confirmation from the JFF Site Staff.

POOL POLICY

Proper swim attire and a towel are required for the pool. Your child is responsible for their own items, including any money for concessions. A swim test will be administered the first day of swimming to determine your child's swimming skill level. Their ability to have access to certain areas of the pool will be determined by this test for safety reasons.

If your child does not want to go to the pool on JFF program swim days, we ask that they stay home that day since no staff will be at the park site location when the group is at the pool.

We will have sunscreen on site for the children to use. If you do not want your child to wear sunscreen, you must inform the JFF Site Staff.

TECHNOLOGY, PHOTOGRAPHY, & COMMUNICATION POLICY

Technology (cell phone, tablets, video games, etc.) will not be allowed during the hours of the JFF program. A phone is available at each park site location and parent/guardian will be able to communicate with JFF Site Staff during the program. We would ask that children leave their technology at home; however, we do have a secure lock box at each location to store any technology during program hours.

Photos and/or video of your child may be taken during the JFF program for promotional purposes. If you do not want photos/video taken of your child, you must inform the JFF Site Staff. Grand Forks Park District will communicate to the parents by email, flyers, and through JFF Site Staff.

We are in the process of setting up group communication at each site through the app Google Chat. More information on this communication method will be sent out to parents/ guardians when the program begins.

BEHAVIORAL ACTION PLAN

The Just for Fun (JFF) program, operated by the Grand Forks Park District, will NOT tolerate behavior in which any individual is hurt physically, mentally, or emotionally. Such actions against another individual can or may result in one or more of the following actions as deemed appropriate by the JFF Site Staff.

FIRST OFFENSE:	Verbal notice and rule reminder. Child will sit out for appropriate time. Parent involvement.
SECOND OFFENSE:	Verbal reminder of rule and time out from JFF (1 swim day). Parent involvement.
THIRD OFFENSE:	Disciplinary Action. Parent involvement. Sent home with possible program expulsion.

After each offense, the parent will be contacted by email and/or phone by the JFF Program Manager or JFF Site Leaders to alert them of the incident that occurred. The primary parent/guardian email address and phone number provided is how the JFF Program Manager or JFF Site Leaders will contact you, if your child has an offense.

To ensure a safe program for every participant, if your child's behavior becomes severe and/or a safety threat, and we are unable to reach the parent/guardian or the emergency contact, our staff may need to call the police to assist. The Grand Forks Park District reserves the right to suspend or remove a child from JFF program, without a refund, due to behavioral or general safety concerns.

HEALTH STATEMENT

For the Grand Forks Park District to provide a safe and fun program for everyone, it is important that we understand the individual needs of your child. We ask that all parents/guardians provide the necessary medical information we request within the Just For Fun program registration so we can provide quality care to your child. If your child is on an IFSP, IEP, Behavior Plan, 504 Plan, or Medical Care Plan, you must provide us with this plan/information for your child to be accepted into the JFF program. Please email our JFF Program Manager, Lynne Roche at lroche@gfparks.org with that information. You may need a "GF Schools Release/Exchange of Information" form to provide us with this information. You can find this form on the Just for Fun webpage, <https://www.gfparks.org/programs-activities/youth/just-for-fun/> or by scanning the QR code provided to the right.

SCAN QR CODE
FOR GF SCHOOLS
RELEASE/EXCHANGE
OF INFO FORM



Due to limited resources and certified specialized trained staff, there is a limitation to the level of individual or specialized care the Grand Forks Park District can offer each participant. The Grand Forks Park District will be reviewing each applicant on a case-by-case basis to determine if we can provide the necessary accommodation required for quality care to the applicant. Thank you for your understanding.

By registering online or filling out and signing the registration form for the Just for Fun program, Parents/Guardians consent that they understand that all medical bills incurred are the responsibility of the parent/guardian and not the responsibility of the GF Park District.