

Camp Guide

Takoma Park
Recreation
Department







Summer 2024

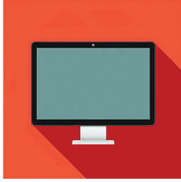



Scholarship
Recipients registration
opens Wednesday,
February 14, noon

Summer Camp Registration Begins @ noon
Wednesday, February 21 for Residents
Wednesday, February 28 for Non-Residents

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!

For more information visit takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

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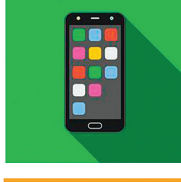







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Las becas del Departamento de Recreación están disponibles para los residentes de Takoma Park que las necesiten. Las becas se pueden utilizar para actividades, campamentos y cuidado de niños a través del Departamento de Recreación de la Ciudad de Takoma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

Para obtener más información, visite takomaparkmd.gov/recreation

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 15th 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

Email: recreation@takomaparkmd.gov
takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation
Recreation Department Office
7505 New Hampshire Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Special Events

Annual Egg Hunt

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg"citing time! There are 4 age categories: 2 & under, 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, and 7-8 years old. Games will begin at 10 a.m. and the hunt will begin at 11 a.m. SHARP, don't miss out! Don't forget to bring your basket to Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School) for a morning of fun. Return your eggs at the end of the event to help us recycle for next year!

Ed Wilhelm Field
2 Darwin Ave.
2-8 years
Saturday, March 30
Starting at 10 a.m.
Free



Fitness Expo

Come join us for an exciting day that will include demonstrations from our fitness programs as well as presentations from our local community health and wellness organizations. The expo will kick off at 10 a.m. For additional information or if you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Vincent Cain at 301-891-7289 or Vincentc@takomaparkmd.gov

Takoma Park Recreation Center
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
All ages
Saturday, April 6
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Free

Spring Break Camps

REGISTRATION IS
ALREADY OPEN, CLAIM
YOUR SPACE NOW!

YOUTH (6-12 years)

Fundamentally Sound Spring Break Basketball Camp

This week long sports camp will focus on the skills needed to elevate your performance. By the end of the camp you will understand the fundamentals of the game and how to apply them in game situations. Prior basketball experience is not required, just a good attitude! Participants should bring a non-perishable lunch and water bottle. Additional paperwork required prior to the start of camp. AM & PM Care is provided for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
(Gymnasium)
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
Ages 6-12
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
March 25-March 29
Resident: \$220 / non-resident: \$250

Spring Break Camp: LegoMANIA

Come join us and build your own creations in a fun and imaginative environment. Combining fun team building and memory making with discovery and innovation!. Participants will meet at the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. Must bring a lunch, snacks and labeled water bottle. Registration is required. Space is limited, sign up early. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to the first day of camp. *AM and PM care available for an additional fee.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.
Ages 6-12
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
March 25-March 29
Resident: \$150 / non-resident: \$170

Extended Care for Spring Break Youth Camps

AM Care: 7-9 a.m.
Resident: \$45 / non-resident: \$55
PM Care: 4-6 p.m.
Resident: \$45 / non-resident: \$55

TEENS (Grade 6-12)

Teen Spring Break Trip: Arcade

Join the Teen Program for a day of arcade fun at Dave & Buster's in Gaithersburg, MD! Teens will be able to enjoy various arcade games and maybe win a few prizes! Must bring a bagged lunch and/or spending money. Teens will meet in the Teen Lounge at the Takoma Park Community Center at 11:30 a.m. The bus will be departing at 11:45 a.m. so be sure

to be on time! MUST be registered by Monday, March 25. No exceptions!

Takoma Park Community Center
(Meet in: Teen Lounge)
7500 Maple Ave.
Grades 6-12
Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
March 27
Resident: \$20 / non-resident: \$30

2024 Summer Youth Employment Youth Interest Meeting (SYEP)

Parents and teens come to the Interest Meeting and learn about this eight week program, which will begin June 23 and end August 19. Is your teen in need of a summer job? The City of Takoma Park is pleased to announce the launch of the City's Youth Summer Employment Program. The purpose of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to provide young people with a safe and engaging adventure that is more than just a job but a valuable learning experience. There are a limited number of meaningful employment opportunities available this year. Teens must be City of Takoma Park residents to participate, and they must be 15 by June 1, 2024.

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave.
Ages 16-21
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
February 21
Free

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up for a three day training to become a Certified CIT. Prior to volunteering for summer camp, each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During these trainings, teens will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. During the summer camp sessions, the CIT will support all planned program activities on site as well as any regularly scheduled off site activities such as swimming and field trips. This volunteer opportunity, to work with Camp, involves working directly with children by helping them to enjoy and feel successful in each activity. Training dates are listed below, must attend all trainings to qualify. Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. At orientation youth will schedule their volunteer session. Each session is for two (2) weeks and they do not have to be consecutive weeks. Main camp times: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ages 14-15
CIT Orientation: Wednesday, May 22
5-6:30 p.m.
Pre-Service: TBD
First Aid/CPR Training: TBD
Resident: \$40 / non-resident: \$50

Youth Summer Camps

Camp Takoma

Explore a new adventure each week with games, crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and trips related to each theme. Select the weeks with themes that peak your interest and fit your schedule!

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Ages 6-12

8, 1 week sessions

June 24-August 16

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / non-resident: \$170

*4th of July Week: Resident: \$120 / non-resident: \$140

**CAMP
FACTS**

- ✓ Scholarships are available for TP Residents.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ AM & PM care are available for most youth camps.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of camp.
- ✓ Bring non-perishable lunch & water bottle daily.
- ✓ Label all personal items with camper's name.

Dates	Theme	Description
June 24-28	Spy Kids	Your mission awaits, step in the shoes of a spy! We'll begin the week by adopting a cover identity and learn why an agent needs one. Come show your creativity and detective skills through various activities and crafts.
July 1-5 *No camp 7/4	Lost in Space	Join us to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the moon landing with a fun-filled week of learning about all the different planets, moons, comets and much more during our space themed week. Wear your red, white and blue to celebrate the Nation's Birthday as well..
July 8-12	Lego World	Build your own creations in a fun and imaginative environment. Combining fun, team building and memory making with discovery and innovation!
July 15-19	Dinosaur Adventure	Let's take an adventure back in time to when dinosaurs roamed the Earth! Tyrannosaurus, Velociraptor, Brontosaurus and so many others to discover.
July 22-26	All Star Athletes	With some of our traditional sports and more, campers will have the opportunity to learn the importance of good sportsmanship. Our camp seeks to expose participants to new activities. The goal is to develop recreational skills and promote social growth. No experience necessary to participate!
July 29 - August 2	Water Exploration	Tag along to participate in all things WATER! Emphasis this week will be water activities in the summer heat. Be sure to bring extra clothing everyday because this water themed week will surely leave you drenched!
August 5-9	Parade of Nations	The Olympic ring symbol was designed with the idea of inclusivity. The colors of the rings along with the white backdrop reflect colors found on the flags of participating nations. The overlaps of the rings represent cooperation and joining of athletes from all over the world, showing representation and solidarity. Join us for fun games, activities and competitions during this Olympic themed week!
August 12-16	MARVELous DC Week	Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have superpowers? Let's work together to discover the hero within ourselves. Discover your favorite power and create your very own superhero.

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: \$45 each / non-resident: \$55 each

*4th of July Week: resident: \$36 / non-resident: \$44

Youth Summer Camps

Dance Camp

This is a two-week camp that focuses on dance technique, team building, and performances. Campers will learn Ballet, Jazz, Modern and Hip-Hop dance styles. They will also participate in a performance at the end of each session to display their newly learned skills. We will also enjoy other activities including games, arts and crafts, and meditation because all work and no play is no fun! This camp fills fast and only has 25 spots, so register early. We can't wait to dance with you! Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Ave.

Ages 6-12

2 Week Sessions

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Session 1: July 15-July 26

Session 2: July 29-August 9

Resident: \$595 / non-resident: \$625 per session

AM Care: 7-9 a.m.

PM Care: 4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$90 / non-resident: \$110 per session

CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Scholarships are available for TP Residents.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!
- ✓ AM & PM care are available for most youth camps.
- ✓ Participant Form and Medication Forms (if needed) are required prior to the start of camp.
- ✓ Bring non-perishable lunch & water bottle daily.
- ✓ Label all personal items with camper's name.



On Stage Camp

In this camp, everyone is a star! This year, we will be tackling material from the Broadway hit - Matilda! Our two week camp is designed to allow participants the opportunity to dive into performance and design/construction aspects of theatre by working on an abridged production. We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination & focus building warm-ups.

Here's what we'll be doing: creating & developing characters, rehearsing scenes/songs, blocking/choreographing musical numbers, learning music, scene painting, constructing props and costumes, playing drama games, getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology.

No am/pm care available for this camp.

Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Heffner Park Community Center

42 Oswego Ave.

Ages 8-12

2 Week Session

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

July 1-July 12

(No Camp 7/4)

Resident: \$645 / non-resident: \$675

Materials Fee: \$40



Youth Summer Camps

New Ave Adventure Camp

Explore a new adventure each week with games, crafts, activities and trips related to each theme. Camp will consist of active and passive activities both indoors and outdoors. Select the weeks with themes that peak your interest and fit your schedule!

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Ave.

Ages 6-12

8, 1 week sessions

June 24-August 16

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / non-resident: \$170

*4th of July Week: resident: \$120 / non-resident: \$140



Dates	Theme	Description
June 24-28	I spy with my little eye!	Participants will have the opportunity to show their creativity and detective skills and use their imagination through various activities, crafts and other fun theme related events.
July 1-5 *No camp 7/4	Space Exploration Week	Participants will have the opportunity to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the moon landing with a fun-filled week of patriotic activities. Wear your red, white, and blue to Celebrate the Nation's Birthday as well.
July 8-12	Lego Adventure	Participants will have the opportunity to use their imagination through legos. The sky is the limit with this creative craft.
July 15-19	Dinosaur Week	Participants will have an opportunity through various activities to learn about the history of Dinosaurs, their eating habits, their environment and more.
July 22-26	Be a Good Sport	Participants will have the opportunity to learn the importance of good sportsmanship through fun theme based games and activities
July 29 - August 2	Everyone in the Pool	Participants will have the opportunity through various games and activities to learn about different water sports. A trip to the pool will add to this fun week.
August 5-9	Be an Olympian!	Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the history of the Olympics and participate in some olympic style games.
August 12-16	Superhero Week	Participants will have the opportunity to teach their fellow campers about their favorite superhero. Fun superhero crafts will add to the enjoyment of this week.

New Ave Adventure Camp 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: \$45 each / non-resident: \$55 each

*4th of July Week: resident: \$36 / non-resident: \$44

Teen Summer Camps

Just Teen Camp

Just Teens camp provides an enriching, fun experience for teens! Each week teens can expect to participate in indoor and outdoor games, crafts, sports, and other activities, including a field trip each Friday. Check out the weekly themes below and join in on the fun! **AM & PM care is not offered for this program**

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Ave.

Grades 6-12

4, 1 week sessions in July

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / non-resident: \$170

*4th of July Week:

Resident: \$120 / non-resident: \$140

CAMP FACTS

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



Dates	Theme	Description
July 1-5 *No camp 7/4	Master Chef	Teen will participate in activities, trips and crafts that celebrate culinary creations from all over the world. We will also incorporate STEAM offerings and activities during camp.
July 8-11	Under the Sea	This week will focus on ocean exploration and marine careers. There will be emphasis on water activities in the Summer heat, so please bring extra clothing!
July 15-19	Blast from the Past	Blast from the Past week will focus on celebrating decades before today. We are time traveling through the 60's, 70's, 80's, all the way through the 2000's! Teens will be encouraged to dress in time-appropriate outfits all week while we enjoy throwback activities.
July 22-26	Fear Factor	Fear Factor week is all about overcoming unique challenges! Teens will be faced with a series of games and activities that will test their wit and even their patience. Let's see who will come out on top!

Teen Summer Camps

Visual Arts Camp

Campers have fun and express themselves with color, shape and design. They sharpen their drawing skills, explore new media, and exercise their imagination with these inspiring art projects. Each week a different theme/focus. **AM/PM care is not offered for this program.** Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center
(Art Studio)
7500 Maple Ave.
Ages 11-14
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
June 24-July 19
Resident: \$310 / non-resident: \$340



Dates	Theme	Description
June 24-28	Portrait	Participants will work on self-portraits using mirrors, as well as based on photos. In addition to human portraits in the style of Modigliani, Picasso, and Renoir, among others, campers will explore Art Nouveau bird portraits, and animal portraits after Expressionist artist, Franz Marc. Campers will work in graphite, watercolor, gouache, pastel, charcoal and mixed media.
July 8-12	Still Life & Interiors	This week will introduce campers to 15th century Baroque artist Carravaggio, Pop Art artist Tom Wesselman, and Cubist artist Georges Braque, among others. We will explore artistic methods in pen and ink, charcoal, as well as watercolor and oil pastel. Using dramatic light and shadow, mark making techniques, and contemporary silhouettes, campers will have fun experimenting with composition and design, as they create their own interpretations of objects in three dimensional space.
July 15-July 19	Land, Sea & Cityscapes	Examples from art history and contemporary art, will serve as the inspiration for this week. Students will use ink, chalk, and oil pastel, watercolor, and collage to explore both new and traditional interpretations of landscape. Assignments will include watercolor seascape paintings, colorful cityscapes in gouache, expressionist landscapes in oil pastel, and more.

Takoma Park Resident Scholarships Available

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 advance registration.

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.



2024 Holiday Closures

Memorial Day
May 26-27

Juneteenth
June 19

Independence Day
July 4

Labor Day
September 1-2



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

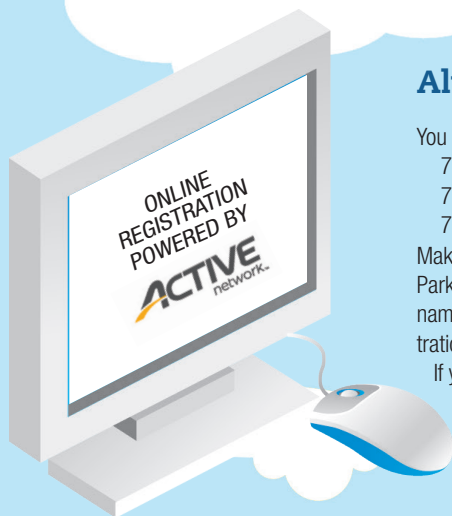
The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. **Learn more at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert**

Registration

Visit us online @

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

**CAMP
REGISTRATION
BEGINS
2/21 for
TP residents**



Alternative registration

You can still register online or walk in:
7500 Maple Ave.
7315 New Hampshire Ave.
7505 New Hampshire Ave.

Make checks payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

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

In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.

- 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/camp 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.

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.

Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. If space becomes available, individuals on the waiting list will be contacted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration policies

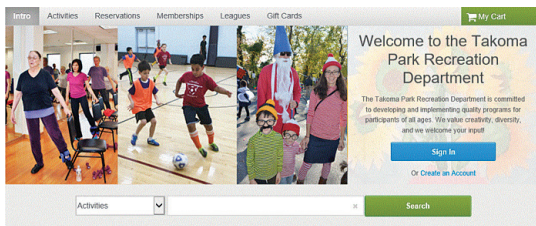
- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- Classes/Camps may be canceled on holidays and inclement weather days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due 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 and search 'ward map' to 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.



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 left hand corner of the page. Once you have created an account.
2. Click the activities tab.
3. Under search bar click when and check summer camp 2024. Once checked, all the Takoma Park Recreation Department Camps will appear. Find your respective camp and click the green “Enroll now” button on the right-hand side.
4. 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.
5. Select the weeks of camp, AM and/or PM care needed then click “Next.”
6. Answer the required Activity Questions and click the green “Next” button at the bottom right-hand side of the page.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Review your Shopping Cart. Read, Initial and Check the Waiver section. Click the orange “Check Out” button.
10. Enter your credit card information and click the orange “Pay” button to make payment.
11. 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.
- Closed-toe shoes are required; sandals are not permitted.
- Some camps will receive shirts to wear on trip day.

EXTENDED CARE

- Before and After Care available for 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) unless otherwise noted.
- 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 and water bottles should be clearly marked with camper’s name.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

The City of Takoma Park Department of Recreation 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/recreation. Forms must be completed and submitted prior to your child attending our programs.

Rules & Regulations

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.

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: 50% of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining payments due on June 1.** You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates 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 of May 1 and June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 15 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

PHOTOS

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

INCLIMATE WEATHER

All camps are held rain, shine or code red days. 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. They 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.

Our Department is dedicated to providing safe, bully free programs and wants to partner with parents on prevention. Please talk to your child/teen about our zero tolerance philosophy on bullying, let them know it will not be tolerated and that there will be consequences for bullying behavior. We encourage you to let us know if your child/teen has been involved in bullying either during or after program hours. Also, let your child/teen know they can talk to staff in confidence if they need help in managing a situation. Together we can make a difference and ensure our youth have a terrific camp experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

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. All of the specialty camps have a session by session registration.

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. If your child will be taking medication onsite during camp, you will also need to complete the Medication Form and get it signed by their doctor. Therefore, the forms need to arrive prior to the camp starting or with your child on the first day of camp. 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 were in either the Morning and/or Afternoon Addition programs or After the Bell 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 transportation will be provided for field trips?

A: We utilize Montgomery County Public School transportation for our trips as well as our in-house vehicles.

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 (when appropriate). They should wear closed toed shoes with a backing daily (ex: tennis shoes).

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. We also recommend that NO peanut products 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 or Purple 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.

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/>



Don't miss out!

Registration Opens at noon online & in person

Current Scholarship Awardees: 4/10

TP Residents: 4/17

School Year 2024-2025

The Recreation Department is pleased to again offer before care and after care at both of our facilities. Morning and Afternoon Addition are held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue and Before and After the Bell is held at the Takoma Park Recreation Center, 7315 New Hampshire Avenue.

Our emphasis is on providing fun, leisure and recreation programs before and after the school day, while providing a safe environment for children grades K-5. Participants will engage in daily indoor/outdoor group activities and holiday based events. Children will have time for free play, homework assignments, breakfast (not provided) or simply prepare for their upcoming day in before care. Each afternoon kids will receive a snack, have a time period to complete homework, and enjoy arts and crafts, sports, board games, plays, free play and more! Programs operate when MCPS schools are in session.

There is a payment plan available, with a 20% deposit due at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be divided into monthly payments beginning Oct 1st.

Morning Addition or Before the Bell

7-9 a.m.

Resident: \$1,700 / Non-resident: \$2,000

Afternoon Addition or After the Bell

3:30-6:30 p.m.

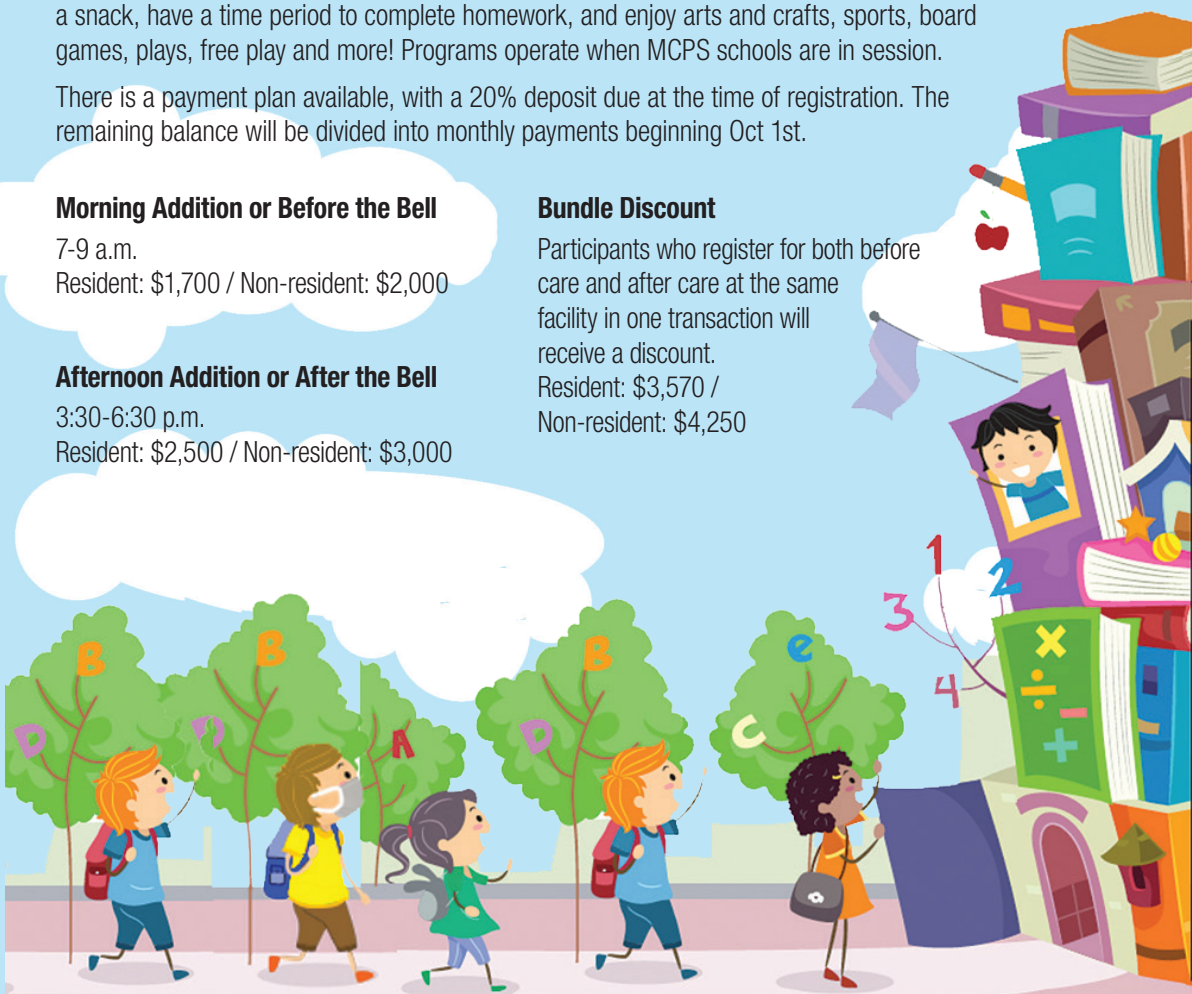
Resident: \$2,500 / Non-resident: \$3,000

Bundle Discount

Participants who register for both before care and after care at the same facility in one transaction will receive a discount.

Resident: \$3,570 /

Non-resident: \$4,250





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