

CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Celebrating Community through People, Parks and Programs!



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MEET OUR SUMMER 2019 CAMP SUPERVISORS!



This summer we are happy to welcome back *Tyler Saunders* as our *Camp Director*, *Katie Amara*, in the position of *Assistant Director*, and *Jordan Rosales*, the *Arts & Crafts Director*. All three are entering their final year as undergraduates, completing their Bachelor Degrees in 2020. They have worked at our Camp and Waterfront for several years and are certified in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid, and Medication Administration. They will also be our *Waterfront Supervisors* this year!

Kristina Finnerty and *Randy Netsch* are our *Sports Directors*. They are both

certified by the State Department of Education as Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Coaches, as well as in CPR/AED, First Aid, and Medication Administration. Kristina has several years' experience coaching youth sports and working in daycare. She will also serve as our *KinderCamp Director*. Randy coaches high school field hockey and lacrosse and is an American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Instructor. He will also be our *Science & Nature Director*.



To date, **our returning summer staff members**, certified in Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid, include: *Evan Driscoll*, *Tessa LeMay*, *Juliette Linares*, *Brianna Livingston*, *Justin Robida*, and *Zach Saunders*.



Our 2019 CITs have completed their training!

This year we will be assisted by *Mia Bibbiani*, *Luke Buccaro*, *Mika Carlin*, *Chloe Clark*, *Audrey Counter*, *Jack Driscoll*, *Travis Finnerty*, *Will Fleischer*, *Hannah Gessner*, *Vivi Heiser*, *Sienna Joplin*, *Madeline Rice*, and *Morgan Toth*.

OUR PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF ALL AREA TOWNS.



Chester Park and Recreation Commission

The 2019 meetings of the Commission are January 14, March 4, April 29, May 20, September 16, and October 28 at 6:30pm in the downstairs lobby of the Town Hall.

Commission members are Chairman Michael Abramson, Deron Grabel, Ivey Gianetti, Dawn Saunders, John Saunders, Vice Chairman John Williams, and Kurt Ziemann.

Commission Clerks: Kenna Campbell, Tyler Saunders

Director: Elizabeth Netsch



Ages 5 through 15

YOUTH PROGRAMS



***MAKE A SPLASH THIS
SUMMER!***

***We are an outdoor program specializing in waterfront activities!
Our Camp Counselors are Certified Lifeguards.***

NATURE & ART on Mondays

SWIMMING, WATER SAFETY, COOPERATION PROJECTS, OUTDOOR COOKING on Tuesdays

SWIMMING, CANOEING & TEAM CHALLENGES 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!**





FAMILY ACTIVITY

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019 in the CHESTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

GRADES K THROUGH 6 VERSUS PARENTS AND COACHES!

The GAME SCHEDULE IS:

5:15-5:45pm Grades K & 1 Rookies

5:45-6:05pm Grades 2 & 3 Girls

6:05-6:40pm Grade 2 Boys (team 4)

6:40-7:15pm Grades 2 & 3 Boys (team 3)

7:15-7:55pm Grades 4-6 Girls

7:55-8:30pm Grades 4-6 Boys

ENJOY A PIZZA DINNER WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

There is no charge or registration for this program.

There is no registration or fee for this activity.

Registration for all remaining spring programs and summer camp spaces will be available in the cafeteria during the March Madness celebration!

REGISTRATION

FOR THE FOLLOWING SPRING PROGRAMS

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/town-government/parks-recreation-commission/>, 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 registration form at the end of this brochure.

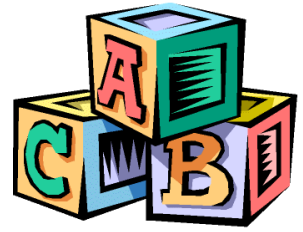
Participants do not need to be Chester residents.

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.

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 in grade 5 through age 15, 8:45am-3:45pm on Friday, March 8, A DAY OFF OF SCHOOL, with Director and Red Cross Instructor Elizabeth Netsch and the Parks and Recreation Summer Staff. The training will help participants develop skills in leadership and professionalism, basic care, safety and safe play and first aid. **EARN YOUR AMERICAN RED CROSS CERTIFICATE IN 1 DAY!** The fee is \$45. **Registration is limited.**

link: [Babysitter's Training registration](#), [Babysitter Training poster](#)



Celebrate the end of winter!

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL SCHOOL DAY.

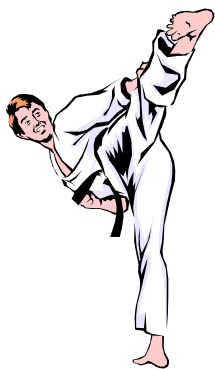
For grades 2 through 8.

7th and 8th graders may ride bus #4 from John Winthrop to Chester Elementary for this field trip bus.

Join Chester Parks and Recreation for a 1:15pm bus from Chester Elementary School, directly following the region 4 early dismissal, for a field trip to SpareTime in Bristol. The excitement includes tenpin bowling (bumpers and inclines available for younger participants), a very active laser tag course, arcade games, and a pizza dinner! Participants may also bring their own food. We will return to the school at 5:45pm. Our experienced Camp and Coaching Staff will supervise.

The price is \$25 with a \$10 discount for all registered for Youth Basketball, the CIT program, or Babysitter's Training this winter!

link to registration form: [SpareTime Field Trip registration](#), [SpareTime Field Trip poster](#)



Karate for Students ages 5 to 15

Karate classes for ages 5 through 15, meet 5:00-6:00pm on Mondays, session 5 = March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8; session 6 = April 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3 in the Chester Town Hall Community Room. The cost is \$45 per session payable to the instructor Tammy Marino.

link: [Karate registration](#), [Karate poster](#)

Youth Lacrosse Clinic

LACROSSE CLINICS for grades 2 through 8 will be offered on Mondays, April 8, 15, 22, 29 at Chester Elementary School, 5:15-6:15pm with instruction provided by Valley Regional High School Coaches and Players. [Lacrosse Clinic registration](#), [Youth Lacrosse Clinic poster](#)





On Wednesday, April 17, during school spring vacation week we will be taking a morning field trip to a 10:35am **YARD GOATS game!**

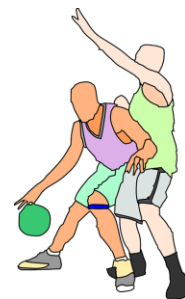
This program is for students in grades 4 through 8 and leaves at 8:30am from the Chester Town Hall. The expected return time is 3:00pm. The \$25 fee includes a hot dog lunch. Participants may also bring their own food and beverages. Supervision will be by our Summer Camp Staff. *Let us know NOW if you are interested, by calling 860-526-0013 extension 223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org, as we must purchase tickets soon!*

ADULTS

Adult Recreational Basketball

Recreational Basketball for ages 16 through adults, meets 7:00-9:30pm on Thursdays through March 7, excluding school vacation days and school weather cancellations, at Chester Elementary School. The \$10 fee for Chester residents and \$15 fee for non-residents *and* signed registration form are due before playing.

link: [Adult Recreational Basketball registration](#)



BALLROOM DANCING SWING, FOXTROT, CHACHA



With Instructor Karen Pfrommer from Dance in Rhythm, LLC
Mondays, March 11, 18, April 1, 8, and 15
6:30-7:30pm at the Chester Meeting House

REGISTRATION IS \$50 PER PERSON FOR 5 CLASSES.

Fee payable to the instructor Karen Pfrommer

link: [Ballroom Dancing Registration](#), [Ballroom Dancing poster](#)

ALL LEVELS OF Yoga in Chester

Sponsored by Chester Parks and Recreation
and Gather for Wellness *through May 21*

Participate any Tuesday Night, 6:00pm-7:00pm

CHESTER TOWN HALL

2ND FLOOR COMMUNITY ROOM

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

link: [Yoga registration](#), [Yoga poster](#)



Programs that specify “pay the instructor directly” require the registration form returned to Chester Parks and Recreation, but payment may be made to the instructor at the program.

Call 860-526-0013, x223 or e-mail parkrec@chesterct.org for information, to reserve a space. For a registration form select the **link** or use the registration form in this brochure following the park section.

Payment may be cash, check payable to “Chester Parks and Recreation” or scroll down to the Summer Camp section of our web page at <http://chesterct.org/town-government/parks-recreation-commission/> and select the PayPal “DONATION” button to use a credit card.

Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor Combined Position



Chester Parks and Recreation is accepting *letters of interest* for the position of **Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor** for the summer of 2019. Applicants must hold current Lifeguard Training certification or be completing the training by May, 2019. 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 15 through August 19, by March 8, 2019 to:
Town of Chester, Parks and Recreation, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412
or e-mail to parkrec@chesterct.org



A PARK ACTIVITY FOR ALL AGES

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/town-government/parks-recreation-commission/>.

link: [Map](#) and [Puzzle Sheet](#). Visit one, or all six locations in one day.

(If you want the answers you may access them **[HERE](#)**.)



PARKS

Cedar Lake 2019

The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2019 season from **June 13 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 \$75 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.

Watercraft* is not permitted at Pelletier Park while lifeguards are on duty. For access to Cedar Lake please use alternate launch areas at the Town Beach across from Lakeview Avenue or the State Boat Launch on Bishop Road

**including – but not limited to –
kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, row boats, and inflatables*

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

**ALL NONSWIMMERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHO IS
STANDING WITHIN ONE ARMS LENGTH.**

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.

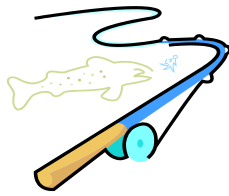
***Among adolescents and adults, alcohol use is involved in up to
70% of deaths associated with water recreation.***

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.





Fishing!

*Please do not fish in the swimming areas, even in the off-season.
We do not wish to have hooks in swimmers' feet!*

Cedar Lake

The Town of Chester owns Cedar Lake and maintains two public beaches on its shores. The area of the lake is about 80 acres and is fed by two springs and two inlet streams with outflow into the Pattaconk Brook. The lake is about 60 feet deep in the middle. The Town owns approximately one third of the shore. Another third is owned by Camp Hazen YMCA. The remainder is private residences and State owned property, including a boat launch. Chester's main beach, on West Main Street, has a 50,000 square foot swimming area that is as deep as 20 feet in one corner during the spring. The park at the shore is named *Robert H. Pelletier Park* in memory of the Chester resident who was the Head Lifeguard for more than two decades. The park area is 0.7 acres and includes seasonal lifeguard coverage, picnic tables, a pavilion, grills, and a food concession. The smaller waterfront facility is located on Cedar Lake Road and was named *Lake View Park* in 2012. It is unstaffed and has no designated swimming area. The beaches require patrons to have a permit. Details and prices may be found on the [PARK FEE SCHEDULE](#) link at chesterct.org.



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.

Parker's Point Boat Launch

This .6 acre boat launch facility is located at the end of Parker's Point Road on the Connecticut River. It offers boat trailer parking and a picnic area with a beautiful view. The shore is a favorite winter eagle viewing location. A permit is required for parking. Details and prices may be found on the [PARK FEE SCHEDULE](#) link.



Chester Creek Overlook

The overlook is a .4 acre waterfront spot with a deck, seating area, and parking lot on the Chester Creek, just a stone's throw from the Connecticut River. It is located at the end of Railroad Avenue. The Town dock at the overlook houses marine rescue watercraft.



NORTH QUARTER PARK IS UNDER RENOVATION.
Areas of the park and playground may be closed throughout the year.

North Quarter Park

North Quarter Park is a 22 acre, multi-use facility, located at the corner of Main Street and Middlesex Avenue. It includes a playground, picnic area, and multi-use fields in a wooded setting. The northern section of the park has a well-maintained .5 mile nature trail loop. The end of the trail offers beautiful views of the wildlife and habitat of the Chester Creek. A variety of water fowl, birds, and vegetation can be seen along the trail and in the creek.

New Helmet Law took effect on October 1, 2018.

Public Act No. 18-167 expands the types of activities during which children under age 16 must wear protective headgear and *adds parks* to the places where such headgear must be worn.

In addition to wearing a helmet when riding a Bicycle, the new statute also includes skateboarding, nonmotorized scootering, roller skating, and in-line skating

L'hommedieu Park

This old mill site is located on Spring Street, along the Pattaconk Brook. It is a peaceful setting with a dam, rushing waters, a picnic table, and views of Mallards, Wood Ducks, Great Blue Heron, and beavers. A historic narrative is located in the park.

Chester Elementary School Baseball Fields

Three baseball fields are maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department at Chester Elementary School, on Ridge Road. The property was originally donated to the Town in 1928 by Jessie C. Bates, Hilton C. Brooks, and William P. Holden for athletic fields. The fields or any park above, may be available for group usage of 10 or more, by submitting the [Group Use for Unstaffed Parks](#) form.



***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

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

**2019 CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM DAY CAMP**
8:15-8:45am Check-in 3:30-3:45pm Dismissal

Monday June 24	Tuesday June 25	Wednesday June 26	Thursday June 27	Friday June 28
<u>Cedar Lake</u> ADVENTURE CAMP! Grades 4-7 Swimming Canoeing Parachute Gears String Challenge Beach Volleyball & other sand games Jungle Jute Bracelets Outdoor Cooking: Monkey Bread	<u>Meeting House!!!!</u> <i>I Spy Chester.....</i> <i>local discovery</i> Field Trip <u>Lake Compounce</u> Bristol  <i>Return at 4:45pm</i>	<u>Cedar Lake</u> Crime Scene Investigation Swimming Canoeing DNA Isolation Poison Ball Captain's Coming Capture the Flag & other sand games Craft Your Own Binoculars	<u>Cedar Lake!!!!</u> Field Trip  <u>Black Hall Outfitters</u> Old Lyme Kayaking & Island Challenge <u>Adventure Rooms</u> Middletown Escape Room	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Castaway Day</i> Tug of War Challenge Lifeguard Encounter Swamp the Canoes Totem Poles Safari Hats Limbo Face Painting Outdoor Cooking: Bonfire Hotdogs Swimming Canoeing
July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5
NO CAMP THIS WEEK	NO CAMP 	NO CAMP	HOLIDAY 	NO CAMP
July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12
<u>School</u> PIONEER WEEK Grades 1-6 Sports: Kickball, Crab Soccer, Floor Hockey, Tennis Baseball Nature Clay Paperweight Projects: Jewelry Piggy Banks, Fusebeads Games: Skittle Colors, Human Bingo, Instigate	<u>Cedar Lake</u> Cooperation Caper Sand Village Contest Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Bear Fish Mosquito, Football & more games Crafts: Graces Yarn Dolls & Tassels Outdoor Cooking: Corn	<u>Cedar Lake</u> Team Challenge Scavenger Hunt Snakes Yarn Bracelets Spud Drip, Drip, Drop Swimming Canoeing Etc! 	<u>School</u> Science: States of Matter Slush Sports Include: Basketball, Frisbee Whiffle Ball Human Foosball Freeze Tag Catch It Craft/Game Finish Paperweights & Jewelry	<u>School</u> Field Trip <u>Sturbridge Village</u> Sturbridge, MA Travel 200 years back in time to a pioneer village including a river ride, farm animals, working blacksmiths' & tinsmiths' shops & much more!
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19
<u>School</u> OUT OF THIS WORLD Grades 1-7 Activities Include: Noodle Charades, Bingo, Jeopardy, Dance Party, Capture the Flag, Lacrosse & More! Nature: Super Balls Ceramic Pots	<u>Cedar Lake</u> Cooperation Caper Obstacle Course Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Chicken Baseball Badminton Molds, String Bracelets Outdoor Cooking: Baked Apples	<u>School!!!!</u> Field Trip <u>SpareTime Entertainment</u> Bristol  Laser Tag Bowling Arcade Games 	<u>School</u> Science: Exploding  Basketball Tournament Matt Ball TV Tag, Mad Libs & Card Games Nature Hike Kite Craft	<u>Cedar Lake!!!!</u> Team Challenge Space Landing Challenge Constellation Viewer and Planets Games: Moon Rush, Star Wars, Moon Landing, Space Trivia Swimming Canoeing Lifeguard Encounter

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Visit our website for program information and registration forms:
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CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM DAY CAMP
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Monday July 22	Tuesday July 23	Wednesday July 24	Thursday July 25	Friday July 26
<u>School</u> <i>ALL HANDS ON DECK</i> Grades K-6 <i>Getting to Know You Games</i> <i>Pirate Ship Craft</i> <i>Rock Art</i> Sports: Soccer, Disc Golf, Four Corners, Gaga 7 Up & 20 ?s	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Team Challenge</i> <i>Raft Races</i> <i>Swim Lessons this Week</i> Swimming Canoeing Beach Soccer & Volleyball Pirate Frames Eye Patches <i>Outdoor Cooking: Banana Boats</i>	<u>Cedar Lake!!!!</u> Field Trip <u>Pirate Train & Cruise</u> Aboard the Essex Steam Train and the Becky Thatcher Riverboat Return to Cedar Lake in the Afternoon Swimming Canoeing	<u>School</u> <i>Science: Pop Your Top</i> Nature Placemats Ice Cream Soda Magnets, Sewing Ultimate Frisbee Floor Hockey Basketball & 4 Square Blob Tag Freeze Dance	<u>Cedar Lake!!!!</u> <i>Cooperation Caper</i> <i>Treasure Hunt</i> Sand Art Wood Craft Swimming Canoeing Telephone Pickle 
July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2
<u>School</u> <i>SAFARI PARTY WEEK</i> Grades 1-6 <i>ABCs & Scrabble</i> <i>Nature: Bird Houses</i> Tennis Baseball Games: PacMan, Park Ranger, Hula Hoop Hop <i>Squirt Gun Tye-Dye</i> Tennis Baseball	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Cooperation Caper</i> <i>Scavenger Hunt</i> <i>Water Safety</i> Gold Rush Backpacks Swim & Canoe <i>Outdoor Cooking: Orange Cinnamon Rolls</i>	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Team Challenge</i> <i>Piñata</i> Swimming Canoeing Arcade SPUD String Crafts 	<u>School</u> <i>Science: Hydration System</i> Dodgeball Games Pigs Fly <i>Nature Bookmarks</i> <i>Finish Birdhouses</i> Fuse Beads Stamps	<u>School</u> Field Trip <u>Roger Williams Park Zoo</u> Providence, RI Camels Giraffes Monkeys Zebras Flamingos, Barnyard, Marsh Walk, Carousel, Interactive Play Area 
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
<u>School</u> <i>JURASIC JAMBOREE</i> Grades K-6 <i>Get to Know You: Create a Commercial, Do What I Say, Appearances</i> <i>Nature Hunt</i> <i>Crafts: Face Painting, Superhero Capes</i> <i>Sports: Football, Volleyball, Kickball, Tip the Fruit Bowl</i>	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Relay Races</i> <i>Swim Lessons this Week</i> <i>Water Safety</i> Swimming-Canoeing <i>Cedar Lake Idol</i> Make Your Own Carnival Food Carnival Bookmarks, Play do Projects <i>Outdoor Cooking: Pizza</i>	<u>Cedar Lake</u>  <i>Carnival Day</i> <i>Games & Prizes</i> Door Hangers Key Rings, Alcatraz, Jackpot Canoe & Swim	<u>School</u> <u>Inflatable Bounce House & Slide</u> <i>Science: Polymers</i> Basketball Tournament Floor Hockey Lacrosse, Crab Soccer Nature Suncatcher Beeswax Candles Limbo & Sandman	<u>Cedar Lake!!!!</u> Field Trip <u>Dinosaur State Park</u> Rocky Hill Museum Nature Hike Dino Movies Animal Encounters Gemstone Mining Return to Cedar Lake Swimming Canoeing
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
<u>School</u> <i>WET & WILD WEEK</i>  Grades 1-6 <i>Orienteering</i> Speed Ball, Disc Golf, Charades, Musical Chairs, Knockout, Sewing, Squakin' Chickens	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Cooperation Caper</i> <i>Game Creator</i> <i>Water Safety</i> Swimming Canoeing Assorted Crafts A Variety of Sand Games <i>Outdoor Cooking: Breadsticks</i>	<u>Cedar Lake</u> <i>Team Challenge</i> <i>Wet & Wild Relays</i> Swimming Canoeing Dog Tags Assorted Crafts Arcade Dodgeball Games 	<u>School</u> <i>Science: Fireproof Balloons</i> Sport Choices Talent Show Baskets & Assorted Craft Choice Mind Reader Games	<u>School</u> Field Trip <u>Quassy Amusement Park</u> Middlebury Saturation Station Water Park Amusement Rides 

This schedule is subject to change as needed.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Welcome to the **Chester Parks and Recreation 2019 Children's Summer Camp Program.**
PLEASE READ and **SAVE** this letter. It contains **IMPORTANT** information.

-**Day Camp** is available to students entering grades 1 through 6, the weeks of July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5, and 12. The weeks of July 22 and August 5 **Kinder-Camp** is available to children entering, or age eligible for (5 years old by December 31, 2019), Kindergarten. The week of July 15 is open to those entering 7th grade as well.

-The week of June 24 is only open to campers entering grades 4 through 7. There is a \$225 registration fee the week of June 24. Three field trips are included!

-Camp supervision is from 8:15am until 3:45pm with scheduled programming between 8:45am and 3:30pm. Registration is limited to 42 children per one-week session (a combined total of 54 during the weeks of Kinder-Camp) for a fee of \$140. Except where noted on the calendar, the camp meets at Chester Elementary School on Mondays, Thursdays, and severe weather days and Cedar Lake on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with field trips leaving from Chester Elementary on Fridays. ***Please review the calendar carefully as there are several exceptions to the locations this summer.***

-Children are accepted in the order in which the completed registration form and cash or check payment made payable to "Chester Parks and Recreation", or a credit card payment made on our website, are received by the Director of Parks and Recreation. *Please add \$5 per week if paying by charge card using the PayPal "Donate" button on the Parks and Recreation web page at <http://chesterct.org/town-government/parks-recreation-commission/>* Weekly rates are not prorated for absences. Please return the registration, **WITH THE FEE**, to Chester Elementary School, or place the registration in the Parks and Recreation mailbox, in the second floor lobby of the Town Hall, or scan and e-mail to parkrec@chesterct.org or mail to:

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

***If you require a receipt, please indicate this on your registration form and provide an e-mail address.**

-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 the session they are registered for 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.

-Please 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, or cannot adapt to the program, may be withdrawn. Bullying and harassment are not tolerated in our program.

-Please escort your children to the check-in table when they arrive. Check-in is between 8:15 and 8:45am. It will take place **inside Chester Elementary School during inclement weather.**

-A parent or authorized adult must come to the staff table to sign their child out with the program supervisor, including after field trips. Only adults authorized on your child's registration form or by written permission may pick up your child. If the staff does not recognize the individual photo identification will be required. Please sign your child out between 3:30 and 3:45pm. Children may not enter the parking lot until they are signed out.

-Children are welcome to arrive late or leave early. Please notify a staff member when you bring your child late or pick them up early.

-Children who walk or ride their bikes home may sign themselves out, with written permission from their parent or guardian.

-Children who are not registered in the program are not permitted at the facilities unless accompanied by an adult, 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.

-PLEASE DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER. It may be much cooler at Cedar Lake than other areas of Town.

-We seldom change the location of the program, but in the event of forecasted SEVERE WEATHER the program will meet inside Chester Elementary School. Outdoor field trips may be rescheduled in the event of severe weather. Moves from the lake to the school will be announced by 7:45am on the Parks and Recreation voice mail message at 860-526-0013, extension 223 and via e-mail.

-If severe weather occurs while the children are at Cedar Lake First Student will transport them to Chester Elementary by school bus. A message will be left on 860-526-0013, extension 223 if we move mid-day. In unusual situations please have an emergency, early pick-up plan. The staff cannot transport children.

-BRING A WATER BOTTLE, SNACK, LUNCH, AND BEVERAGES EVERY DAY.

-A lunch package may be purchased from the concession the days camp is held at Cedar Lake. 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 play-clothes that may get wet or stained.

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

-The Director of Parks and Recreation is available at 8:15am at the Program, 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 cell phone is 860-790-0133. You may also call the Lifeguards' phone at 860-790-0124 when the program meets at Cedar Lake.

-Swimming Lessons, for no additional charge, are held on the weeks of July 22 and August 5 for all Kinder-Camp and grade 1 children the days the program meets at the lake.

WE ROUTINELY POST PHOTOS!

-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 write on the top of your registration form the restrictions for public posting of your child's name and/or photograph.

Schedule Modifications and Field Trip Information

Children must wear RED SHIRTS and close toed, nonslip, secured shoes on all field trips.

-The field trip on June 2 to Lake Compounce returns to the Meeting House at 4:45pm.

-Children must wear their swimsuits on the field trip on August 16 and bring a towel. We bring our own certified lifeguards on field trips.

-Drop-off and pick-up for the field trips on June 27, July 24 and August 9 are at Cedar Lake. Please provide a swimsuit for your child for swimming at the lake following the field trip.

-Please bring a water bottle, beverages, snack, and lunch, in a backpack on every Field Trip. The bus leaves promptly at 8:45am. DO NOT SEND MONEY on field trips. The registration fee covers all costs. We do not stop at gift shops or snack bars. Children must be able to carry their own belongings on field trips.

Medication and Sunscreen

-Sunscreen may not be sufficient protection for every child. Please provide the camp staff with written instructions if you wish your child to wear a hat or shirt all day, or if you wish them to keep any 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.

-The staff applies sunscreen at 11:45am and 1:45pm to children who have a completed authorization form. The Camp will notify parents of the brand of sunscreen we are using the first day the session meets. These application times follow our first two swimming activity periods when we meet at Cedar Lake. Dismissal follows the third swimming activity period.

-Those who wish their child to have a particular brand of sunscreen may complete the authorization form and submit the sunscreen indicated on the form. The staff will apply the provided sunscreen accordingly.

-According to the Connecticut State Statutes Topical over-the-counter medications do not need a physician's order, but do require a parent or guardian to complete an authorization form. This includes *sunscreen and insect repellent*.

-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, 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.

Chester Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp Registration 2019

Entering grades 1 through 6 EXCEPT AS NOTED, \$140 per 5-day week, circle week(s) requested:

July 8

July 15 (& 7)

July 22 (& K)

July 29

August 5 (& K)

August 12

June 24 entering grades 4-7 only for \$225

Please consider adding a Camp Scholarship donation. Amount of donation: _____

Make checks payable to: "Chester Parks and Recreation", 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Entering Grade: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____ email: _____

Phone: _____ Daytime Phone if Different: _____

Additional People to Contact in Case of Emergency:

Names: _____ Phone Numbers: _____

The following people have my permission to sign my child out:

Name of Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Dentist: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any conditions that your child has, that should be brought to the attention of the Summer Program Supervisor. Please include all concerns, including physical, emotional, and social.

Swimming Level (circle): non-swimmer novice intermediate strong swimmer advanced

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.

I verify that my child, named above, has received all immunizations, which are required by the State of Connecticut, and is in good health for participation in this program. I give permission for employees of the Chester Park and Recreation Commission to seek medical attention in the event my child's physician, nor I, can be contacted, or in the case of an emergency. I give permission for my child to participate in the activities planned and organized by the Camp staff. I give permission for my child to be transported to and from special activities. I understand that there are inherent risks to this program and I accept those risks. I agree to the guidelines in the three page *Summer Camp Registration Information*, preceding this form. I have noted photography restrictions at the top of this form.

I understand that I am responsible for adhering to the rules in the preceding information letter and the hours of 8:15AM and 3:45PM to drop off and pick up my child at Chester Elementary School or Cedar Lake, except as noted on the calendar. I understand that my child will be withdrawn from the program if they are not picked up on time, or arrive early and are left unattended. I understand that my child will be withdrawn from the program if they are disruptive or unable to adapt to this program.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

