

☆ SCHOOLAGERS SUMMER PROGRAM 2019 ☆

Welcome to Tug's Summer Program. My name is Lindsey, and I will be the summer program coordinator this summer. My staff and I are looking forward to having a fun-filled summer with your child! Here is an overview of what will be going on this summer at Tug's:

☆ **Swimming at the Mason City Aquatic Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be starting June 12th for children ages 5 & up.** Please pack a swimsuit, towel, and sack lunch/drink for every swim day your child plans to attend. We will be walking again this year and eating lunch at the MacNider Campground picnic area, so please make sure to send your child in good walking shoes. We leave Tug's at 12:00PM.

Per years past, the MCAC has announced they will not open on any day where the predicted high of the day is less than 74 degrees. We will check KIMT after 11AM to see whether or not the pool will be open for the day. In the event that the pool is not open, we will do water play at Tug's instead. We will keep track of and bill you for the days your child attends the pool unless you have a pool pass as specified on the sign-up sheet.

Children remain in specified areas at the pool under careful teacher supervision. We do not go into the deep end ever (5 feet+). A teacher may take a small group of children at a time to use the waterslides. If a child does not show appropriate behavior in the pool or on the walk to/from Tug's, we reserve the right to hold that child back from going to the pool in the future. Field trips of all kinds are a privilege at Tug's.

☆ **Field Trips-** We have field trips weekly. There will be a sheet listing all field trips for the month in the lobby. I set out a set number of copies, but I can make more if you ask! I also post all newsletters and calendars to www.tugsdaycare.com. A sign-up sheet will be posted at least one week before each field trip. All children wanting to attend need to be signed up the day before the trip. Many trips require cold lunches/drinks, so please plan ahead.

For new families of Tug's, we do one big field trip a month which requires hiring a bus, which is very costly. These field trips tend to cost more, and we need a minimum of 25 children in order to go. If not enough children sign-up the day before a trip is scheduled, the trip is then cancelled. If you sign-up for the trip, it is assumed you will be going; if your child does not show up on field trip day, you will still be charged for it. Please only sign up when you are positive your child will be going.

We will be discussing appropriate behaviors of children when leaving Tug's. Please make sure to discuss safety procedures and positive behaviors with your child at home as well. We reserve the right to remove a child from the field trip at any time if they show poor behavior or cannot function safely and responsibly in a public space.

☆ **Sunscreen-** You must supply Tug's with a bottle of lotion for your child if you want it to be applied. We as a center are required to have written permission to apply sunscreen to your child. Please stop by the office if you are unsure if we have the go-ahead to apply sunscreen to your child. If we do not have permission, we will be unable to apply sunscreen to your child, resulting in them possibly staying back from the pool or other field trips that take place outside. Please – NO SPRAY SUNSCREENS.

☆ **Electronics-** We will allow children to bring their electronics on Fridays. Tablets, Nintendo DS, or other devices are allowed on this day (please refrain from sending children with cell phones. These will not be allowed out ever, not even on electronic day.) Children are expected to use these devices responsibly. Please send devices at your own discretion as we are NOT responsible for lost or stolen items. Devices may be stored in the office if there is a concern. Again, this is a privilege for our friends at Tug's, and inappropriate use of devices can result in the device being held in the office until parent pick-up or loss of the electronics privilege altogether.

☆ **Reading Program & Daily Lessons-** We will be continuing our summer reading program this year. Children will have reading sheets that will be signed when they complete a book. Please encourage your children to read at home as well! We also have been implementing daily lesson plans for children at Tug's. We will be learning and having fun all summer long!

☆ **Other-** There is a \$25 supply fee for each child enrolled in the school-age program to help cover costs for arts & crafts and room supplies, including games and activities. You may pay it individually or ask to have it added on to your bill.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to approach me. I am always open to field trip ideas or suggestions. I can't wait to have an amazing summer with your child at Tug's! Thank you for all of your support.

- Lindsey & The Schoolage Staff