

East Hartford Parks & Recreation

SUMMER 2023 CAMPS



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Mayor Mike Walsh

Where Great Summers Begin!

Awesome Summer Camps!



Little Rec'ers

Goodwin Park
Open to children entering 1 & 2 Grade

Held Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM
June 19 - August 4 (7 weeks)
Fee: \$65 per week

* Rain Location Pitkin School

Little Rec'ers is designed to give the younger campers a boost as they transition to an all day park program home to the camp environment. Specially selected camp staff help them with all aspects of camp life and participate in the activities alongside them. They facilitate introductions with other children, guide them in choosing activities, and serve as a resource for them all day long. Staff also make sure that children get their lunch, snacks, visits to the bathroom and anything else that they need. Activities include games & activities, swimming, arts & crafts and field trips! Campers go on Enrichment trips to our partners at the library! With guidance, parents are generally blown away by what their children accomplish. Watching your little one learn to swim, make new friends and design awesome artwork is just another typical day at camp...they grow up so fast, don't they?



Fun Days Camp

Gorman Park
Open to children entering 3 & 4 Grade

Held Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM
June 19 - August 4 (7 weeks)
Fee: \$65 per week

* Rain Location Silver Lane School

Time to celebrate the summer and make some camp memories! A traditional day camp with outdoor fun and quality supervision provides a positive experience for the camper in your family. The focus of this camp will be on developing social skills, teamwork, self-esteem and an appreciation for the environment. Campers are exposed to interactive activities, arts & crafts, swimming lessons and team sports & games. Activities include on-site entertainment, special events, recreational swim, indoor and outdoor games, nature activities, arts and crafts, on and off site field trips and so much more. Campers go on Enrichment trips to our partners at the library! If your child loves to explore and go somewhere different and exciting each week, this is the perfect camp for them.



One Just Right For You!



Explorers Camp

McAuliffe Park

**Open to children entering grades
5 & 6**

Held Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM
June 19 - August 4 (7 weeks)
Fee: \$65 per week
*** Rain Location EHMS**

It's all about awesome activities, building friendships, and opportunities to grow. It's a week full of swimming, special events art projects, games and fun. Activities range from those that focus on teamwork to the ones that are wild and crazy! Campers go on Enrichment trips to our partners at the library! Explorers Camp is a place where they can be themselves and get to know others in a setting that is welcoming and fun. Campers gain a much needed sense of independence and grow socially as they build friendships with other campers. Respect and care are important aspects of camp, and dedicated camp staff counselors model these sorts of friendships for campers and guide them as they are building new friendships of their own.



Teen Camp

Hockanum Park

**Open to children entering grades
7 - 9**

Held Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM
June 19 - August 4 (7 weeks)
Fee: \$65 per week
*** Rain Location ECLC Gym**

Looking for the next big adrenaline rush? Your teenager will put themselves up against challenges that will test them mentally and physically. Campers participate in activities ranging from team building to traditional camp games with a twist! Campers go on Enrichment trips to our partners at the library! They'll make friends in a relaxed and fun-filled environment, build self-esteem and independence, and be challenged with new physical and creative activities. We realize teens want to do things for themselves and are bored by a "normal" camp. So we provide a program loads of activities to keep our teens busy and active throughout the day!



Camp Sunburst

McAuliffe Park

**Special Needs Camp
Ages 6 - 21**

Held Monday - Friday from 8:00AM - 4:00PM
June 19 - August 4 (7 weeks)
Fee: \$65 per week
*** Rain Location Wickham Library**

Camp Sunburst is a co-ed camp for children and young adults with special learning, physical and developmental needs. Enjoy fun-filled days while learning practical social and life skills. We offer a unique program approach which combines key elements that encourage progress: structured programming, nurturing care and a positive setting. All of our activities are instructional by design to help children make important strides in their lives. Daily activities stimulate a camper's awareness and interest in their environment and relationships, motivating them to build important foundations of self-confidence, self-efficacy, personal growth and independence. Program includes swim lessons and Friday field trip. Camp is open, but not limited to children and young adults with: Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Attention Deficit and Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorders (ADD / ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders, Physical Disabilities and other special needs. Many of our Camp Staff work in the East Hartford Special Education system. If participant needs 1:1 staffing, arrangements must be made by you before they can participate in the program. All must be toilet trained and able to communicate their needs.

An additional form must be filled out at the time of registration and can also be found at www.easthartfordct.gov



2023 Summer Camp Registration Form

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Camp (check) Little Rec'ers Fun Days Explorers Camp Teen Camp Sunburst
Goodwin Park Gorman Park McAuliffe Park Hockanum Park McAuliffe Park

Camper's FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____ Male / Female _____ Youth Shirt _____
 Date of Birth ____/____/____ Current Age ____ Grade ____ School _____ S M L XL
 Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____ Adult Shirt _____
 Home Phone _____ Email Address _____ S M L XL 2XL 3 XL
 Parent Name: _____ Cell Phone _____ Parent Work Phone _____
 Parent Name: _____ Cell Phone _____ Parent Work Phone _____

Emergency Contact Information: *please provide an additional contact (not residing with you) that we can contact in case a parent/guardian cannot be reached.*
 Name _____ Relationship to Child _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

PICKUP AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize the following person(s) to pick up the above named participant from the East Hartford Camp Program. If there are any changes in these arrangements, I will give written notice. Parents/Guardians must be included on this release.

- Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____ , _____
- Name _____ Phone(____) _____ Relationship _____ Age _____
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CAMP: _____ <small>Little Rec'ers, Fun Days, Explorers, Teen Camp, Camp Sunburst</small> Camp Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Camp Fees: Any 1 week: \$65 All 7 weeks: \$455	Week 1 June 19 - 23	Week 2 June 26 - July 30	Week 3 July 3 - 7 <small>(no camp July 4)</small>	Week 4 July 10 - 14	Week 5 July 17 - 21	Week 6 July 24 - 28	Week 7 July 31 - Aug 4
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment in full is due at the time of registration.

- Residents may register by the following methods:**
- **Online:** at www.ehparcs.org
 - **In Person:** East Hartford Parks and Recreation, 50 Chapman Pl
 - **Mail:** East Hartford Parks and Recreation, 50 Chapman Pl, Box 1, East Hartford, CT 06108
 - **Drop Box:** Parks and Recreation drop-box located at Community Cultural Center Lower Level entrance, 50 Chapman Place

RESIDENTS ONLY. In order to accommodate as many as many residents as possible, camp registration will be only open to East Hartford residents, and non-residents are not eligible to attend our summer camps, with the exception of Camp Sunburst.

The East Hartford Summer Camp Difference!

RAIN DAY PROCEDURES

Camp is held rain or shine. We try to hold the program outdoors in marginal weather. Please dress your child appropriately.

****Inclement weather days will be determined the day prior and camps will be held at the designated indoor locations**

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Campers are to be dropped off and picked up in a designated area at camp. Campers are not permitted to bring guests to the program. Campers are not permitted to bike/walk to or from camp. Parents CANNOT drop campers off in the parking lot, you must walk them in.

SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT

You will be required to sign the camper in and out daily. Have a photo ID ready to ensure a quick and easy sign out. All persons designated for pickup must be a minimum of 16 years of age and able to provide proper photo identification. (A school ID, Driver's License, State issued ID card).

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Morning drop off time is 8:00 AM and pickup is promptly at 4:00 PM) Campers will not be permitted to be dropped off or signed in until 8:00 AM.

1st occurrence: Warning

2nd occurrence: \$5.00 late fee will be assessed any time after 4:00 PM for every 15 minutes late. Campers ARE NOT permitted to return to camp until fee has been paid.

3rd occurrence: Meet with Camps Director

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DAILY SCHEDULE

We offer varied activities in arts and crafts, music, sports, games, swimming, field trips and special events. Please let staff know if your child will be absent on a particular day. No camp Monday July 4th.

Registration

Participant must be registered by Friday 12:00 PM for the upcoming week of camp.

SUNSCREEN

Please apply sunscreen to your child prior to coming to camp and remember to send them with waterproof sunscreen, SPF 30 or higher. Staff is **NOT PERMITTED** to apply sunscreen to campers so sending them with spray sunscreen works best. There are mandatory sunscreen breaks throughout the day that will give children ample opportunity to reapply.

SWIMMING

Swim times may be offered as a complimentary service at all camps. Certified American Red Cross Lifeguards are on duty at all times during swim times and camp staff provide additional supervision. Campers will receive swim instruction during morning swim. Refunds are not given for cancelled swim times.

SPECIAL EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS AND T-SHIRTS

Participants enjoy special events and trips at various times throughout the summer. Trips are offered using school bus transportation. Campers must wear their camp T-shirt that is provided for them. In the event that a camper is not wearing their T-shirt, the parent/guardian that has signed the child in will be required to purchase a T-shirt for \$5.00. Parents are not permitted to send their child on field trips without a camp shirt. We will do our best to accommodate sizes.

NOTICES AND FLYERS

If the participant leaves early or will be away from the program for a period of time, check with a staff member for information about upcoming trips and other events or activities you may not want to miss. A weekly newsletter will be posted on the parks and recreation website and emailed to parents.

WHAT TO BRING

All participants should bring plenty of water, hat or visor, bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, a lunch and two healthy snacks every day. Be sure to label all of their belongings and put in a backpack. Remember, children will be carrying their backpacks with them throughout the day so keep things light! No cell phones, electronics or valuables are permitted.

Multiple Children Pick- Up

Permits parents/guardians with camper pickups at multiple sites to have a grace period to get from site to site without late penalties. **FIRST CHILD MUST BE PICKED UP BY 4:00 PM**

Campers at 2 Sites

Pick-Up allowed until 4:15 PM

Campers at 3 or more Sites

Pick-Up allowed until 4:30 PM

And the best part is it's FREE! Please notify pick up staff that you have multiple kids at various parks.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Participants whose behavior interferes with a safe, positive experience for others and the environment may be subject to dismissal. The discipline procedure is as follows:

Stage One: Discussions with the parent/guardian regarding behavior. Reports may be written up.

Stage Two: Participant may be sent home for remainder of the day and will be suspended from the program for the following day without reimbursement.

Stage Three: Participant will be sent home for the remainder of the day and suspended for one week's time without reimbursement.

Stage Four: Dismissal from the program without reimbursement.

The Parks & Recreation Department may use discretion in the disciplinary process. Our staff will work with the parent/guardian and child to make every effort to promote positive behaviors. Those who engage in behavior that is deemed to be unsafe to themselves or others may be asked to leave the camp program. Parents will be required to pick up the child in the event of a behavior incident that puts the camp/child at risk. Parents/Guardian will be responsible for finding supervision for their child should they be dismissed from camp. Parents are required to pick up the child in the event of a behavior incident that puts the camp/child at risk. Parents/Guardian will be responsible for finding supervision for their child should they be dismissed from camp.