

CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION



SPRING/SUMMER 2018

Celebrating Community through People, Parks and Programs!

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Chester Park and Recreation Commission

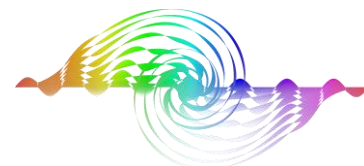
The 2018 meetings of the Commission are
January 8, February 13, March 21, May 1, September 25, and
October 24, 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Members are Chairman Michael Abramson, Deron Grabel,
Ivey Gianetti, Dawn Saunders, John Saunders, and
Vice Chairman John Williams. Director Elizabeth Netsch

Our Seasonal Staff Members are:

*Katie Amara, Morgan Bakoledis, Kenna Campbell, Linda Canterbury, Samantha Doran, Kristina Finnerty,
Cassie Garrelts, Julia Jenkins, Haddie Lary, Juliette Linares, Brianna Livingston, Danielle Netsch,
Randy Netsch, Justin Robida, Jordan Rosales, Meghan Saunders, Tyler Saunders,
Zak Saunders, Arik Sypher, and Caitlyn VonFeldt.*

MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!



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NATURE & ART on Mondays, SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY & TEAM CHALLENGES on Tuesdays,
SWIMMING, COOPERATION PROJECTS & OUTDOOR COOKING on Wednesdays,
SCIENCE & ART on Thursdays, FIELD TRIPS on Fridays,
SPORTS, CRAFTS, GAMES, & *FUN every day!*

**LOOK FOR OUR SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM
AT THE END OF THIS BROCHURE!**

OUR PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF ALL AREA TOWNS.

Join the Park & Rec Staff for
Youth Programs
on
Days off of School and Early Dismissals!

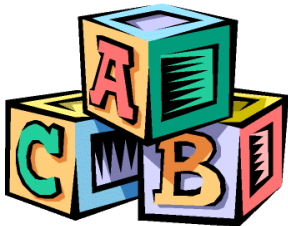
Hotshot Contest
Friday, January 12
Snow Date February 16
following the early dismissal
1:15 until 4:15pm at
Chester Elementary School



This program is open to children in grades 3 through age 15, but only those who are at least 9 years old by 12/31/17 are eligible to compete in the State contest. The high scorer from each age and gender group will be required to complete the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association Hotshot registration form and present a birth certificate to compete on the State level. Please bring a water bottle and wear sneakers. The fee is \$15

Youth Lacrosse Clinic

A Lacrosse clinic for boys and girls in grades 2 through 8 will be held at Chester Elementary School on Thursday, March 8, following the early dismissal until 4:15. Students will learn basic skills and rules with experienced coaches and players. Learn a new sport or practice your skills for spring. All levels are welcome. Sticks, balls, mouth guards and goggles will be provided, but students may bring their own equipment. The fee is \$10 for the class and \$15 per family.



American Red Cross Babysitter's Training

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training will be held in the Community Meeting Room in the Chester Town Hall for students' grade 5 to age 15, on days when school is not in session. The course is offered on Friday, March 9, from 8:45am until 3:45pm. The training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid. The fee is \$45. **Registration is limited.**

YOUTH BASKETBALL meets at the Chester Elementary School through March 2nd when we wrap up the season with our popular **MARCH MADNESS!** Players compete against their parents!

School is dismissed early on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23

Join the Chester Park & Rec Camp Staff
Following the 1:00 Early School Dismissal until 4:15pm



ON THURSDAY IT'S MAGIC!

Magic Show & Magic Workshop for Children in Grades K through 6

Children will be supervised by the Parks and Recreation staff at the Chester Meeting House following the 1:00pm early school dismissal. Magician Tom O'Brien will perform and teach the children the "Tricks of the Trade" in his WIZARD SCHOOL.

\$30

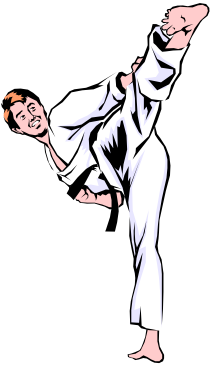
School bus transportation will be available from Chester Elementary School. Pick-up will be at 4:15 at the Chester Meeting House.

Don't miss the Field Trip to BOUNCE U on Friday, March 23

The school bus will depart from Chester Elementary School at 1:15pm and return at 4:15pm.

Please have your child bring a snack, water bottle, AND wear SOCKS and a RED shirt.

Register at 526-0013 extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org \$30



Karate for Students ages 5 to 15

Karate classes for youth of all ages, with instructor Tammy Marino, will be held in the Community Meeting Room at Chester Town Hall. The program is held on Mondays, from 5:00 until 6:00pm. Session 3 is offered on January 22, 29, and February 5, 12, and 19. Session 4 will meet on February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26. Session 5 is April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 and Session 6 on May 7, 14, 21, June 4, and 11. The cost of the program is \$45, payable to "Tammy Marino", for each five class session.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING at our Summer Camp

Please call 860-526-0013, x223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org if you are interested in this program!

This program is available to 7th and 8th grade students who have previously attended OUR CAMP. The classes meet Thursdays and Fridays, May 4, 10, 11, 17, and 18 from 2:45pm until 5:00pm at the Chester Town Hall. The \$95 fee includes 8 days of summer camp registration. School bus transportation is available.

RETURNING 8th and 9th grade students who participated in our 2018 program may reapply for a summer of 2018 CIT position.

There is a \$25 registration fee for returning applicants and they are required to participate in any two of the classes offered this spring.



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CHESTER YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS' **MARCH MADNESS!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018 in the CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

GRADES K THROUGH 6 VERSUS PARENTS AND COACHES!

The GAME SCHEDULE IS:

5:15-6:00pm Grades K & 1 Rookies

6:00-6:45pm Grades 2 & 3 Girls

6:45-7:15pm Grades 2 & 3 Boys

7:15-8:00pm Grades 4-6 Girls

ENJOY A PIZZA DINNER WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

There is no charge or registration for this program.

I SPY CHESTER.....*MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!*

It's a scavenger hunt. ***No! Wait !!!***
There are puzzles and word games. Oh, it's a walking tour of Chester.

*All locations are within walking distance from Main Street.
It's a great way to stay active
(and you may just learn something, too!).*



This is a clue to answer the last North Quarter Park question.

**Full size maps and answers are available at the Parks and Recreation office and at
http://chesterct.org/?page_id=7810.**

**ACCORDING TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 19a-77 WE ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THAT
TOWN OF CHESTER PROGRAMS ARE NOT LICENSED BY THE STATE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.**

Call 860-526-0013, x223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org for information, to reserve a space, or for a registration form or visit http://chesterct.org/?page_id=7810, request a registration form from Chester Elementary School, visit the Parks and Recreation Office on the second floor of the Town Hall, or use the **General Program Registration Form** following the next page of this brochure.

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ADULTS



ADULT RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL is held through April 12,
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:30pm-9:30pm. \$10 for Chester residents, \$15 for nonresidents.
Registration is required before playing.

ALL LEVELS OF Yoga in Chester

Sponsored by Chester Parks and Recreation and Gather for Wellness

TUESDAYS through May 22

Participate any Tuesday Night, 5:45pm

\$10 drop in fee payable to the instructor the evenings you attend

CHESTER TOWN HALL

2ND FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM



BALLROOM DANCING

RUMBA, SWING, WALTZ, FOXTROT, HUSTLE, CHACHA

Mondays

With Instructor Karen Pfrommer from Dance in Rhythm, LLC

\$40 PER PERSON FOR 4 CLASSES

Session 2: January 22, 29, February 5, 12

Session 3: March 12, 19, 26, April 2

Weather make-up dates are February 26 and April 9.

6:00-7:00pm at the Chester Meeting House

Couples or Singles



American Red Cross First Aid and CPR/AED Classes

At the Chester Town Hall

\$35 for one class, \$45 for both classes

**Free to Chester Parks and Recreation Staff and Volunteers*

CPR/AED: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 5:30pm-8:00pm

(and/or)

First Aid: Friday, March 16, 2018, 5:30pm-8:00pm



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Chester Parks and Recreation General Program Registration Form

Name of Program(s):

Dates:

Fee:

PLEASE CALL 526-0013, extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org

FOR INFORMATION OR TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY.

Complete the following information. Return the form and fee (checks made payable to Chester Parks and Recreation) to the Parks and Recreation mailbox at the Town Hall, Chester Elementary School, or mail to:

Town of Chester
Parks and Recreation
203 Middlesex Avenue
Chester, CT 06412

Participant's Name: _____ Grade (if child): _____ Age (if child): _____

Phone Number: _____ e-mail Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Town: _____

Parents' Name(s) and Phone Number(s) During the Program (if under 18):

Please list any concerns regarding your child that should be brought to the attention of the Parks and Recreation Staff. Indicate if your child will require medication during the activity (if participant is under 18).

Emergency Name(s) and Phone Number(s):

The following people have permission to sign my child out (if the participant is under 18):

The parent of a child under 18, or a person designated above, must come into the building to sign them out after the activity.

PLEASE INDICATE AT THE TOP OF THIS FORM if you do not wish your CHILD'S OR YOUR PHOTO to appear in newspapers or on the Town web site, social media, flyers, e-mails, or bulletin boards.

I give permission for my child or myself, named above, to participate in the programs listed above. I give the instructors and staff of the Parks and Recreation department permission to seek emergency medical treatment for my child or myself. I understand that there are inherent risks to this activity and I assume those risks. The undersigned does release, acquit, discharge, and hold harmless the Town of Chester, the Chester Parks and Recreation Department, and any of its officers and employees from any actions, claims, damages, costs or expenses growing out of my participation in the said activity, due to the negligence of the Town of Chester, the Chester Parks and Recreation Department or its officers or employees. This release and agreement is binding upon myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns. I agree to adhere to the program policies of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission.

Signature (of Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Date

PARK SAFETY

Ice Skaters!

Please remember, the ice in Chester is not monitored for safety!



NORTH QUARTER PARK SAFETY NOTE

Preschool age equipment is appropriate for 2 to 5 year olds.
The larger Big Toy unit is appropriate for children ages 5 to 12, only.
Please supervise all children on the playground.

DOG OWNERS!

*Please abide by the statutes of our State and ordinances of our Town.
Dogs are not permitted on playgrounds or beach parks, except guide dogs.
Dogs in other areas of the parks must be controlled by a leash.
Dogs may not roam on the property.
Any waste material deposited by your dog must be removed before leaving the immediate area.*

Fishing! To avoid hooks in swimmers' feet, do not fish in the swimming areas, even in the off-season!



If your child is in the water you should be too!

With the opening of Cedar Lake the Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind parents to please watch your children while they are in the water, and do not leave them unattended at the facility. Drowning is the second leading cause of trauma deaths for ages 1-19 years old and the third leading cause of ALL deaths of children 0-4 years of age. There are 3,533 fatal (non-boating related) drownings annually in the United States. ***This is about 10 drowning deaths per day.***

We would like all patrons to realize that no one is permitted in the water if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or while they are chewing gum or eating.

Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to 70% of deaths associated with water recreation.

Please remember that head first entries are not permitted at our swimming facilities.

This includes throwing children into the water.

Head-first entries are the leading cause of sports related spinal injuries.



*We hope you enjoy the Town properties maintained by the
Chester Park and Recreation Commission.
They include Pelletier Park, Lake View Park,
the Ball Fields at Chester Elementary School, L'Hommedieu Park,
Chester Creek Overlook, North Quarter Park and Parker's Point Boat Launch.*

*Contact us if you have a comment or a concern regarding any one of our parks!
Call 526-0013 extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org*



Cedar Lake 2018

The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2018 season from June 14 through August 19, 10:30am until 6:00pm. Hours may vary according to staff availability, training, weather, or special programs. Access to the Town parks, including the beaches on Cedar Lake, is by permit only. Non-resident passes are available at Pelletier Park during operating hours for \$65 per household. Chester residents may enter staffed facilities by showing a driver's license, or other proof of residency or taxpayer status with identification. Groups of 10 or more must make reservations in advance and provide a certificate of liability insurance.

Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor Position



Chester Parks and Recreation is accepting *letters of interest* for the position of **Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor** for the summer of 2018. Applicants must hold current Lifeguard Training certification or be completing the training by June, 2018. Successful applicants will perform duties as a Lifeguard and a Camp Counselor, based on the needs of the Department. Substitute employees will be considered first if a full-time seasonal position becomes available. The rate of pay starts at \$11.00 per hour and increases with experience.

Call 526-0013, extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org for a specific job description, pay rate, or with any questions.

Please send a letter of interest regarding the positions above, including previous experience and availability from June 14 through August 20, by March 6, 2018 to:

Town of Chester, Parks and Recreation, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412 or e-mail to parkrec@chesterct.org





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Our **SUMMER CAMP** rivals any camp in the area! We offer swimming, sports, science & nature, arts & crafts, team building, and more, but unlike many camps, children *choose* most of what they wish to participate in throughout the day from a variety of programmed activities. The hours are from 8:15am until 3:45pm. It is open to children entering grades 1 through 6 the weeks of **June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6, and August 13**. The weeks of June 26 and August 6 are also open to students entering grade 7 and the weeks of July 9 and July 30 are open to children entering Kindergarten, too! Camp is held at Chester Elementary School on Mondays, Thursdays, and severe weather days, and Cedar Lake on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children take field trips on Fridays. The fee is \$130 per child, per week, and payable at the time of registration. The weeks of July 9, 16, 23, and 30 include optional swimming lessons the days at Cedar Lake, for no additional charge.

Our camp fee includes all program and field trip expenses, except lunch.

Children do not need to be Chester residents to attend.

MEET OUR 2017 SUMMER STAFF!

The staff biographies will be updated when 2018 hiring is complete.

2018 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

2018 SUMMER CAMP DRAFT CALENDAR

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