

EAST HADDAM PARKS & RECREATION 2022 SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Welcome to the East Haddam Parks &
Recreation 2022 Summer Camp Program!

Please read and save this letter – It contains
important information.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Attached as the last page on this informational packet is a permission slip form. Please read and sign this form, detach it, and submit at least two weeks prior to the start of camp. This completed form must be received before your child can attend camp.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

- ◆ Day Camp is available to all students entering grades 1-8 ◆

Students in grades 1-3 who enroll in camp will attend our BLOOM INTO ACTION camp program, and students in grades 4-8 who enroll will attend our BRANCH OUT program. While the two divisions will often interact with each other, this division allows for our camp directors to create a more engaged curriculum that is better focused on the interests of children in each age group.

SPECIFICS: DATES & TIMES

Camp will be held from Tuesday, July 5, 2022 through Friday, August 12, 2022

Camp supervision is from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday* (*with the exception of holidays, on which days camp will be closed.)

AFTER CARE

After Care is also available (for an additional cost) Monday through Friday* from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. most days. Aftercare is \$45/week, and \$36/week on weeks 3 and 6.

Please be sure to arrive promptly by 5:00 PM for After Care pick up. It is important to note that this program operates with a strict three-strike policy, which is detailed in the table below:

Late Pickup	Penalty
First Infraction	Warning Issued
Second Infraction	\$10 fine per every 10 minutes you are late
Third Infraction	Child will be withdrawn from After Care program with no refund

PICK UP & DROP OFF INFORMATION

Check in is between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM and will be held in the back-parking lot of the Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School near the softball field.

A parent or authorized adult must come to the staff table to sign their child out with a program supervisor, including after field trips. Only adults that have been authorized on your child's registration form or by written permission may pick your child up. If the staff does not recognize the individual, photo identification will be required.

Please sign your child out between 2:45 and 3:00 PM., OR between 4:45 and 5:00 PM if scheduled for After Care. Children are allowed to arrive late and leave early if necessary – please notify a staff member if you plan to do so.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please note that registration is on a first come, first served basis, and that a registration is only considered complete once it has been submitted and payment has been accepted.

Registration forms can be accessed and submitted on our website (www.easthaddamrec.com).

Payments can be made in person (at the Parks & Rec office), online (www.easthaddamrec.com), or over the phone ([860] 873-5058). Please note that payment is expected at the time of registration, and that the registration deadline is two weeks prior to the start of an individual week.

(Example:

If you are registering your child for Week 1, the registration deadline will be Monday, June 20th, since camp begins on Tuesday, July 5th. If you were registering your child for Week 3 only, the registration deadline would be Tuesday, July 5th, since camp week #3 begins on Monday, July 18th.)

The price of camp does not include the cost of field trips, and is as follows:

Enrollment	Price
Weekly	Week 1: \$132 Weeks 2, 4, 5, 6: \$165 Week 3: \$182
After Care (Weekly)	Weeks 2, 3, 4, 5: \$45 Weeks 1, 6: \$36

Refunds, less a 3% processing fee (per child, per week), will be given by October 1 only if the child has been withdrawn by a written request no later than 1 week before the session they are registered for begins. A change in session may be made at no charge if space is available.

FIELD TRIP SPECIFICATIONS

Our campers will have the opportunity to attend a number of field trips throughout our six-weeks of camp. Most trips will be open to Grades 1-8, however, on Wednesday, July 13th, the field trip to Kickback N Bowl will be limited to Branch Out campers (Grades 4-8). On Wednesday, August 10th, we will be offering two separate trips Mystic Aquarium for Grades 1-8 and Indian River Marina and Kayak for campers in Grades 4-8.

All field trips and information regarding their specifics have been detailed in their own individual itineraries. These itineraries are posted on the East Haddam Parks & Rec website, and printed copies will be available at the camp.

Most field trips will return to camp before 3:00pm. However, two trips will return a bit later. The following field trips are scheduled for a return time after 3:00 PM:

Trip	Date	Pickup Time
Goodspeed Opera House: <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Wednesday, August 3	4:45 PM
Mystic Aquarium	Wednesday, August 10	5:00 PM

Certain field trips may require your child to wear specific attire, or to bring certain items along with them. For your convenience, this information is outlined in the table below, as well as on the itinerary for each individual field trip.

TRIP SPECIFICATIONS

Supercharged Trampoline Park (Weds. July 6)

Waiver required

- Please bring:
 - Bagged Lunch

Saybrook Point Mini Golf (Weds. July 12)

- Please wear:
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - Sunscreen
 - Hat/sunglasses (optional)
- Please bring:
 - Bagged Lunch
 - Water
 - Sunscreen
 - Spending money (optional)

Kickback N Bowl (Thurs. July 13)

****Grades 4-8 Only****

- Please wear:
 - Sneakers/socks
- Please bring:
 - Bagged Lunch
 - Spending money (optional)

Cave Hill & Camp BBQ (Wed. July 20) (Rain Date 21st)

- Please wear:
 - Swimsuit
 - Sunscreen
 - Hat/sunglasses (optional)
 - Sneakers (optional, for those who want to go for a hike or play on the basketball court)
- Please bring:
 - Sunscreen
 - Towel
 - Water
 - Treats & Sides to share with the group (optional; nut-free, please!)

Gallery Cinemas (Weds. July 24)

- Please bring:
 - Bagged lunch
 - Money for snacks (optional) (\$5 max)

Goodspeed Opera House (Weds. August 3)

We ask that campers dress to impress and wear theater-ready clothes 😊 ... simple khaki shorts/pants, summer dress/skirt, etc.

Indian River Marina and Kayak

(Weds. August 10)

****Grades 4-8 Only****

- Waiver required* ▪

Please wear:

- Sandals/Water Shoes
- Swimsuit - Sunscreen
- Hat/sunglasses (optional)

- Please bring: - Towel

- Sunscreen
- Ziplock bagged lunch (will be brought on the kayaks to be eaten on the island)
- Water

Mystic Aquarium (Weds. August 10)

- Please wear:

- Sneakers
- Hat/sunglasses (optional)

- Please bring:

- Bagged lunch

**A waiver MUST be submitted in order for your child to participate in this trip. A link to this waiver can be accessed on our website. Please note that the date on the waiver MUST be the date of the field trip in order it to be valid on the day of the trip.*

Please note: On days that your child will be wearing a swimsuit, please be sure that they arrive to camp already wearing their swimsuit under their clothes.

SUNSCREEN & MEDICATION REGULATIONS

- Please be aware that all physical health forms must be up to date and received prior to attending camp. Any physical dated within two years of camp attendance dates is valid for our purposes.
- According to the Connecticut State Statutes, topical over-the-counter medications (such as sunscreen and insect repellent) do not need a physician's order.
- Sunscreen may not be sufficient protection for every child. Please provide the camp with written instructions if you wish for your child to wear a hat or shirt all day, or if you wish them to keep any articles of clothing on over their swimsuit while in the water. Additionally, we appreciate your cooperation in applying your child's first application of sunscreen or topical medication before they arrive to camp each day. The staff will ask all camper to re-apply sunscreen at 11:45 AM and 1:45 PM to children and will offer assistance to those who may need it.
- According to the Connecticut State Statutes, your child's physician must complete a medication authorization for each prescription and oral over-the counter medication that you wish our staff to administer. Otherwise, you may bring these medications to our site and administer them yourself at the time(s) your child will need it.
- If you wish for our staff to administer your child's medication, please bring the completed authorization form(s), along with the medication(s), to the program on the first day it is needed. Please do not mail these forms in advance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All our Summer Camp staff is CPR and First Aid certified.
- Please be sure that your child brings bottled water, a snack, and a lunch every day.
- While certain attire has been outlined according to each field trip, please dress your children appropriately for the weather.

- In the event of severe weather, outdoor field trips may be rescheduled.
- Our staff or local news outlets 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 website, in Parks & Rec emails or program flyers, on bulletin boards, or in any media not otherwise specified, please indicate this clearly in the comments section of the registration form.
- Children who are disruptive, or cannot adapt to the program, may be withdrawn. East Haddam Parks & Recreation does not tolerate bullying or harassment, in any capacity, in any of our programs.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The day camp directors, Corri Cummings and Melissa Martin will be available daily at camp to discuss any concerns.

In case of emergency, they may be contacted via the Middle School Main Office at (860) 873-5081.

You may also leave a message regarding your questions or concerns for the director of East Haddam Parks and Recreation, Lisa Conroy, at (860) 873-5058. Lisa can also be contacted via email at lisa.conroy@easthaddam.org.

Camp Daily Schedule Sample

8:00-8:30	Sign-in
8:30-8:45	Group morning meeting
8:45-9:30	Nature Walk
9:30-10:00	Snack/Sunscreen check
10:00-10:45	Art
10:45-11:30	Games/Playground
11:30-12:15	Music/Theater
12:15-1:00	Lunch/Sunscreen Check
1:00-1:45	Gym
1:45-2:30	Free choice
2:30-3:00	Pack-up/Closing meeting
3:00-5:00	After Care for those enrolled

Please read, complete, and submit this form at least two weeks prior to your child attending camp. The completed form may be emailed (lisa.conroy@easthaddam.org), uploaded to your Parks and Rec account online at www.easthaddamrec.com, mailed, or returned in person. If mailed, please send to the following address: East Haddam Parks and Recreation, PO Box 385, Moodus, CT 06469. *Please fill out a separate form for each individual child.*

SUMMER CAMP PERMISSION SLIP FORM

<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Grade</i>
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Parent/Guardian Name(s)

<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip</i>
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<i>Preferred Day Time Phone Number</i>	<i>Secondary Day Time Phone Number</i>
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I give my permission for my child, named above, to attend the field trips that are checked below. I understand that my child will be supervised by East Haddam Parks and Recreation staff and will be transported by a private bus company, hired by East Haddam Parks and Recreation.

DATE	LOCATION	INITIALS
Week 1 – Weds. July 6	Supercharged Trampoline Park (Montville, CT)	
Week 2 – Weds. July 12	Saybrook Point Mini Golf (Old Saybrook, CT)	
Week 2 – Thurs. July 13	*Grades 4-8 ONLY* Kickback N Bowl (East Hampton, CT)	
Week 3 – Weds. July 20	Cave Hill (Moodus, CT)	
Week 4 – Weds. July 27	Gallery Cinemas (Colchester, CT)	

Week 5 – Weds. Aug 3	Goodspeed Opera House (East Haddam, CT)	
Week 6 – Weds. Aug. 10	Mystic Aquarium (Mystic, CT)	
Week 6 – Weds. Aug. 10	*Grades 4-8 ONLY* Indian River Marina and Kayak (Clinton, CT)	

1. You may choose to give your child permission to ride or walk to/from camp and sign themselves in/out of camp. **Grades 6+**

_____ I give my permission for my child to ride/walk and sign themselves in/out of camp. I understand that East Haddam Parks and Recreation is not responsible for my child prior to their signing in at camp and after they sign out.

2. Physical assessment and medical authorization form...

_____ I have attached the required physical assessment and medical authorization form (if applicable).

3. Sunblock re-application assistance

_____ I give camp staff permission to help my child re-apply sunblock should they need assistance.

EHPR Summer 2022 Camp Program Policies in Response to COVID-19

1. EHPR will closely follow and monitor all CDC guidelines related to youth-specific activities and sports/camp-related policies.
2. If your child doesn't feel well we ask that they please not attend camp.
3. This summer we anticipate that we will not need to cohort like we have for the past two summers. We did find that our campers and counselors did enjoy set groups as they allowed for the development of meaningful connections. We will establish groups for morning and afternoon meetings, field trips, and many of our camp rotations. We do hope to allow for more flexibility in our schedule of activities and intermingling of campers as long as we deem it safe and within the guidelines/recommendations set by the Department of Public Health and Early

Childhood. For families with multiple children attending the program, siblings will not have to be placed together. Yay!!!

4. Our groups will typically consist of 15 campers and 3 counselors. We may combine groups when space and nature of activity allows. We will hold camp at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School. Groups will rotate among a number of stations including...Gym, Art, Music/Theater, Games, and Playground/Outdoors.

5. If a child becomes ill or develops an elevated temperature at camp, the child will be moved to a designated area at least 15 feet away from other participants. Parents will immediately be notified to pick up their child.

6. We do not anticipate that masks will be required at this time. However, should your child want to wear one they are certainly welcome to do so.

7. Check-in/check-out – Parents may check in their child from their car, verbally acknowledging child's name for attendance purposes, stating any special notes regarding allergies, approved pick-up contacts, health concerns, etc. We found this to be super convenient and quick for families who are rushing off to work. You are absolutely welcome to park and walk your child up to our check-in table as well.

8. Hand washing practices – We will continue to employ handwashing and hand sanitizing routines with our campers between activities and before and after eating just as a healthy practice.

9. Snack and Lunch Times – As normally practiced, sharing of food or drink is strictly forbidden.

10. The parent's role – Please send these items in with your child daily... a water bottle, snacks, lunch, and sunscreen. Sneakers are best to wear for gym and outdoor activities.

11. At this time, field trips are scheduled and optional.

12. Campers must register for the entire week. No daily registration option.

13. We will hold camp at the Town Beach for campers on Friday if the weather cooperates.

14. We reserve the right to modify these guidelines in accordance with guidelines recommended by CDC, DECD, OEC, and DPH.

Scenario Procedure: Staff or Participant Tests Positive for COVID-19

If a staff member or participant tests positive for COVID-19 during a program, we will notify all those we deem as close contacts within the program. We will follow the CDC's quarantining guidelines.

I understand that by signing this form, I am acknowledging that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms explained in this informational packet. I understand that despite best practices my child may still be exposed to the COVID-19 virus and I accept that risk and do not hold East Haddam Parks and Recreation or the Town of East Haddam liable. I am also acknowledging I understand the above guidelines will be applicable to camp.

We are committed to providing a safe and fun summer opportunity for your child and are so excited to make memories with them!!!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW THIS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION. AND AS ALWAYS, THANK
YOU FOR SUPPORTING EAST HADDAM PARKS &
RECREATION!

