

Hello math camp parents!

Welcome to BCA math competition camp! Important dates and times are listed below:

Session 1: July 15 – July 25

Session 2: July 29 – August 8

Both sessions:

Monday through Thursday, 9:30am – 3pm.

All classes are held at BCA – our address is 200 Hackensack Avenue, Hackensack, NJ.

I wanted to answer a few common questions and make a few announcements.

First, **books and materials**. We started something new last year. We now purchase all books directly. After the first day, each student will come home with their class placement as well as the name of the required book. You can either borrow the book for the duration of the session – at no charge – or purchase the book to use and then keep. We receive a bulk discount so if you buy the book from us it will cost less than the typical price. Payment, if you choose to buy, is through our webpage and is similar to registering for a course.

In addition to the required book, most students will be happy to have something to write on (like a notebook) something to write with (like a pencil and perhaps an eraser) and (sometimes) a scientific calculator.

Second, **sign in and sign out**. Sign in starts at 9:15. There is no one to supervise campers before this time. They should go to the lower cafeteria, find their intern, sign in and then wait with their intern until 9:30 when they will go to their classroom. On the first day, please park in the main parking lot and enter through the main entrance (in the front of the building, facing Hackensack Avenue). There will be someone there to show you to the first floor cafeteria. In the cafeteria, the interns will have lists of student names with class placements and can tell students what class they are in and to where they should report. Pickup is 3pm; 3:15 at the latest. There is no one to supervise them after 3:15 pm.

Third, **forms**. There is a mandatory form, the medical form, and an optional form, the “hold harmless” form. We will have hard copies of both of these available to you on the first day of math camp. They are also available on our webpage (mcc.bergen.org) if you click on “parents.” You can a) print them out, fill them out and bring them with you on the first day or b) take a hard copy when you arrive on the first day, fill it out right away and hand it in to your child(ren)'s intern(s) or c) take a hard copy when you arrive on the first day, take it home and fill it out and hand it in at pickup on the first day or at drop off the second day.

Fourth, **parking**. At pickup, if a math camp student is being picked up by someone with a car, that person must park in the parking lot and come inside the building to the lower cafeteria to

sign out and pick up children at the end of the day. The “Hold Harmless” forms are only for children who are walking home, taking a bus home, taking an “uber” etc. The hold harmless forms are NOT for children whose parents want them to meet them in the parking lot; this is not allowed with or without a hold harmless form. There is no waiting or parking in the marked “fire zones” in the parking lot as this is a fire hazard and blocks the path to the exit of the parking lot. The area marked with a sign that says “drop off” is only for very quick drop offs. It is not for anyone waiting (or parking) for an extended period. Also, of course, no parking in handicap spots unless you have the appropriate stickers on your car. The safety of your children is our primary concern, and it is unsafe for them to go, unescorted, to meet you in the parking lot when math camp is over. If you are a parent who is finding it difficult to walk to the building (injury, young and sleeping children in the car, etc.) please email carhei@bergen.org while camp is in session (or up to a week before the session begins) and I will arrange for an intern to bring your child to you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this issue.

Fifth, **medical issues**. If there are delicate issues requiring detailed instructions, please tell me on the first day at drop off and I will bring you to see our school nurse. I also can bring you to the school nurse to drop off any non-urgent medication (epi-pens and inhalers can stay with the children.)

Sixth, students need to bring **lunch** every day except for the following two Thursdays: July 25th and August 8th. On these days we will have our full day math contest, awards ceremony and pizza lunch. We typically have all you can eat pizza, quite a few frozen ice sticks and a drink (coke, sprite or water.) Of course, if students do not want to eat/drink these offerings for any reason, then they are welcome to bring their own lunch. Parents do not typically attend, but you can if you would like to.

Seventh, **absences**. Please email me if your child will be absent or excessively late for any reason. If I don't hear from you, I will try to call or email you mid-morning to report an absence.

Eighth, I wanted to bring to your attention that there is a google sheet for finding other parents to **carpool** with. It is on our website (mcc.bergen.org), under the “parents” tab.

Ninth, our building is typically a comfortable temperature, but occasionally students may find some of the rooms, for instance the cafeteria, too cold. Please have students pack a sweater in case they get cold.

I think that covers most of the questions. Feel free to email Grace at graloh@bergen.org during the school year (September through the beginning of July) or me at carhei@bergen.org during math camp sessions if you have any questions. Again, welcome to math camp!!

Carla