

Camp Guide

Takoma Park
Recreation
Department



Summer
2022



Scholarship
Recipients registration
opens Tuesday,
March 15, 9 a.m.

Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 9 a.m.
Tuesday, March 22 for Residents
Tuesday, March 29 for Non-Residents



Takoma Park Recreation Department

301-891-7290 takomaparkmd.gov/recreation



January 31, 2022

Dear Families,

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department would like to welcome back families that continue to support the Recreation Department's camps and greet families considering our camp for the first time. This summer will be filled with friendship, adventure, and fun. The world is significantly different than it was two years ago, and we understand it is difficult to plan for summer during continued uncertainty. Although we still deal with the uncertainty of this virus, we are optimistic that better days are ahead, and we are busy planning and preparing for Summer 2022.

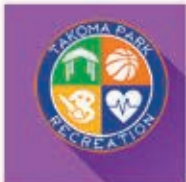





The past two summers were unlike any summer we've experienced previously. While our programs were virtual in the summer of 2020, the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department safely operated 8-weeks of traditional summer programming by following all of the CDC, Maryland, and County health guidance and recommendations in the summer of 2021. We knew that kids needed camp more than ever and we reimagined and adjusted many aspects of our normal camp programming with health and safety as our top priorities.


For this upcoming summer, the Recreation Department plans to provide campers with a safe, fun, and memorable summer as we have in the past. We learned a great deal last summer and established "best practices" for safety protocols, all of which should help you feel comfortable that your camper can join us for a safe 2022 camp season. Numbers continue to go in the right direction in Montgomery County, allowing us to discontinue small cohort groups this summer. We also plan to go on one field trip a week this summer. We have also begun the licensing process over the Winter. Following the State licensing guidelines, our youth camps will now have to start at age 6. Campers and staff will remain safe by continuing to wear masks, participate in frequent hand washing breaks, and we will continue to enhance building sanitation.

We continue to monitor this fluid situation and update any policies and procedures as needed, based on local, State, and Federal guidelines. Our priority, as always, is to ensure that everyone has a healthy and safe camp experience. We want every family to be confident when sending their child to our camp. We can't wait for summer 2022!!

Gregory Clark
Director
City of Takoma Park Recreation Department


SO THAT ALL TAKOMA PARK RESIDENTS CAN PLAY... SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR RECREATION PROGRAMMING











Recreation Department scholarships are available for Takoma Park residents in need. Scholarships can be used for activities, camps and childcare through the City of Takoma Park Recreation Department and is valid for the calendar year. Apply now!


Las becas del Departamento de Recreación están disponibles para los residentes de Takoma Park que las necesiten. Las becas se pueden utilizar para actividades, campamentos y cuidado de niños a través del Departamento de Recreación de la Ciudad de Takoma Park y son válidas para el año calendario. ¡Aplique ya!






For more information visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

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Des bourses du département des loisirs sont disponibles pour les résidents de Takoma Park dans le besoin. Les bourses peuvent être utilisées pour des activités, des camps et la garde d'enfants par l'intermédiaire du département des loisirs de la ville de Takoma Park et sont valables pour l'année civile. Postulez dès maintenant!



Pour plus d'informations, visitez le site takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

Payment Plan Option

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. **This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due into two equal payments: half at time of registration and remaining half on or by June 1.** You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as the payment due date will not be changed. Payment plans will not be available after June 1. All payment plans will be assessed a \$25 late fee if payment is received more than five days after the due date. Outstanding balances as of June 7 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.



**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**
Main: 301-891-7290
TTY: 1-800-735-2258
Fax: 301-270-4094
Inclement Weather Hotline:
301-891-7101, ext. 5605
Offsite Recreation Program Cellphone:
240-687-4132

Email: recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation
City of Takoma Park
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Special Events

Eggstravaganza

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department has adapted our typical Annual Egg Hunt again this year. We are confident this event will provide a safe alternative to the standard hunt. Grab your baskets and let's go! Hop around town whichever day fits your schedule best.

Youth ages (2-8) can solve various clues on our website that take them to local establishments. With parent participation kids can enter the business and say the magic words to staff - "Hippity Hop". Staff will give them an egg or two filled with treats. Some treats will have a ticket in them for an additional prize. Emptied eggs can be returned to the Police Department lobby until May 1st for reuse next year. It is not a race, so please obey all traffic laws and COVID policies. Check our website and social media pages for updates and more fun activities closer to the event!

2-8 Years
Friday and Saturday
April 15 & 16
1-4 p.m. either day
Free



Family Outdoor Movie Night

The Outdoor Family Movie is BACK! It starts at dusk at Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School). Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a movie under the stars with your family! The movie will be a family friendly "G" or "PG" rated hit. The Recreation Department will provide one small bag of popcorn per person and water. Due to limited parking, walking to the event is encouraged.

Ed Wilhelm Field
Saturday, June 4
Movie starts at approximately dusk



Fitness Expo

The Takoma Park Recreation Department staff is preparing for our annual Fitness Expo. This year's expo will take place on the grounds of the Takoma Park Recreation Center. Join us for an exciting and knowledgeable day that will include fitness demonstrations and presentations from local community health and wellness organizations. For more information contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
Outdoors
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
All Ages
Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
April 9
Free

Spring Break Camps

REGISTRATION IS
ALREADY OPEN, CLAIM
YOUR SPACE NOW!

YOUTH (5-12 Years)

Spring Break Camp - Nature Explorers

Come experience the great outdoors with Takoma Park Recreation. Join us for a week of hikes, crafts, games and fun. Find out why the sun is so important, water is essential to all living creatures and how trees play an important part of daily life! Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Must bring masks, a lunch, snacks and labeled water bottle.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
April 11-April 15
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

Soccer Camp

This camp, run by a soccer coach, will provide children with the opportunity to improve their soccer skills. Some conditioning exercises and drills will be a part of the camp's daily schedule. Participants should bring a mask, non-perishable lunch, water bottle and a towel.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
April 11-April 15
\$200

Spring Break Camp Before & After Care

Available for families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports. Available for Soccer Camp at the Recreation Center and Spring Break Camp at the Community Center. Space is limited to participants in Spring Break Camps.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
OR
Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
Monday-Friday
April 11-April 15
Before Care: 7-9 a.m.
After Care: 4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch & water bottle daily.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of the program.
- ✓ Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ Scholarships available for TP Residents.

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

Spring Break PREP Camp for Teens

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business and education professionals and prepare for life after high school. Come with questions, an open mind and a bag lunch!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Grades: 6-12
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
April 11-April 15
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160

2022 Summer Youth Employment (SYEP)

Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this 8-week program which will begin June 27 and will end August 19, 2022. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the return of the City's Youth Summer Employment program. The purpose of the Youth Summer Employment Program is to provide young people with a summer-long adventure that is more than just a job, but a true learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. Must be a Takoma Park resident to participate. Must be 16 by June 1, 2022.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
16-21 years
Interest Meeting: Friday, March 11
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Free

Summer Camps

Camp Takoma

Explore a new adventure each week with games, crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and presenters related to each theme. We will be following the CDC Guidelines for Covid-19 safety procedures. These procedures include but not limited to wearing a mask, social distancing and the use of hand sanitizer. You can choose from just 1 week up through the entire summer.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
6-12 years
8 One Week Sessions
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 27-August 19 (No Camp 7/4)
Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160
*Week of July 5-July 8: Resident: \$112 / Non-resident:\$132

**CAMP
FACTS**

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch & water bottle daily.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of the program.
- ✓ Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ Scholarships available for TP Residents.

Week	Theme	Description
June 27-July 1	Disney/Pixar Adventure	Explore the magic and history of Disney & Pixar while creating fun arts and crafts projects. Enjoy games and activities related to Disney/Pixar movies.
July 5-July 8 (No camp 7/4)*	Our Lady Liberty	Celebrate our great nation this week with a fun-filled week of patriotic activities. Hunt for treasure while learning about the history of the United States. Come wearing your red, white, and blue!
July 11-July 15	Blast from the Past	Get ready to move through time! Each day we will go back in time and visit music, games and activities from different eras. Experience the middle ages, renaissance, industrial revolution and more!
July 18-July 22	The Great Outdoors	Come experience the Great Outdoors with us. Hikes, campfire songs, crafts, games, and a trip to a garden are some of the fun things in store!
July 25-July 29	Water Wipeout	Stay cool in the summer heat with games, crafts, activities, trips and projects. This water themed week will surely leave you drenched at the end of each day!
August 1-August 5	Everyday Heroes	What do doctors, nurses, EMT, firefighters, police officers and so many more have in common? They are everyday heroes! Join us in learning more about the everyday heroes all around us.
August 8-August 12	Space is the Place	Learn about all the different planets, moons, comets, and much more during our space themed week.
August 15-August 19	Safari Exploration	Roar!! Hiss!! Ribbit!! Ooh Ah Ah! Join us for a crazy safari themed week.

Camp Takoma AM & PM Care

AM and PM Care is optional for families who require/desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours.

AM Care: 7-9 a.m.
PM Care: 4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$40 each /Non-resident: \$50 each
*Week of July 5-July 8: Resident: \$32 / Non-resident: \$42

Summer Camps

New Ave Adventure Camp

Join us for another exciting themed summer of New Ave Adventure Camp! Each week will have a theme and activities will include, crafts, sports, indoor and outdoor activities, special presenters and much more! We will be following the CDC Guidelines for Covid-19 safety procedures. These procedures include but not limited to wearing a mask, social distancing and the use of hand sanitizer. You can register for just 1 week up through the whole summer.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Avenue
6-12 years
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
8 One Week Sessions
June 29-August 19
\$140 per week
*Week of June 29-July 1: \$84
*Week of July 5-July 8: \$112

**CAMP
FACTS**

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch & water bottle daily.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of the program.
- ✓ Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ Scholarships available for TP Residents.

Week	Theme	Description
June 29-July 1 (No camp 6/27 & 6/28)*	We are Family	We will share with and appreciate other camper's family and community experiences through various activities while fostering a sense of family with fellow campers.
July 5-July 8 (No camp 7/4)*	Fit, Fun & Smart	Campers will try various activities to keep fit while having fun in a smart way .
July 11-July 15	I am a Superhero	Campers will use their imagination with crafts and games to see themselves as a superhero.
July 18-July 22	Express Yourself	Campers will show their creative side through art, crafts and drawing.
July 25-July 29	Water Play	Campers will do various activities and games to learn about different water based sports and the role water plays in our lives.
August 1-August 5	Career Week	We will learn about different careers of our everyday heroes like Police Officers and Firefighters.
August 8-August 12	In & Out of this World	Through games, crafts and more we will learn fun facts about our world as well as the world beyond our planet.
August 15-August 19	Let's Safari!	Take a walk on the wildside the last week of camp and learn about animals that live in the jungle!

New Ave AM & PM Care

AM and PM Care is optional for families who require/desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours.

AM Care: 7-9 a.m.
PM Care: 4-6 p.m.
\$40 each
* Week of June 29-July 1: \$24
* Week of July 5-July 8: \$32



Summer Camps

Just Teens Camp

Just Teens combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. We will take some local walking trips. We will be following the CDC Guidelines for Covid-19 safety procedures. These procedures include but not limited to wearing a mask, social distancing and the use of hand sanitizer.

Takoma Park Community Center
 7500 Maple Avenue
 Grades 6-12
 4 One Week Sessions
 Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 July 6-July 30
 Resident: \$140 / Non-resident: \$160
 *Week of July 6-July 9: Resident: \$110 / Non-resident \$130

**CAMP
FACTS**

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch daily.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of the program.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ Scholarships available for TP Residents.

Week	Theme	Description
July 5-July 8 (No camp 7/4)*	Celebration of Nations	Teens will participate in activities, trips (local, walking) and crafts that celebrate various cultures from all over the world.
July 11-July 15	My Backyard	My Backyard will focus on getting to know our own city(ies). We'll take local walking trips, participate in scavenger hunts and get to know more about each other .
July 18-July 22	Game Show Mania	Teens will test their skills and talents by competing in a variety of game shows and activities
July 25-July 29	Fear Factor	Teens will be faced with a series of challenging games and activities



Takoma Park Resident Scholarships Available

takomaparkmd.gov/recscholarship

Scholarship program

The benefits of recreation are too numerous to list, and often low-income families stand to gain the most. Recreation promotes physical, mental and social well-being. Recreation programs serve as settings in which friendships bloom and wholesome connections and community pride are forged. The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents (youth, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities) who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.

Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- City Residency: Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay taxes to and are eligible to vote in

Takoma Park elections (if 16 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Takoma Park or those who have a Takoma Park mailing address but do not pay taxes to the City. When registering for a class or conducting business as a Takoma Park resident, proof is required in the form of a state issued photo ID or current lease with a valid city of Takoma Park address.

- Scholarships are for all ages. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Meals,' they are eligible for a scholarship.
- Applications must be submitted to the Recreation Department at least **three (3) weeks** before registration.
- Families who are approved for scholarships will get one week advanced registration.

- Scholarships are now also available in Amharic, French & Spanish.
- For families or individuals affected by COVID-19, program fees may be waived.

How to apply

1. Download an application from: takomaparkmd.gov/recscholarship
2. Turn in completed documents via email to Recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
3. It may take up to ten (10) business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will be contacted by our office with an updated status.
4. Scholarships are good for the calendar year they are submitted in.



2022 Holiday Closures

Memorial Day
May 29-30

Independence Day
July 3-4

Labor Day
September 4-5



Tax Information

Extended Care programs, camps and Fun Days are eligible to be reported on your taxes.

The City of Takoma Park tax ID number is **52-6000808**. For a tax ID receipt, please email your request to recreation@takomaparkmd.gov.

We Don't Spam

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that you have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.

TAKOMAPARK
ALERT

WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC
www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. **Learn more at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert**

Registration Visit us online @

<http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation>



With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- Request a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.

Instructions for creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

1. Access **apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation**.
2. Click **Create an Account**.
3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.
4. Click **Create Account** or enter other family members into the system at this time.
5. Click **Intro** and search for a course or facility.

Questions?

If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning camps, please call **301-891-7290** or e-mail us at **recreation@takomaparkmd.gov**

Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

Registration policies

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies.
- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.4 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/council and review the street listing.
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.

**CAMP
REGISTRATION
BEGINS**
Tuesday, March 22
9 a.m.
for TP residents

- Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program. After that time, the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (**no exception**). No refund after the program has ended.



REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMPS ONLINE



1. Go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation> and sign in to your ActiveNet Account. If you do not have one, you can create one for you and your family for free by click the “Create an Account” at the top right hand corner of the page. Once you have created an account, you can click the green “Search” button in the middle of the page, to bring up the camps.
2. Make sure under Season on the left-hand side that Summer Camp 2022 is checked. Once checked, all the Takoma Park Recreation Department Camps will appear. Find your respective camp and click the green “Add to Cart” button on the right-hand side.
3. Select the family member for whom you are registering for camp and click the green “Next” button at the bottom right-hand side of the page.

4. Select the weeks of camp, AM & PM care needed or choose the No AM/PM options if not needed. Then click “Next.”
5. Answer the required Activity Questions and click the green “Next” button at the bottom right-hand side of the page.
6. If you are registering another child, or adding additional camps, this will be easiest and quickest way to register more than one camp or child on your account. Click either “Register Another Participant for this Activity”, or “Add to Cart & Continue Shopping”. You will then follow the same steps as previously mentioned.
7. Once you are done registering and wish to check out, select “Pay In Full” or “Use Payment Plan”. Then click the green “Proceed to Shopping Cart” button.
8. Review your Shopping Cart. Read, Initial and Check the Waiver section including the new COVID Waiver. Click the orange “Check Out” button.
9. Enter your credit card information and click the orange “Pay” button to make payment.
10. You can view/print your Confirmation and Receipt.

Rules & Regulations

Welcome and thank you for registering for a City of Takoma Park City Recreation day camp. These guidelines will ensure a successful experience for you and your child/teen. Should you still have questions after reviewing this information, contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- There will be no financial credit made for absences, illness or suspensions.

CAMPERS' ATTIRE

- Dress your camper according to the day's activities and weather.
- Send camper with 2 CDC approved face masks, one to wear and a backup.
- Closed-toe shoes are required; sandals are not permitted.

EXTENDED CARE

- Before and After Care available for youth day camps ending at 4:00 p.m. only.
- Supervised, non-structured playtime for campers only.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Day Camps operate from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed July 4).
- All activities and programs are subject to change and/or cancellation on code red or orange weather days.

LATE POLICY

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department implements the following late pick-up policy for all program participants. A fee of \$10 will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time for each participant up to 1 hour or for a total of \$40. Payment must be made at the time of pick-up. One hour after the scheduled pick-up time, program staff will bring your child to the Takoma Park Police Department, where parent or guardian can pick-up their child.

LUNCH

Campers must bring their own non-perishable lunch, snack and a drink. Healthy choices and reusable containers are encouraged. No glass containers. No peanut products. Note: refrigeration or microwave is not available. Lunches should be clearly marked with camper's name. Send water bottle (labeled with camper's name).

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department strives to maintain the highest quality programs and professional standards. Part of those standards are having accurate participant profile and medical information on every child. All forms are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/

Rules & Regulations

recreation. Forms must be completed and submitted prior to your child attending our programs.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

This form can be downloaded from the website or picked up at the Recreation Department office during regular business hours. Completed paper work must be submitted prior to the start of each camp session. This form has emergency and general contact, health, release information and a behavior agreement.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICATION

If your child will be taking medications during program times, specific medical forms must be completed prior to attending. The forms may either be downloaded at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation or by calling 301-891-7290. Forms must be signed by your physician even for over the counter medications.

IMMUNIZATIONS

If your child is not currently attending a school in the state of Maryland, you must provide a copy of proper immunizations prior to start of camp. Note: This will apply particularly to those entering Kindergarten.

As of February 2022, campers will not be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. Check our website for updates.

PAYMENT PLAN OPTION

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. **This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due into two equal payments. Half due at registration, the remaining half due on or by June 1.**

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PHOTOS

The Recreation Department reserves the right to photograph/video programs and participants for publicity purposes.

INCLIMATE WEATHER

All camps are held rain or shine. Outdoor programs may be moved indoors. On code red days, outdoor programs provide low-key activities, water breaks and rest periods. Please pack extra water with your child on expected code red days.

REFUND POLICY (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven working days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per child, per camp.
- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount which may be used for another program. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (no exception). No refund after the program has ended.

SAFETY

- Camp staff are certified in CPR and First Aid.
- We will notify you should your child/teen become injured or sick. If you are unavailable, we will notify the individual listed as the emergency contact on the Participant Information Form.

SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT POLICY

- Campers must be signed in and out each day by parent or other authorized person listed unless otherwise noted.
- ALL authorized persons will be required to show ID.

SUNSCREEN POLICY

Appropriate sunscreen use is important to prevent skin damage and skin cancer. If your child is able to apply his or her own sunscreen, we strongly suggest they do so. Sunscreen must be labeled with the camper's name, be in its original container and kept with the camper's belongings. Please provide SPRAY sunscreen if you would like camp staff to assist with sunscreen application. Camp staff will not be responsible for furnishing or holding sunscreen.

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING

Our Department recognizes the prevalence of bullying in today's society and has therefore developed a ZERO TOLERANCE strategy to address the issue. We will address bullying immediately and disciplinary actions will be taken as warranted. Everyone has the right to expect a great experience while participating in our recreational programs, and by working as a team, we can identify and manage bullying to ensure everyone takes home lasting memories.

Bullying is intentional meanness that creates an imbalance of power. It consists of teasing, gossiping, hitting, kicking, texting, exclusion, and much more, resulting in the goal of harming others.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Since the camps are slated to be licensed this summer by the state, how will this impact parents and children?

A: We look forward to completing the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) licensing process and have been working hard at it over the winter. The main change you as parents will see is that under the state licensing requirements, youth camps must start at age 6. Other than that we were already following a lot of the policies regarding CPR training for staff, signing participants in in the morning, etc. It will require more behind the scenes information for staff which will make it a safer environment for all. For more information about the proposed licensing please visit our website <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation/camps/>

Q: Can I enroll my child in the same camp all summer?

A: We offer 2 camps (Camp Takoma and New Ave Adventure Camp) that have the capability of enrolling for the majority of the summer.

Q: My child is attending several sessions; what paperwork do I need to complete for my child?

A: You will only need to complete the necessary forms once prior to their first week of camp. Staff onsite need your child's most up-to-date contact, dismissal, and health information from the time your child arrives. Specific camp information and forms will be emailed to you approximately 5 days prior to the start of your child's camp, and can also be downloaded anytime. If you are enrolled in one of our child care programs for the current school year, you will need to check and initial the current forms on file to make sure all information is still accurate. Copies are accepted.

Q: Who will be supervising my child during their time at camp?

A: Our camp staff is selected for their experience, enthusiasm, desire and ability to work well with children. Staff training includes safety procedures, program planning, child development and techniques in working with children. Staff is certified in CPR and First Aid training. Reference and

background checks are also part of the hiring process. We use a 1:15 ratio between counselors to campers.

Q: What type of attire should I send my child in each day?

A: Campers should be dressed appropriately for the day and the scheduled activities. They can also have sunscreen, hats, swim wear and towels (for water themed week). They should wear closed toed shoes with a backing daily (ex: tennis shoes). Send campers with 2 CDC approved face masks, one to wear and a backup.

Q: What type of food should I send with my child to camp each day?

A: You should send a non-perishable lunch (no refrigeration or heating on site) with your child every day. You should send them with snacks and a water bottle as well. Please make sure everything is properly labeled with the child's name. NO peanut products should be sent with your child.

Q: What happens if it rains or it is extremely hot outside?

A: On days where we are placed under a code red air quality, your child(ren) will be limited to going outside during the early morning hours or staying inside during this time. When it rains, or any other inclement weather happens, campers will be inside doing activities.

Q: What if someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up my child after camp?

A: Not to worry. There is a space at the bottom of the Participant Information Form to add additional people. For the safety of your camper, we will not release your child to anyone not on the list unless we have a written confirmation from the parent/guardian and a copy of the person's ID prior to pick-up.

Q: What type of transportation will be provided for field trips?

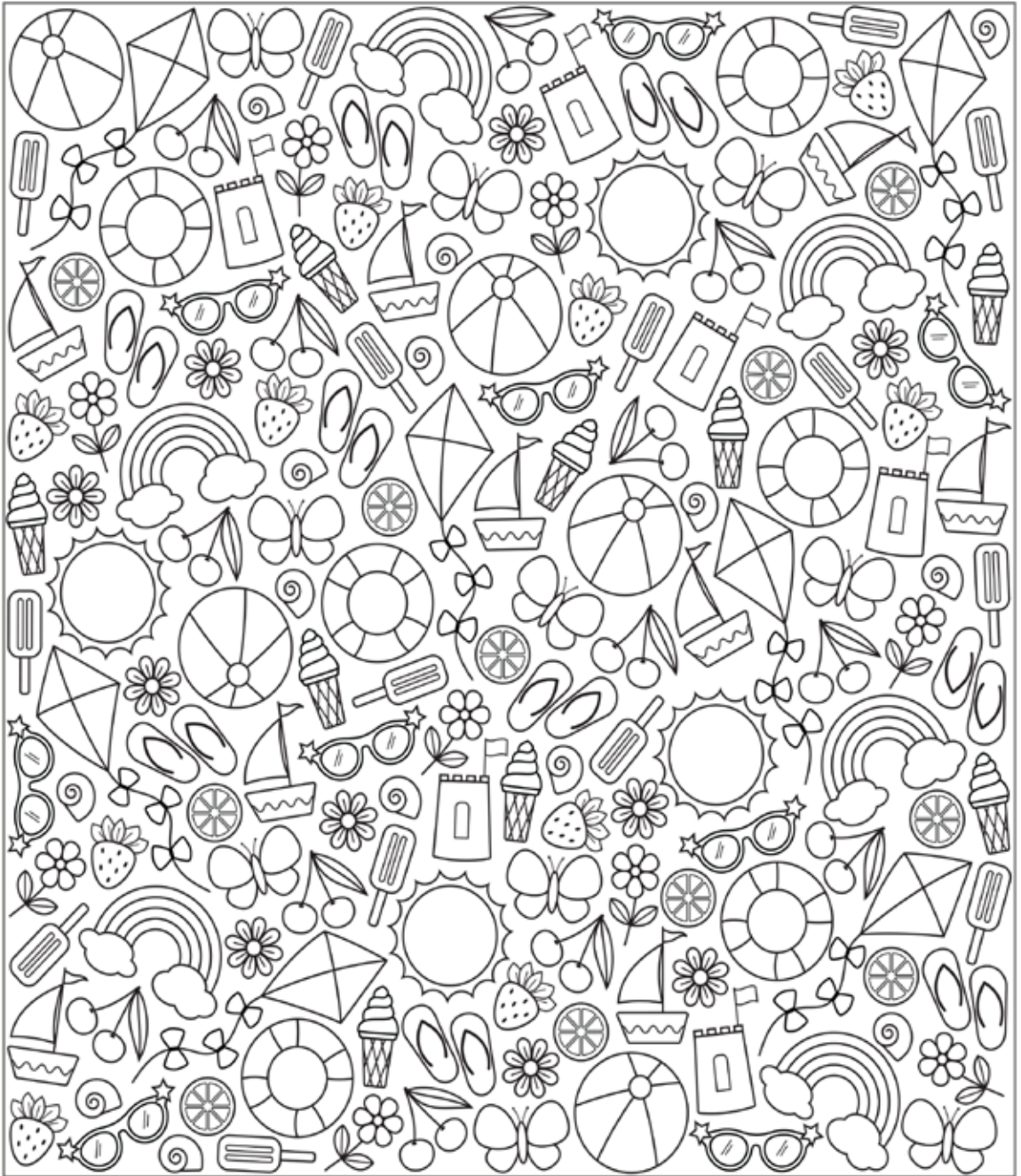
A: We will utilize MCPS Transportation for our trips, as well as our in-house vehicles.

Help Wanted

Part-Time Summer Camp Counselor Positions Available

Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for creative, enthusiastic and committed individuals who want to have fun this summer. We are currently hiring part-time staff for summer camp counselor and director positions at competitive hourly rates. Great for teachers, college students or anyone wanting to work with the best youth in the area! Interviews will take place soon and training will take place in mid-June. Interested? Apply today at <https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/human-resources/>

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What to Expect this Summer

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE + HEALTHY: COVID MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Maintaining the health and safety of our campers and staff continues to be a core value for The Takoma Park Recreation Department. We will continuously monitor the latest recommendations from the CDC, state and local health departments and update as needed. Working together with our parents/guardians, we will take every precaution necessary to have a safe, healthy summer! We are committed to following rigorous, data-driven COVID mitigation strategies.

- TPRD will increase staff awareness of communicable disease procedures through required training offerings and enhanced procedures. Training will include, but is not limited to, health and safety procedures, what and how to clean/disinfect/sanitize, daily health self-assessment for staff and campers, general communicable disease information, camper health/symptom assessment and use of PPE.
- Camp offerings will be dramatically reduced again this summer to allow proper physical distancing.
- All campers and staff will be required to wear a cloth KN95, or N95 face covering at camp when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Staff will engage in enhanced cleaning efforts during the camp day.
- All camp activities will be modified to increase distancing and to meet sanitation requirements.
- If a confirmed positive case of COVID is present amongst staff and/or campers, TPRD will work with the Montgomery County Health Department to follow all necessary contact tracing protocols. TPRD will notify families of all campers as soon as possible via email. The email to impacted families will detail pertinent information regarding the issue as well as the potential length of facility closure and possible camper quarantine.
- During lunch campers will eat with their group. Each camper will wash their hands before and after eating. Weather-permitting, campers could eat their lunch/snack outside "picnic-style" to encourage physical distancing while masks are off.
- Campers will be asked to wash hands at scheduled times during the day. Hand sanitizer will be readily available and used frequently during camp hours. Camps will prominently display educational content, proper hygiene posters, and child-friendly hand washing instructions.
- Staff will monitor their group participants looking for signs of illness and will notify the appropriate personnel if a child develops a constant cough, shortness of breath or appears to have a fever. Participants may be moved to an isolated area as a safety measure.
- As of February 2022, all City staff, camp counselors and volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19. Campers are not required to be vaccinated for Covid-19. Check our website for updates to this policy.





Don't miss out!

Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday, March 15 for Scholarship Awardees

Tuesday, March 22 for Residents and

Tuesday, March 29 for Non-Residents



The fun doesn't end here!

SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

If you had a great summer with us you should register for our childcare programs during the school year!

Morning and Afternoon Addition are held at TP Community Center and After the Bell is held at TP Recreation Center. Emphasis is on providing leisure and recreation programs utilizing our facilities while having lots of fun! There is a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments.

Registration opens Thursday, April 21 for Scholarship Awardees
Thursday, April 28 for TP Residents, 9 a.m. online & in-person

For information on programs at each facility, check out the Spring/Summer City Guide or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.



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