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Kareem's Court

Kareem Bryant, Executive Director

Our summer experience is uniquely positioned to provide developmental skills for our program participants. We partner family, school, and community activities in helping children learn independence, decision-making, social-emotional skills, character building and values; all in an atmosphere of creativity and enrichment under the supervision of positive adult role models.

In today's pressure-oriented society, RodneyStreet provides a non-threatening environment for Wilmington's young people to be active, to develop competence in life skills, to learn about and enhance their own abilities and to benefit from meaningful participation in a community designed just for them.

Yes, summer camp is for everyone! Don't let one child grow up without it!

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Adil's Advantage

Adil Ismaaeel, Director of Tennis

As summer arrives, I'm reflecting on all the strides RodneyStreet has made on the tennis court over the last year. As the Tennis Director I am humbled to be a part of the process and one of the many moving parts that make our success happen. We concluded our spring session successfully, providing programming to over a dozen school partners, as we introduced the sport of tennis to thousands of youth in the greater Wilmington area. We also worked diligently at developing our players, and the progress in their game shows their dedication as we move into our summer programming.

Transitioning into summer, I'm super excited for what's to come. This year's enrollment in our Summer Tennis and Academic Enrichment is our largest to date. Based on enrollment numbers alone, RodneyStreet is on the path of success. Our staff is prepared and excited to continue our on-court development, and work towards the common goal of improvement among all skill-levels. For our advanced players, our focuses will be developing shot proficiency and overall game strategy. Starting on day one we will get down to business, but we will also have fun and give our players a chance to enjoy their summer while growing their love for the sport of tennis.



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Indie's Inside - Out

Here are some things our students have to look forward to this **SUMMER** after a very productive staff and parent orientation in the first week of June:

S- STEAM! See attachment for weekly themes

U- Undivided attention from our FirstAid/ CPR certified staff.

M- Many celebrated students in our weekly Star Camper program where students are recognized for displaying the character trait of the week. The character traits featured this summer will be Growth Mindset, Perseverance, Empathy, Mindfulness, Integrity, Generosity, Self-Control and Sincerity.

M- More fun field trips! This year we are visiting Ashland Nature Center, Delaware Children's Museum, Delaware Museum of Natural History, Brandywine Zoo, Swimming at the Jewish Community and Canoeing with Dupont Environmental Education Center.

E- Each week of summer includes lessons that explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Nutrition. As well as 20 minutes of reading daily and 40 minutes of daily math practice on our new iPads.

R- Real life practice of peace through our group therapy sessions with Children and Families First and Yoga sessions with Petite Yogi.

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Sandra's Serves

Sandra Ippolito,
Director of Operations

Summertime is here and RodneyStreet is ready for some fun in the sun!

Our Summer Tennis and Enrichment Program has expanded to work with new partners and offer even more programming. We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of Tower Hill School. Our flagship eight-week session is at their school campus for a third year. City of Wilmington's Department of Parks and Recreation has been a proponent of RodneyStreet's mission for decades. Thanks to their assistance, we will utilize Rockford Park's tennis courts again and have our RodneyStreet Classic at our namesake courts near Trolley Square.

RodneyStreet will work with the Summer Learning Collaborative for the first time this year, providing tennis instruction to their participants during the month of July. Two more weeks of extended camp will also be available at the Siegel JCC after we wrap up at Tower Hill.

To honor the legacy of one of our long-time supporters, RodneyStreet has partnered with DuPont Country Club to have the very first Bob Bratcher Memorial Tournament in August. He was a tennis coach and mentor to so many in Delaware for over 60 years. His passing in 2018 was deeply felt in the local tennis community, whose focus aligned with his to introduce tennis to as many kids in the City of Wilmington as possible.

We look forward to updating you on all the great things our participants are up to over the next couple months!



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Ilicia's Aces

Ilicia Strasser, Director of Development

Days are longer, the sun is shining and RodneyStreet is geared up for a summer of tennis and learning! Each week children join our team, for some to learn the basics of tennis and others to hone those skills that they have been working on all year. Through the generosity of sponsors and donors, children are given the gift of summer programming, many of whom would not have the opportunity otherwise. Each child is provided a healthy breakfast and well-balanced lunch every daily, and each week includes swim-time at the Siegel JCC. Many of our children are part of our scholarship program, all made possible with generous donations, grants and sponsors. RodneyStreet's goal is to provide more opportunities for these deserving young people. Though the school year is over, RodneyStreet's season is just heating up! Please consider us for a tax-deductible donation to continue to allow more children to experience the magic of our summer experience.