

CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION



SPRING/SUMMER 2020

Celebrating Community through People, Parks and Programs!

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Chester Park and Recreation Commission

The 2020 meetings of the Commission are January 13, February 10, March 30, May 11, September 14, and October 26 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. Director: Elizabeth Netsch



MEET OUR SUMMER 2020 CAMP SUPERVISORS!

This summer we are happy to welcome back *Tyler Saunders as our Camp Director*, *Katie Amara, in the position of Assistant Director*. They have just finished their final year as undergraduates, completing their bachelor's degrees. 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 many years' experience coaching youth sports and 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*.

Currently returning summer staff members, certified in Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and First Aid, include: *Abby Amara, Jackson Bisson, Sam Iselin, Juliette Linares, Brianna Livingston, Egan Rothrock, Zach Saunders, Reece Whitney.*



Our 2020 High School Volunteers are:

Mia Bibbiani, Mika Carlin, Will Fleischer, and Hannah Gessner.

All have completed our Counselor-In-Training program and are certified in CPR/AED and First Aid.

Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor Combined Position POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY FILLED!

Chester Parks and Recreation is accepting *letters of interest* for the position of **Substitute Lifeguard and Camp Counselor** for the summer of 2020. Applicants must hold current Lifeguard Training certification or be completing the training by May 2020. 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 \$12.00 per hour and increases with experience.

Send a letter of interest regarding the positions above, including previous experience and availability from June 15 through August 19, by January 31, 2020 to: Town of Chester, Parks and Recreation, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412 or e-mail to parkrec@chesterct.org

Volunteer at our Summer Camp The weeks of July 6 and August 10 are still available!

Positions are open to 14 and 15-year-olds (to conform with State Labor Laws) who have successfully completed OUR COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM.

Applicants must be interested in possible future employment as a lifeguard and camp counselor for the Chester Parks and Recreation program. Available positions are limited to three volunteers per three-week session, weekdays from 8:15am-3:45pm. Session 1 is July 6 through July 31 and session 2 is scheduled from August 3 through August 21.

Please send a letter of interest, by February 4, to:

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



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!**

OUR PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF ALL AREA TOWNS.



FAMILY ACTIVITY

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020 in the CHESTER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM

GRADES K THROUGH 6 VERSUS PARENTS AND COACHES!

The GAME SCHEDULE IS:

5:15-5:45pm Grades K Rookies

5:45-6:15pm Grades 1 Rookies

6:15-6:45pm Grades 2 & 3 Girls

6:45-7:15pm Grade 2 & 3 Boys (team 3)

7:15-7:45pm Grades 2 & 3 Boys (team 4)

7:45-8:15pm Grades 2 & 3 Boys (team 5)

ENJOY A PIZZA DINNER WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

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!



**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.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 20 ARE EARLY DISMISSAL SCHOOL DAYS.

grades K through 6, \$36 per child, per field trip

Join Chester Parks and Recreation for a 1:15pm bus from Chester Elementary School, directly following the early school dismissal. We will return to the school at 5:45pm. Our experienced Camp Staff will supervise.



Thursday we visit SpareTime Entertainment 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!

FUN IN TRAMPOLINE PARK

Friday's field trip is to Fun In in Middletown. Join us for trampolines, including trampoline basketball and dodgeball, a ninja warrior ball pit, climbing wall, foam pit, triple size playscape, and a virtual rollercoaster. Sandwiches are provided.

link to registration form: [2020 Conference Day Field Trip registration](#)

[2020 Conference Day Field Trips poster](#)

WAIVER FOR FUN IN: www.funintrampolinepark.com



Youth Lacrosse Clinic

A LACROSSE CLINIC for grades 2 through 6 will be offered on Monday, February 24, indoors at Chester Elementary School from 3:15pm until 5:00pm directly following school dismissal. Instruction provided by Valley Regional High School Coaches and Players. There is a \$5 registration fee. **link:** [2020 Lacrosse Clinic Registration](#)

REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

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/>, or 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 on the next page.

Payment may be cash or check payable to "Chester Parks and Recreation" submitted with a registration form to the Parks and Recreation Office, mailbox on the second-floor lobby in the Town Hall, the Chester Elementary School Office, or mail to 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412 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 submit your fee through PayPal.

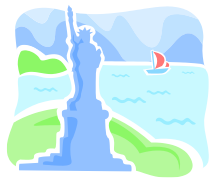
Programs that specify “pay the instructor directly” require the registration form returned to Chester Parks and Recreation, but payment may be made to the instructor at the program.

Karate for Students ages 5 to 12

Karate is offered for ages 5 through 12, 5:00 to 6:00pm on Mondays. Session 4: February 24, March 2, 9, 16, 23, Session 5: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, May 4 (*the original class on April 27th has been replaced by a class on April 6, due to the primary election preparations in the community room*), Session 6: May 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15 at the Chester Town Hall Community Room. \$47 per session payable to the instructor Tammy Marino *link:* [Karate registration](#), [Karate poster](#)



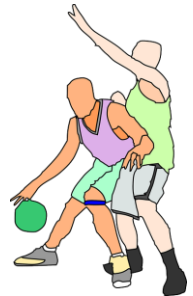
New York City Trip (*pending budget approval*)



Contact us now if you are interested! A trip to New York City on **October 3, 2020** will leave the Chester commuter parking lot at 7:30am with a choice of being dropped off at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, or Rockefeller Center, or Battery Park. The bus will pick up passengers at 6:00PM at a midtown location, announced on the day of the trip. The cost is \$36 for Chester residents, and \$38 for nonresidents, which includes a tip for the driver.

Adult Recreational Basketball

Recreational Basketball for ages 16 through adults, meets 7:00-9:00pm on Thursdays through February 27, 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. WALTZ, SAMBA



With Instructor Karen Pfrommer from Dance in Rhythm, LLC

Mondays, March April 6, 13, 20, and 27
6:30-7:30pm at the Chester Meeting House

REGISTRATION IS \$40 PER PERSON FOR 4 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 18*

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](#)



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



PARKS

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](#).)

Ordinance Concerning the Use of Town Parks and Beaches

- [Group Application for Staffed Parks](#)
- [Group Use for Unstaffed Parks](#)
- [Park Fee Schedule](#)
- [CEDAR LAKE RULES](#)



Cedar Lake 2020

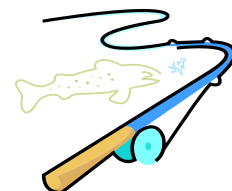
The Town Beaches on Cedar Lake are scheduled to be open for the 2020 season from **June 15 through August 21**, 10:30am until 6:00pm. Hours may vary according to staff availability, training, weather, or special programs. Access to the Town parks, including the beaches on Cedar Lake, is by permit only. 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

Fishing!

Please do not fish in the swimming areas, even in the off-season.

We do not wish to have hooks in swimmers' feet!



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 headfirst 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.

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 Pataconk 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.

NORTH QUARTER PARK IS UNDER RENOVATION.

**Areas of the park may be closed throughout the year as
we complete construction of a
basketball court and disc golf course.**



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 waterfowl, birds, and vegetation can be seen along the trail and in the creek.

Helmet Law

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

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.

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
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INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION ON THE NEXT 6 PAGES!

REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

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Payment may be cash or check payable to “Chester Parks and Recreation” submitted with a registration form to the Parks and Recreation Office, mailbox on the second-floor lobby in the Town Hall, the Chester Elementary School Office, or mail to 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412 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 and **ADD \$5 PER CHILD, PER WEEK** to submit your fee through PayPal.

Donations Needed: Please consider sending a child in your community to camp this summer. Chester residents are offered financial assistance based on need, determined by the Chester Elementary School Counselor and the Town of Chester Human Services Director. The weekly registration fee of \$140 just covers the direct cost for each child. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated and allows a child to enjoy experiences in which they would not otherwise be able to participate. Checks may be made payable to “Chester Park & Rec Scholarships” and mailed to Chester Parks and Recreation, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT 06412 or select the “DONATE” PayPal button under the Summer Camp section, on our webpage.

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**2020 CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM DAY CAMP**






8:15-8:45am Check-in

3:30-3:45pm Dismissal

Monday June 29	Tuesday June 30	Wednesday July 1	Thursday July 2	Friday July 3
School Grades 5 through 7 ADVENTURE CAMP! <i>Clue-Camp Edition</i> SPORTS DAY Wood Structures Art Juggling Class	Cedar Lake <i>Field Trip</i> Sand Sports/Games Lake Compounce Bristol  <i>Return at 4:45pm</i>	Cedar Lake <i>Beach Volleyball</i> Swimming Canoeing Sand Sports/Games Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> <i>Pizza</i>	 School <i>Field Trip</i> Sonny's Place Somers Zip-Line, Rock Wall, Mini Golf & Bowling, Arcade, Batting Cages, Go Carts, Carousel, Monkey Motion, etc.!!!	Cedar Lake INVITE A FRIEND TO CAMP DAY! Swimming Canoe Swamp S'more Game Limbo Tug of War Raft Races
July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
K Plus 1 Camp Grades 2 through 6 <i>Getting to Know You</i> ABC Aerobics Evolution Nature- States of Matter Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Caper</i> Sand Castle Contest Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Sand Sports/Games Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> <i>Monkey Bread</i>	Cedar Lake <i>Team Challenge</i> Obstacle Course Swimming Canoeing Sand Sports/Games Crafts	School <i>Science</i> Bouncing Bubbles Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	School <i>Field Trip</i> The Dinosaur Place at Nature's Art Salem WEAR YOUR SWIMSUIT <i>Splash Pad</i> Trails, Playground, Moon Bounce, Maze Thunder Creek Mining 
July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17
School Grades 2 through 7 <i>Spaghetti Towers</i> Nature- Walking Sticks Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Caper</i> Frozen T-Shirt Water Safety Crafts Swimming Canoeing Sand Sports/Games <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> <i>Bread Sticks</i>	Cedar Lake <i>Team Challenge</i> Human Battleship Swimming Canoeing Sand Sports/Games Crafts	 School <i>Science</i> STEM Engineering Project Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	School <i>Field Trip</i> Quassy Amusement Park Middlebury Saturation Station Water Park Amusement Rides
July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
School K Plus 1 Camp Grades 2 through 6 <i>Getting to Know You</i> Candy Ice Breaker Hog Call Nature- Rock Chicks Sports Art Camp Crafts 	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Caper</i> Scavenger Hunt Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> <i>S'mores</i>	Cedar Lake <i>Team Challenge</i> Wet & Wild Games Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts	School <i>Science</i> Aerodynamics Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	School <i>Field Trip</i> River Quest Eagle Landing State Park in Haddam Connecticut River Wildlife and History Carnival Day  Games & Prizes

This schedule is subject to change as needed.

**2020 CHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM DAY CAMP
8:15-8:45am Check-in 3:30-3:45pm Dismissal**

Monday July 27	Tuesday July 28	Wednesday July 29	Thursday July 30	Friday July 31
NO CAMP THIS WEEK FAMILY VACATIONS	NO CAMP LIFEGUARD IN-SERVICE TRAINING	NO CAMP LIFEGUARD IN-SERVICE TRAINING	NO CAMP LIFEGUARD IN-SERVICE TRAINING	NO CAMP SEE YOU NEXT WEEK! FAMILY VACATIONS
August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7
School K Plus 1 Camp Grades 2 through 6 <i>Getting to Know You</i> Who Dun It? Organize <i>Bacteriology Lab</i>  Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Capers</i> Parachute Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> Orange Cinnamon Rolls	Cedar Lake <i>Team Challenge</i> Crazy Olympics Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts 	School <i>Science</i> Magnetic Personalities Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	School <i>Field Trip</i> Connecticut Science Center Hartford Butterfly Exhibit, Space, Sports, Health, Energy, Dinosaurs, Gardens, Ski Simulator, & more! Sea Lion IMAX Movie
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
School K Plus 1 Camp Grades 2 through 6 <i>Getting to Know You</i> 3-6-9 Human Scrabble <i>Nature-</i> States of Matter Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Capers</i> Game Creator Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> Baked Apples	Cedar Lake <i>Team Challenge</i> Treasure Hunt Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Crafts	School <i>Science</i> Exploding Toothpaste  Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	School <i>Field Trip</i> Safari Miniature Golf Bristol <i>Magic Show</i> Wizard Workshops <i>Learn the Tricks of the Trade!</i>
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21
Cedar Lake!! Grades 2 through 7 <i>Noodle Charades</i> <i>Nature-</i> Aquarium Sports Games Art Camp Crafts	Cedar Lake <i>Cooperation Capers</i> Rube Goldberg Project Water Safety Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Assorted Crafts <i>Outdoor Cooking</i> Baked Potatoes	North Quarter Park Field Trip SpareTime Entertainment Bristol Laser Tag, Bowling Arcade Games 	Cedar Lake!! <i>Team Challenge</i> The Ultimate Contest Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Assorted Crafts	Cedar Lake!! <i>Beach Party</i> MUSIC Swimming Canoeing Sports Games Assorted Crafts Watermelon Relay 

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860-526-0013 extension 223, parkrec@chesterct.org
Visit our website for program information and registration forms:
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SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Welcome to the Chester Parks and Recreation 2020 Children's Summer Camp Program.

PLEASE READ and **SAVE** this letter. It contains **IMPORTANT** information.

-Day Camp is available to students entering grades 2 through 6, the weeks of July 6, 13, 20, August 3, 10, and 17. The weeks of July 6, 20, August 3, and 10 also include **Kinder-Camp Plus 1**, available to children entering, or age eligible for (5 years old by December 31, 2019), Kindergarten and Grade 1. The weeks of July 13 and August 17 are open to those entering 7th, grade as well.

-The week of June 29 is only open to campers entering grades 5 through 7. There is a \$225 registration fee the week of June 29. Two field trips are included as well as "invite a friend day" on July 3! There is no fee for friends, but they must complete a registration form in advance. Space is limited. Friends must be entering grades 5 through 7.

-Camp supervision is from 8:15am until 3:45pm with scheduled programming between 8:45am and 3:30pm. Registration is limited to 48 children per one-week session (a combined total of 52 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 (Severe weather day location for July 3 and the week of August 17 is the Chester Meeting House.) and Cedar Lake on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with field trips leaving from Chester Elementary on Fridays. ***Please review the calendar carefully as there are 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 (except for those registered for "invite a friend day" on July 3). 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 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. 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 6, 20, August 3, and 10 for all Kindergarten 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 30 to Lake Compounce returns to the lake at 4:45pm.

-Children must wear their swimsuits to the field trips on July 10 and 17 and bring a towel. We bring our own certified lifeguards on field trips.

-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 their first day of camp. The staff will apply the provided sunscreen accordingly.

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

-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 2020

Entering grades 2 through 6 EXCEPT AS NOTED, \$140 per 5-day week, circle week(s) requested:

July 6 (& K-1) July 13 (& 7) July 20 (& K-1) August 3 (& K-1) August 10 (& K-1) August 17 (&7)

June 29 entering grades 5-7 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 outdoor, active, group-oriented program.**

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

