

SCOTTY'S NEWS

AUGUST 2022



DIRECTOR'S KORNER



Happy August! We are in the final month of the Summer, but we are full steam ahead in the fun we have planned for this month.

This month is a busy one filled with 5 whole weeks of nonstop adventure. Our annual Kid's Fair and Talent Show are always events the children (and teachers) look forward to. Our official start of the Academic Year will begin on Tuesday, September 6.

Please check with your child's teacher to make sure your child has enough sunscreen. We use this almost every day to protect your child and we want to make sure that we have enough. We will be using sunscreen while going outdoors all the way up until October.

Please also remember to send in a water bottle every day with your child. The heat lately has been high and we want to make sure all children stay hydrated.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me either in person or by phone.

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**PARENTS OF SCHOOL
AGE CHILDREN -
PLEASE READ**

BUS SCHEDULING FOR YOUR SCHOOL AGE CHILD:

Scotty's works directly with the schools and the bus companies to let them know your child's school transportation needs. The following is the information that we need to supply to your child's school:

If your child will be using town school bus transportation, will your child be:

picked up from Scotty's or home in the morning

dropped off at Scotty's or home in the afternoon

will your child be both picked up from and dropped off at Scotty's

If Scotty's will be transporting your child, will Scotty's:

be transporting your child to school,

be picking up your child from school

be both transporting to and picking up from school

While Parents need to supply us with this information **YOU must also inform your child's school as well.** Even though we will supply the school with the information that you provide us, **YOU as Parents must inform the school.** We will assist you with any questions that you may have.



Just for Fun

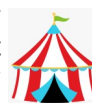
Q: What is a shark's favorite sandwich?

A: Peanut butter and jellyfish!

August Highlights

August is always a favorite month here at Scotty's with the end of summer and gearing up for the beginning of a new school year.

We parade into **Week 1** with our circus theme of **Cirque de Scotty's**. Children will play games all week, and create art masterpieces like Clown Faces and Puffy Paint Cotton Candy. The week marches on and ends with our annual **Kid's Fair** filled with fun and prizes.



Week 2 we head on into the woods for our **Gone Camping** week where building a tent and exploring marshmallows will be sure to keep the campers happy. There will also be some art projects you will want to keep forever.



Ahoy! **Week 3** kicks off with our little buccaneers enjoying **A Pirate's Life for Me!** Creating a Paper Plate Pirate and hands on science activities like Fizzing Treasure Chests will lead up to our Preschool and Pre-K **Treasure Hunt** where the children are sure to find booty.



Week 4 is a week filled with exploring our talents with our **Scotty's Got Talent** week. Having the children get involved in singing, dancing, playing instruments and acrobatics are just some of the many areas we will explore. All of their practice will be put on display with our annual **Talent Show** as well as an **Art Show** displaying the children's own creations.



Week 5 is our **Spirit Week** with themed days and the children picking their favorite Summer activities to repeat. On Friday, we will end our Summer Camp Series by having a big **Ice Cream Social** to cap off another fun Summer.



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2022 HOLIDAY & VACATION CALENDAR

Labor Day - Sept 5th

Scotty's is closed
Monday, Sept 5th
in observance of Labor Day
Full tuition is due
the week of Sept 5

Thanksgiving - Nov 24-25

Scotty's is closed on
Thu, Nov 24th & Fri, Nov 25th
in observance of Thanksgiving
Full tuition is due
the week of Nov 21

Christmas Observance - Dec 23rd

Scotty's will have a half day and close at **2:30pm** on
Friday, December 23rd
In observance of Christmas
Full tuition is due the week of
Dec 19

Winter Vacation Shutdown

Scotty's will be closed the week of
December 26 thru December 30 for
our
Winter Vacation Shutdown
No tuition is due
the week of December 26

New Year's Day - Jan 2nd

Scotty's is closed
Monday, January 2nd
In observance of New Year's Day
We will reopen from the Winter
Vacation Shutdown on
Tuesday, January 3rd
Full tuition is due the week of Jan 2



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Health & Wellness

SUMMER WEATHER means warm days and abundant sunshine and the children will be spending more time outside. It is important to continue to provide weather appropriate clothing for your child's outdoor play. Each child should come with sneakers. Children will not be permitted to participate in outdoor play unless they have sneakers. Each child should also have a water bottle which we will keep filled with fresh water and they will be encouraged to drink often to stay hydrated. Also, to protect the children from the increased exposure to the sun during our outdoor play, we have given each family a new **Topical Medication Form** for 2022 that needs to be filled out, signed and returned for us to have on file so that your child can have sunscreen applied here at Scotty's. Once you have filled out and signed the form, return it to your child's teacher along with a bottle of new sunscreen, labeled with your child's name, so we can protect them during outdoor play.



Our School Age Summer Camp program is in full swing, with eager children every day awaiting adventure and learning. Our **World Explorers: Summer Around the World** has taught the children (and teachers) some new and exciting facts.

This month, we parade on in with **Cirque de Scotty's** with a week full of Circus themed fun, which ends with Scotty's Annual **Kid's Fair** that the Campers help run. We also have our big Field Trip to the **Connecticut Science Center**.

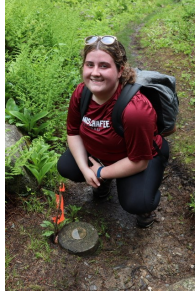
The second week this month we head to Africa for a week of being on a **Safari**. We will also have a Field Trip this week to **Oakridge Dairy Farm** to see how we get cow's milk.

The third week is a favorite with our theme being **Raiders of the Lost Artifact**. Puzzles and cracking codes are the challenge. The week ends with an **Artifact Hunt**.

Summer Camp ends with an annual favorite, **Scotty's Got Talent** where the children will be exposed to the different arts of singing, dancing, playing instruments and acrobatics. The week concludes with Scotty's Annual **Talent Show** which is performed in front of all the children.



STAFF Spotlight



Miss Bridget
Assistant Teacher

This month we would like to shine the spotlight on Miss Bridget. Miss Bridget has been with Scotty's since June of 2021. She attends Loomis Chaffee and works here during her school breaks. While at school, Bridget is a member of the softball team. Currently, Bridget is visiting colleges where she would like to study Elementary Education and be a Kindergarten teacher.

Miss Bridget is the youngest of four children, and has two nieces and one nephew. When not at school, Bridget loves to spend time outside hiking, fishing, canoeing and napping in hammocks. Before starting back at Scotty's this Summer, Bridget took a two week canoe trip down the Connecticut River! We are so always happy to have Miss Bridget around.



Just for Fun

Q: What is a frog's favorite summertime treat?

A: Hopsicles!

This & That

OUTDOOR PLAY

Summer weather means more fun in the sun during our outdoor playtimes. To help protect the children during their playtime outdoors, we apply the sunscreen you have provided to protect them from the sun's rays. We monitor the temperature and humidity to make sure that exposure to each is kept within safe amounts of time. Water is available at all times and the children are encouraged to drink during and after each playtime. Safety is always on our minds so that each outdoor experience is fun and safe.

TRY THIS AT HOME

FAMILY TIME

Your child has just painted a picture of your family and they proudly hold it up to show to you, grinning from ear to ear. You look at it and can't tell what it is, so you ask, "What is that?" Your child might become confused, because to them it looks exactly like their family. There's mom, there's brother, there's Gus the golden retriever... "What is that?" communicates that their piece of art doesn't look like what they made it to be, and that you can't even tell what it is. But sometimes, you really don't know WHAT it is when they're showing it to you (and that's okay!). Instead, try phrases like this:

- Oh, tell me about your picture!
- Where did you get the idea to make this?
- How did you choose to add blue in this spot?
- How does this picture make you feel?

All of those questions are open-ended conversation starters and as your child answers, you'll get the clues you need to figure out what the picture is of. This simple, easy strategy can make a world of difference for our young artists!

Source: Friends Art Lab

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

From time to time you may have a question on how things happen here at Scotty's.

From policies, procedures, curriculum, daily activities to other happenings, we are here to answer your questions.

You can talk with us at anytime and we will happily address your questions or concerns. Simply let us know what you would like to know and we will provide you with answers.



We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

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