



Chester Park and Recreation

2024 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Resident registration begins March 2nd at 10am.

Non-resident registration begins March 9th at 10am.

- Children are accepted in the order in which they are registered on our Recdesk website: <http://chester.recdesk.com>. A waitlist will be available if sessions become full.
- Day Camp** is available to children entering grades 1 through 6, the weeks of June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, and July 29. There is no camp on July 4th.
- Camp supervision and scheduled programming is from 8:30am until 3:30pm Monday-Friday. Registration is limited to 52 children per one-week session for a fee of \$125.00 on non-field trip weeks and \$200.00 on field trip weeks. Sessions 1, 2, and 6 are \$125 each, Sessions 3, 4, and 5 are \$200 each.
- A deposit of \$125 per child is required for registration. Tuition payments can be made weekly or monthly, up to the full tuition deadline of June 2nd, 2024. Full payment for all camper weeks must be made by June 2nd, 2024.
- Weekly rates are not prorated for absences due to illness
- Refunds, less a \$20 processing fee, per child, per week, will be given by October 1 only if a child is withdrawn, by written request, no later than three weeks before their session begins. A change in session may be made at no charge if space is available. Another child may not be sent in place of the child registered.
- Financial Aid is available. Residents must contact the Chester Human Services Department to apply: humanservices@chesterct.org. Our financial aid policies can be found on our website: <https://www.chesterct.org/parks-recreation-commission>
- Camp meets at Cedar Lake on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays; at Chester Elementary School on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and severe weather days. Any changes to this schedule are announced via email.
- Do not leave children before the scheduled camp hours. Children who arrive early, or are not picked up on time, may be withdrawn from the program.
- Children who are disruptive and negatively affect the experience of other campers will be withdrawn from the program. Campers who are unable or unwilling to respect the directions of our lifeguards and staff will be withdrawn from the program. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated in our program.
- A parent or authorized adult must come to the staff table to sign their child out for dismissal. Only adults authorized on your child's registration form or through written permission may pick up your child. Please sign your child out at 3:30pm. Children may not enter the parking lot until they are signed out.
- If a child is not picked up by 3:30p, our camp staff will attempt to contact all authorized caregivers listed on the registration form. If no contact is made, our staff will contact the State Police.
- Children are welcome to arrive late or leave early, please notify the Camp Director in advance.
- Children who walk or ride their bikes home may sign themselves out, with permission from their parent or guardian.

-Children who are not registered in the program are not permitted at the facilities while camp is in session. Adults and children not registered in the program may not use the camp section at Cedar Lake during program hours. Children may not bring guests to the program. Adults not employed by the Town of Chester may not participate in the program, unless approved by the Chester Park and Recreation Commission.

-Dress appropriately for the weather. It may be windy and cool at Cedar Lake.

-We seldom change the location of the program, but in the event of forecasted SEVERE WEATHER the program will meet inside Chester Elementary School. Location changes will be announced by 7:30am via email.

-If severe weather occurs while the children are at Cedar Lake, First Student bus will transport them to Chester Elementary by school bus. An email will be sent informing families of this change.

-PACKING LIST:

Beach days: Arrive in bathing suit. Pack water bottle, towel, lunch, sunscreen, change of clothes.

School days: Sneakers, water bottle, lunch, sunscreen.

-There may be an option to purchase a lunch package from the Snack Shack the days camp is held at Cedar Lake. If this choice becomes available, Camp supervisors will take orders and collect lunch money at morning check-in on the day of the purchase. Children do not visit the concession, themselves, during the day. Menus will be available the first day of each session.

-Sandals may be worn only on beach days. Shoes that are appropriate for hiking in the woods and playing sports are needed every other day. Please wear clothes that may get wet or stained.

-Do not allow children to bring money to the program, including the days at Cedar Lake. We wish to avoid unpleasant situations with lost money and borrowing or loaning misunderstandings.

-The Camp Director and Assistant Directors are available at 8:30am each morning. You may also leave a message regarding your questions or concerns at 860-526-0013, extension 223. The phone number for the Camp at the school is 860-790-0133. Call the Lifeguards' phone at 860-790-0124 when the program meets at Cedar Lake.

-Our staff or local newspapers may photograph children in the program. If you do not wish your child's name or photograph to appear in a newspaper, on the Town web site, in Parks and Recreation program flyers, social media, or e-mails, or on bulletin boards, please notify the Camp Director.

-**Sunscreen** may not be sufficient protection for every child. Please discuss with the Camp Director if you wish your child to wear a hat or shirt all day, or if you wish them to keep any additional articles of clothing on while in the water.

-Please apply your child's first daily application of a topical medication or sunscreen before they arrive at the program.

-We take sunscreen breaks at 11:45am and 1:45pm. Children may apply their own sunscreen. These application times follow our first two swimming activity periods when we meet at Cedar Lake.

-According to the Connecticut State Statutes your child's physician must complete a medication authorization and emergency action plan for each prescription, including inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors, and oral over-the-counter medication that you wish our staff to administer, or you may bring them to our site at the time your child needs them and administer them yourself.

-Bring the completed authorization form(s), with the medication, to the program the first day it is needed. *Please do not mail in advance.*