

# Camp Guide

Takoma Park  
Recreation  
Department



Summer  
2019



**Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 8:30 am**  
**Monday, February 4 for Residents**  
**Monday, February 11 for Non-Residents**

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# Early Bird Discount!



The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories.

**Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 4 for residents and Monday, February 11 for non-residents.**

Scholarship applications must be submitted 3 weeks prior to registration.

**15% off from Feb 4-10 for City residents**

**10% off from Feb 11-17 for everyone**

Discount will be applied automatically both in person and online. (Does not apply to Spring Break Camps or scholarships.)

## Summer Camp Reference Chart

Program	Ages	June 17-21	June 24-28	July 1-5	July 8-12	July 15-19	July 22-26	July 29-Aug 2	Aug 5-9	Aug 12-16	Aug 19-23
Rookie Sports Camp	3-4		✓		✓				✓		
Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp	3-4					✓					
Camp Takoma	5-12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dance Camp	5-13						✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dribble, Pass, Shoot Camp	5-12										✓
Girls Basketball Camp	6-13					✓					
New Ave Adventure Camp	5-12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
On Stage Camp: Back Stage	11-15			✓	✓						
On Stage Camp: Center Stage	6-12					✓					
On Stage Camp: Spotlights	11-16			✓	✓						
S.T.E.A.M. Camp	5-12	✓									✓
Visual Arts Camp	11-15		✓		✓	✓					
Wilderness Camp	6-13							✓			
Impacting the World Through Video Camp	Grade 6-12							✓	✓		
Teens On The Move	Grade 6-12			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			



### 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 or before 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 of June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 6 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

# Spring Break Camps

REGISTRATION IS  
ALREADY OPEN, CLAIM  
YOUR SPACE NOW!

## CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch 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 & teen camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

## YOUTH (5-12 Years)

### Spring Break Camp Extended Care

Need those extra hours in the afternoon? We have you covered at both locations. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports.

3 Day Session

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-April 19

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.

**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

Resident: \$21 each / Non-resident: \$31 each

### OR

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

\$21 each

### Dribble, Pass, Shoot Basketball Spring Camp

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Instructor: Joe Dobbins.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

5-12 years

3 Day Session

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-April 19

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$120

### Spring Break Camp - Creative Concepts

Show off your creative side, during this art filled themed spring break camp. Participants will create various art projects, such as murals, sand art, drawing, painting, and much more. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change.

Takoma Park Community Center

Azalea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

5-12 years

3 Day Session

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-April 19

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$85

## TEENS (Grades 6-12)

### Spring Break Filmmaking Camp: Focus on Takoma Park

A spring break camp intended for budding journalists. Youth (ages 12-17) will learn the basics of video production while also discovering more about Takoma Park. In three full days, campers will gain skills in how to shoot video on professional cameras, will learn how to conduct interviews with local residents, and how to film "b-roll" footage of Takoma Park in supervised production shoots. The collected footage will be edited together as a single piece by the instructor after the camp and will be shared with participants and the broader Takoma Park community via YouTube. Scholarships are available for TP resident FARMs-eligible students.

Takoma Park Community Center

Multi Media Lab & Hydrangea Room

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

3 Day Session

Wednesday-Friday, April 17-19

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$130

## On Stage: Spring Break Workshop Dear Evan Hanson

Takoma Park Community Center

Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

9-14 years

3 Day Session

Monday-Wednesday, April 17-19

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Resident: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155



# Spring Break Camps

REGISTRATION IS  
ALREADY OPEN, CLAIM  
YOUR SPACE NOW!

## Spring Break PREPS Camp

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) camp is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions and an open mind.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Teen Lounge  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
3 Day Session  
Wednesday-Friday, April 17-19  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$75 / Non-resident: \$100

## 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 (must attend all trainings): \*Tuesday, April 30 Intro / Camp Standards 4-6 p.m. \*Thursday, May 2 What it means to be a CIT 4-6 p.m. \*Saturday, May 4 First Aid/CPR Training 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. \*Each session is for two weeks. Main camp times: 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
14-16 years  
Camp Training: Tuesday, April 30 & Thursday, May 2  
4-6 p.m.  
CPR Training: Saturday, May 4  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35



## 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. Rain date is April 22 at 4 p.m. at Ed Wilhelm Field.

Ed Wilhelm Field  
Behind Piney Branch Elementary School  
2-8 years  
Saturday, April 20  
Starts at 10 a.m.  
Free

# Summer & Specialty Camps

## TOT CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable snack 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!
- ✓ Before & After Care are **not** available for Tot Camps.

## Early Bird Discount!

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both in person and online.



## TOTS (3-4 Years)



### Rookie Sports Camp

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Bring a non-perishable lunch daily.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Rose Room (drop off and pick up)  
7500 Maple Avenue  
3-4 years  
1 Week Sessions  
Monday-Friday  
June 24-June 28  
July 8-July 12  
August 5-August 9  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Resident: \$80 / Non-resident \$90

### Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp

It is said that if you want to learn about a country you should start with the food. So during this week of camp our Tiny and Gourmet Chefs will learn how to create the cuisines of multiple countries. We will be cooking up some of the fabulous flavors of Italian, Indian, Vietnamese, Mexican & French foods and also learning about some of the cooking techniques & ingredients that make them unique. Come join us as we expand our world and our palates!

Takoma Park Community Center  
Lilac Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
3-4 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday  
July 15-July 19  
9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

## YOUTH (5-12 Years)

### EXTENDED CARE

#### Maple Avenue Before Care and After Care

Campers in the following camps may enroll: Camp Takoma, Takoma Park Recreation Specialty Camps and Teens on the Move. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports. Because of the numerous camps that feeds into this program fills quickly - don't wait.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Azalea Room  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5 years and older  
1 Week Sessions  
Monday-Friday  
June 24-August 23

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.

**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.

Resident: \$35 each / Non-resident: \$45 each  
\*4th of July week: Resident: \$28 / Non-resident: \$38

#### New Ave Adventure 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.

Takoma Park Recreation Center  
7315 New Hampshire Avenue  
5-12 years  
1 Week Sessions  
Monday-Friday  
June 24-August 16  
(No Camp 7/4)\*

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.

**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.

\$35 each  
\*4th of July week: \$28 each

# Summer & Specialty Camps

## CAMP FACTS

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- ✓ 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 & teen camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

### Camp Takoma

Join us for another exciting themed summer of Camp Takoma! Each week will have a theme and activities will include swim trips, specialty trips, crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and much, much more. You can choose from just 1 week up through the entire summer. See page 6 for Before and After Care information.

Takoma Park Community Center  
7500 Maple Avenue

Azalea Room

1 Week Sessions

June 24-June 28: CSI Takoma Park

July 1-July 5: Party in the USA (No camp 7/4)\*

July 8-July 12: Around the World

July 15-July 19: Animation Domination

July 22-July 26: Wet N Wild

July 29-August 2: Sports & Cuisine

August 5-August 9: Under the Big Top

August 12-August 16: I Heart Art

August 19-August 23: Ship Wrecked in Space

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

\*4th of July week: Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

### Dance Camp

Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Creative Dance is geared to allow girls and boys the opportunity to enhance talents with skills and techniques taught during the session. Children will learn basic dance skills, rhythm, musicality and improvisation. Instructors will focus on building self-esteem and personal creativity; which will allow campers to gain confidence in the craft of dance. Fun and excitement will be implemented into each routine. At the end of each session, campers will be given the opportunity to highlight and showcase what they have learned with a performance. See page 6 for Before and After Care information Instructor: Charonne Butler

Takoma Park Community Center

Auditorium

7500 Maple Avenue

5-13 years

2 Week Sessions

Monday-Friday

July 22-August 2

August 5-August 16

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325

### Dribble Pass Shoot Basketball Camp

This co-ed camp emphasizes individual improvement, which is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Instructor: Joe Dobbins

Takoma Park Recreation Center

Gymnasium

7315 New Hampshire Ave

5-12 years

1 Week Session

Monday-Friday, August 19-August 23

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$200

### Dribble, Pass & Shoot Camp Before Care & After Care

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.

**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.

\$35 each

### Girls Basketball Camp

Participants will learn basketball fundamentals which include but are not limited to: ball handling, shooting skills, foot work, and overall knowledge of the game. Campers will also improve communication skills and teamwork all while having fun. See page 6 for Before and After Care information. Instructor: Joe Dobbins

Takoma Park Community Center

Rose Room (drop off & pick up)

7500 Maple Avenue

6-13 years

1 Week Session

Monday-Friday, July 15-July 19

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$220

### 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 swim trips, specialty trips, crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and much, much more. You can choose from just 1 week up through the entire summer. See page 6 for Before and After Care information.

Takoma Park Recreation Center

7315 New Hampshire Avenue

5-12 years

Monday-Friday

1 Week Sessions

June 24- June 28: We are Family

July 1-July 5: Fit and Fun (No camp 7/4)\*

July 8-July 12: Express Yourself

July 15-July 19: We've Got Talent

July 22-July 26: Be a Good Sport

# Summer & Specialty Camps

July 29-August 2: Let's Move  
August 5-August 9: How's the Water?  
August 12-August 16: Challenge Week  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
\$125 per week  
\*4th of July week: \$100

## On Stage Camp: Back Stage – Wicked

On Stage: Backstage, is a great choice for kids who love art and are interested in technical theatre but just don't want to be on stage. Students will learn and employ skills related to set design/construction, costume & prop design/construction, costume/prop management and stage management and apply those skills to material from Stephen Schwartz's Wicked. We'll join the actors with physical, vocal, imagination & focus building warm-ups, then the backstage students will work in various capacities at times side by side the Spotlight students and at other times working in a small ensemble with the technical director/designer. Our goal is to have every student engaged in the creative process, every student proud of their work. Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! There is no camp on July 4. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
11-15 years  
2 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 1-12  
(No camp July 4)  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Resident: \$395 / Non-resident: \$425

## On Stage Camp: Center Stage - Wizard of Oz

In On Stage: Center Stage, everyone shines! Our camp is designed to allow students the opportunity to dive into performance and design/construction aspects of theatre by working on songs and scenes from The Wizard of Oz. We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination & focus building warm-ups. Here's what we'll be doing: creating & developing characters, learning music/songs, blocking/choreographing musical numbers, playing drama games, getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology, set design and construction, working with props and costumes. Our goal is to have every student on stage, every student engaged in the creative process, every student proud of their work. Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! \$35 materials fee helps to cover set piece rental, props, craft supplies, some costume supplies/rental, music tracks, cds, and lyrics. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
6-12 years

1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 15-19  
(No camp July 4)  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325  
Plus \$35 materials fee

## On Stage Camp: Spotlight – Wicked

In On Stage: Spotlight, everyone is a star! This year, we will be tackling material from Stephen Schwartz's Wicked! Our two week camp is designed to allow students the opportunity to dive into performance and design/construction aspects of theatre by working on an abridged production. Students will perform several musical numbers with corresponding scene work from Wicked. 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, set work and scene painting, constructing props and costumes, playing drama games and getting to know the theatre space and theatre terminology. Our goal is to have every student on stage as much as possible, every student engaged in the creative process, every student proud of their work. Students will have the opportunity to audition for individual parts as well as sing in a group. On Stage: Spotlight Camp will end with a showcase performance on July 12! Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! \$45 materials fee helps to cover set materials, props, craft supplies, costume supplies, music purchase, cds, lyrics & script. Students will be able to keep some of their costume pieces and set/prop work. No camp on July 4. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
10-15 years  
2 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 1-12  
(No camp July 4)  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Resident: \$585 / Non-resident: \$625  
Plus \$45 materials fee

## ON STAGE & VISUAL ARTS AFTER CARE

This special after care will begin at 3 p.m. and go until our normal 6 p.m. end time.

It's full of the same fun and games just one hour longer for our two camps that end at 3 p.m.

If you need Before Care, select the Maple Ave. Before Care option for that week.

Takoma Park Community Center  
3-6 p.m.  
Resident: \$53 per week / Non-resident: \$63 per week  
\*Week of July 4- Resident: \$43 / Non-resident: \$53



# Summer & Specialty Camps

## CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch 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 & teen camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

### S.T.E.A.M. Camp - STARLAB

STARLAB is an innovative planetarium system that introduces students to the scientific wonders of the night sky and beyond. This interdisciplinary teaching lab touches on a myriad of astronomy and other themes, such as: Cultural and Native Legends, Constellations, The Milky Way, Star Clusters and Galaxies, Phases of the Moon, Starfields and Urban Night Sky, Earth Science and Plate Tectonics, Cell Biology, Ocean Currents and Celestial Voyages of Explorers. Instructor: MindBloom

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5-10 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, June 17-June 21  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$350 / Non-resident: \$380

### S.T.E.A.M. Camp - Virtual Fiesta

This summer, MindBloom will host a foreign language summer camp that will integrate the Spanish language and culture with virtual reality. Campers will get a hands-on opportunity to take virtual trips to parts of Central and South America to experience the Geography, Music, Food, Art, and Customs of Spanish-speaking countries--all without the need for a passport! The class will be taught 100% in Spanish by native-speaking teachers and serve as an innovatively fun way to learn about travel and culture of Spanish-speaking peoples. No prior experience using Virtual Reality software or equipment is required.

Takoma Park Community Center  
Auditorium  
7500 Maple Avenue  
5-10 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, August 19-August 23  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$350 / Non-resident: \$380

### Wilderness Camp

Does your kid need to get caught up on their outside time in a big way!? The camp provides in-depth technical instruction, fascinating content and structured, scenario based curriculum at the end of which kids earn a certification in Wilderness Survival Skills. Some of the skills the participants will learn will be building shelters, fires, traps, tracking, primitive skills, orienteering, cordage, edible and medicinal plants, gear prep,

emergency first aid and more. Kids work in teams using natural materials to problem solve scenario challenges as a team in various disciplines. The instructors have a background in survival and primitive skills and balance creative problem solving opportunities with direct instruction to provide a full and transformational week. Fun games that require campers to learn stealthy movement and keen sensory awareness are a big part of each day.

Heffner Park Community Center  
42 Oswego Avenue  
6-13 years  
1 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 29-August 2  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$325 / Non-resident: \$355

### Wilderness Camp Before and After Care

**Before Care:** 7-9 a.m.  
**After Care:** 4-6 p.m.  
Resident: \$35 each / Non-resident: \$45 each

## TEENS (Grades 6-12)

### Early Bird Discount!

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**10% off from Feb 11-17 for everyone**  
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**both in person and online.**



### Impacting the World Through Video

In this two-week fun and educational day camp, youth will work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about an issue or cause of importance locally. Participants will develop a call to action and create a short video which may incorporate interviews, archival materials, narration, music, and original footage. Participants will be provided access to and training with video cameras and the Final Cut Pro editing system. Scholarships are available for TP resident FARMS-eligible students. See page 6 for Before and After Care information Instructor: Docs in Progress

Takoma Park Community Center  
Multi Media Lab  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Grades 6-12  
2 Week Session  
Monday-Friday, July 29-August 9  
9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Resident: \$300 / Non-resident: \$375

# Summer & Specialty Camps

## CAMP FACTS

- ✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch 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 & teen camps.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

### Teens on the Move

Teens on the Move combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. No Camp July 4th! Some Fridays may start as early as 7 a.m. and go as late as 8 p.m. participants will be given prior notice. See page 6 for Before and After Care information

Takoma Park Community Center

Teen Lounge

7500 Maple Avenue

Grades 6-12

1 Week Sessions

Monday-Friday

July 1-July 5: International Week (no camp 7/4)\*

July 8-July 12: The Great Outdoors

July 15-July 19: Fear Factor

July 22-July 26: TP's Got Talent

July 29-August 2: OMGoodness

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

\*4th of July week: Resident: \$100 / Non-resident \$120

### 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. A willingness to sit at a table for extended periods of

time a must! All materials are included. There is a special After Care for this camp that starts at 3 p.m. See page 8. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center

Art Studio

7500 Maple Avenue

11-15 years

1 Week Sessions

Monday-Friday

June 24-28: Portfolio Development

July 8-12: Expressionism Week

July 15-19: Surrealism Week

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325



## Save the Date!

### Camps for Adults, 55 years and older

#### Creative Spirit Arts Camp

June 3-June 7

Register through Recreation Department, starting March 15 for Residents and March 22 for Non-residents.

#### Documentary Filmmaking Summer Camp

June 10-June 21

Register through Docs in Progress, starting March 22.

## Partner Camp

***Not affiliated with the Takoma Park Recreation Department***

### Takoma Sportsamps

Established in 1996, Takoma Sportsamps serves boys and girls ages 6 ½ -15 of all skill levels and abilities in baseball, softball, and basketball. They offer six one week camp sessions that provide a fun, safe atmosphere for kids to develop their skills and use them in game situations. Camp co-founder and director Louis Hoelman has taught physical education and coached in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1993. Their staff is comprised of coaches and teachers from area public and private high schools, elite athletes, and high school athletes who have graduated from Takoma Sportsamps and want to give back to younger participants.

**For more information: [www.takomasportsamps.org](http://www.takomasportsamps.org) or call 301-588-3724.**

## 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.

### How to apply

1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Administrative Office, 7500 Maple Ave.
2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application by the deadline along with additional forms to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Ave.).
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. Scholarship applications and supplemental documentation must be submitted **3 weeks prior** to registering.



### It's Tax Season!

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](mailto:recreation@takomaparkmd.gov).



### 2019 Holiday Closures

**Memorial Day**  
May 26-27

**Independence Day**  
July 4

**Labor Day**  
September 1-2

### 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.



### Watch! Like! Follow!



- Comcast channel 13
- RCN channel 13
- Verizon Fios channel 28

Also find us on YouTube!

**TAKOMAPARK**  
**ALERT**

**WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC**

[www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert](http://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](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert)

# Registration

## Visit us online @

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

**CAMP  
REGISTRATION  
BEGINS**  
Monday, Feb. 4  
8:30 a.m.  
for TP residents



### 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](http://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.

### Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in:  
Takoma Park Recreation Department  
7500 Maple Avenue  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders 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](mailto: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](http://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.

- 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 left 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 2019 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. If your camp has more than 1 week/session (i.e.: Camp Takoma, New Ave Adventure Camp, Dance, Visual Arts, Teens on the Move, Before and After Cares), select the appropriate week(s) that you would like to register them for and 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. 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.
- Closed-toe shoes are required; sandals are not permitted.
- Campers must wear camp issued t-shirt on all trips, including pool trips.

### EXTENDED CARE

- Before and After Care available for day camps ending at 3:00 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. Note: refrigeration or microwave is not available. Lunches should be clearly marked with camper's name. Send water bottle (labeled with camper's name) especially on field trip day(s).

### 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

# Rules & Regulations

forms are available at [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/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](http://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.



## 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 6 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.

## RAIN DAYS/CODE RED DAYS

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: What happened to the Camp Expo?**

A: We have replaced it with a 2-week Early Bird Discount Registration period. City residents will get to register first beginning on February 4. Non-residents will then register the following week beginning February 11. During this time you will be able to register online or in-person to receive the discount.

## **Q: When do camps fill up?**

A: Unfortunately, it is hard to determine when camps fill up. Historically, they fill rather fast, so we recommend registering your child(ren) up as soon as possible so they do not miss any of the fun. Last year most camps filled the first day!

## **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 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 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 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.

## **Early Bird Discount!**

**15% off from Feb 4-10 for City residents**

**10% off from Feb 11-17 for everyone**

**Discount will be applied automatically both in person and online.**





# Don't miss out!

**Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 8:30 am**  
**Monday, February 4 for Residents and**  
**Monday, February 11 for Non-Residents**



*The fun doesn't end here!*

## **SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020**

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 for City residents begins Monday, April 1 at 8:30 am! Spaces fill up fast - Don't wait!***

*For information on programs at each facility, check out the Spring/Summer City Guide or visit [www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation](http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation).*



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