

Camp Guide

Takoma Park
Recreation
Department



Summer
2021



Scholarship
Recipients registration
opens Monday,
May 3, 8:30 am

Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 8:30 am
Monday, May 10 for Residents
Monday, May 17 for Non-Residents



Takoma Park Recreation Department

301-891-7290 takomaparkmd.gov/recreation



March 2021

Dear Parents and Campers,

Throughout the pandemic, staff has been anxiously awaiting the time when we can resume delivering quality in-person services to our families and residents of the City. That time has finally arrived and it is our intention, hope, and plan to host Summer Camp 2021 at both the Community and Recreation Centers! We understand that in order to do so, we first must receive approval from our state and local officials. Second, that our facilities and staff are equipped with the latest safety measures that are needed to provide a safe environment for the duration of camp.

While much of camp will be the same as in years past, there is much that we will alter in order to conform to a safer environment. For example, field trips and traveling on busses will be removed. Adding new activities, more staff with smaller groups, eliminating contracted camps, and incorporating activities that focus on our kids mental and physical health will take place.

We will rely on the guidelines from health professionals, and our state and local officials. We understand that those guidelines are fluid and have the potential to be updated throughout the summer and the foreseeable future. Currently Camp Takoma, New Ave Adventure Camp and Just Teens Camp supervisors are preparing for the following protocols for camp:

- Increased disinfection of our camp facilities and regular sanitation of high touch surfaces
- Additional staff hired to support small groups of participants
- Parent/Guardian curbside drop off and pick up; limiting the entering of the buildings to just camp staff, campers, and authorized personnel
- Daily temperature checks and health survey upon entering camp for all staff and campers
- Camp will be limited to onsite activities only. There will be no field trips or transportation on busses. This will limit our camp's exposure to other large group gatherings and the general public.

In addition, the Department has revised its scholarship procedures to make it easier for families to participate in Recreation activities if financial resources are not available. Camp registration for Takoma Park residents opens May 10th. Scholarship participants will be allowed to register in advance. Due to COVID restrictions we are limiting the number of participants per camp and only offering general Recreation Camp, not specialized camps this summer.

We are looking forward to a safe and fun return to summer camp. We understand how important summer camps are to children; making memories that last a lifetime and we are honored that you turn to us for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Recreation Director

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!



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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 7.**

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 7. 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 14 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

Summer Camps

Camp Takoma

Join us for another exciting themed summer of Camp Takoma! Each week will have a theme and activities will include crafts, indoor and outdoor activities and much, 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 choose from just 1 week up through the entire summer.

Takoma Park Community Center

7500 Maple Avenue

5-12 years

8 One Week Sessions

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

June 28-August 20 (No Camp 7/5)*

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.
- ✓ Before Care & After Care are available, registration is required.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

Week	Theme	Description
June 28-July 2	Takoma Park's Got Talent	Participants will showcase their hidden talents through various activities.
July 6-July 9 (No camp 7/5)*	Stars and Stripes	Celebrate our great nation this week with a fun filled week of patriotic activities such as scavenger hunts. Hunt for the treasure while learning about the history of the United States.
July 12-July 16	Super Hero Adventure	Do you like to pretend that you are a superhero saving the galaxy? Well, join us for our superhero themed week.
July 19-July 23	Jungle Bookie	Roar!! Hiss!! Ribbit!! Ooh Ah Ah! Join us for a crazy jungle animal themed week.
July 26-July 30	Water Adventure	This water themed week will surely leave you drenched at the end of each day.
August 2-August 6	Under the Big Top	Come one, come all to the Takoma Park Circus themed week. Campers will get to play various carnival type games and activities throughout the week.
August 9-August 13	Creative Concepts	Show off your creative side during this arts & crafts filled themed week.
August 16-August 20	Summer Olympics	Do you have what it takes to win the GOLD?? Join us for some Olympics. Participants will play variations of the Summer Olympics.

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 6-July 9: 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, 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 choose from just 1 week up through the entire summer.

Takoma Park Recreation Center
 7315 New Hampshire Avenue
 5-12 years
 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
 8 One Week Sessions
 June 28-August 20 (No Camp 6/5)
 \$140 per week
 *Week of July 6-July 9: \$110

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, registration is required.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

Week	Theme	Description
June 28-July 2	We are Family	Campers will have the opportunity to share with and appreciate other campers' family and community experiences through various fun games and crafts.
July 6-July 9 (No camp 7/5)*	Fit and Fun	We will weave fitness and nutrition concepts through the week in a fun, smart way that will help to make it a lifestyle for participants.
July 12-July 16	I am a Superhero	Up, Up and Away! All Superheros welcome! Use your imagination and finetune your super powers.
July 19-July 23	In the Mighty Jungle	Roar!! Hiss!! Ribbit!! Ooh Ah Ah! Join us for a crazy jungle animal themed week.
July 26-July 30	Water Works	This water themed week will surely leave you drenched with fun at the end of each day.
August 2-August 6	Be a Good Sport	Campers will learn good sportsmanship and the fundamental rules of soccer and basketball.
August 9-August 13	Express Yourself	Campers will show their creative side through art, crafts or drawing. Showcase your hidden talents!
August 16-August 20	Olympic Spirit Week	Do you have what it takes to win the GOLD?? Join us for some Olympics. Participants will play variations of the Summer Olympics..

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.

\$40 each

*Week of July 6-July 9: \$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: \$135 / Non-resident: \$155

*Week of July 6-July 9: Resident: \$115 / Non-resident \$135

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 is available, no After Care for teens.
- ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

Week	Theme	Description
July 6-July 9 (No camp 7/5)*	Celebration of Nations	Teens will participate in activities, trips (local, walking) and crafts that celebrate various cultures from all over the world.
July 12-July 16	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 19-July 23	Game Show Mania	Teens will test their skills and talents by competing in a variety of game shows and activities.
July 26-July 30	Fear Factor	Teens will be faced with a series of challenging games and activities.

Just Teens AM Care

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

There is no PM Care for Just Teens Camp.

4 One Week Sessions

Monday-Friday

July 6-July 30 (No Camp 7/5)*

7-9 a.m.

Resident: \$40 / Non-resident: \$50

*Week of July 6-July 9:

Resident: \$32 / Non-resident: \$40



GIT & SYEP Programs

Due to ongoing health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, Takoma Park Recreation Department has suspended our Counselor In Training Program (CIT) as well as our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) this summer.

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.



2021 Holiday Closures

Memorial Day
May 30-31

Independence Day
July 4-5

Labor Day
September 5-6

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**
Monday, May 10
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
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.

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

Refund policy

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

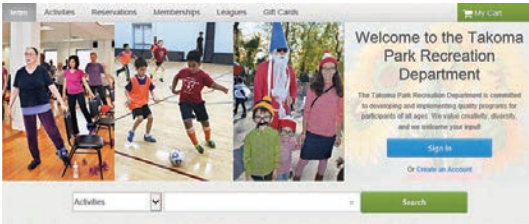
- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven (7) business days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 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 2021 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 day camps ending at 4:00 p.m. only. No PM Care for Just for Teens Camp.
- Supervised, non-structured playtime for campers only.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Day Camps operate from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (closed July 5).
- 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.

PAYMENT PLAN OPTION

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PHOTOS

The Recreation Department reserves the right to photograph/video 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: 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. Due to limited spaces we anticipate filling quickly this summer.

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. 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 (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 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/>



4th of July Fun!

Color this 4th of July picture and then see how many shapes you can find!

Square  Circle  Triangle  Diamond  Star 



Circle all the shapes you find in this picture. Then count them up!

How many circles did you find? _____ How many diamonds did you find? _____

How many stars did you find? _____ How many squares did you find? _____

How many Triangles did you find? _____



Fill in the blanks to create your own story



A Trip to the Beach

Summer trips to the beach are so

_____! Pack your _____, a
(adjective) (noun; clothing)

_____ to dry yourself off, and
(noun)

_____ to prevent sunburn. Be sure
(noun)

to bring a _____ to _____ with
(noun) (verb)

in the water, too. You can bring a beach

picnic, with _____, _____, and
(noun; food) (noun; food)

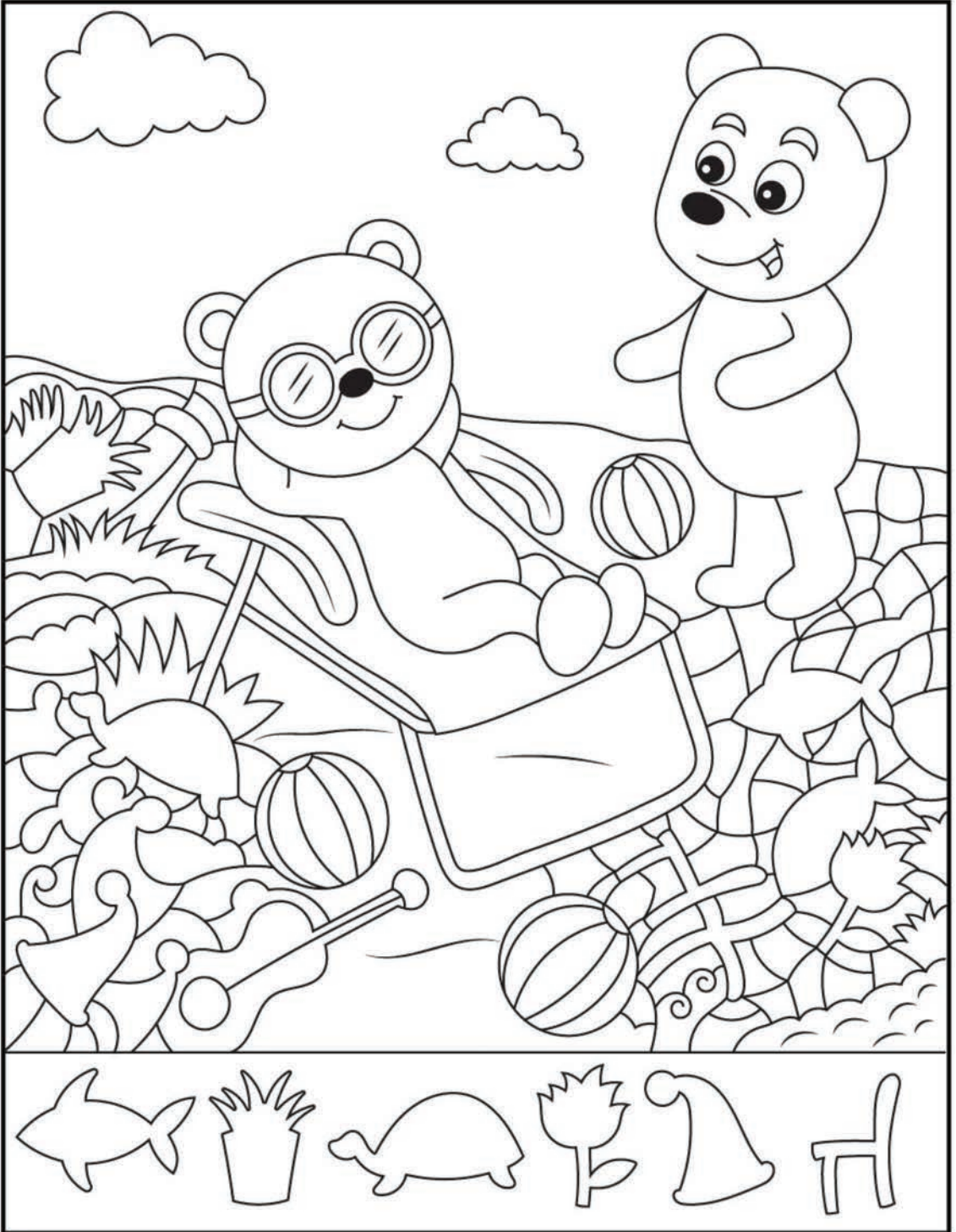
_____ to drink. It's fun to _____
(noun; drink) (verb)

for hours in the water, and to see

_____ sail past in the distance.
(plural noun)



**Find the shapes listed at the bottom.
Then color in the summertime scene!**



What to Expect this Summer

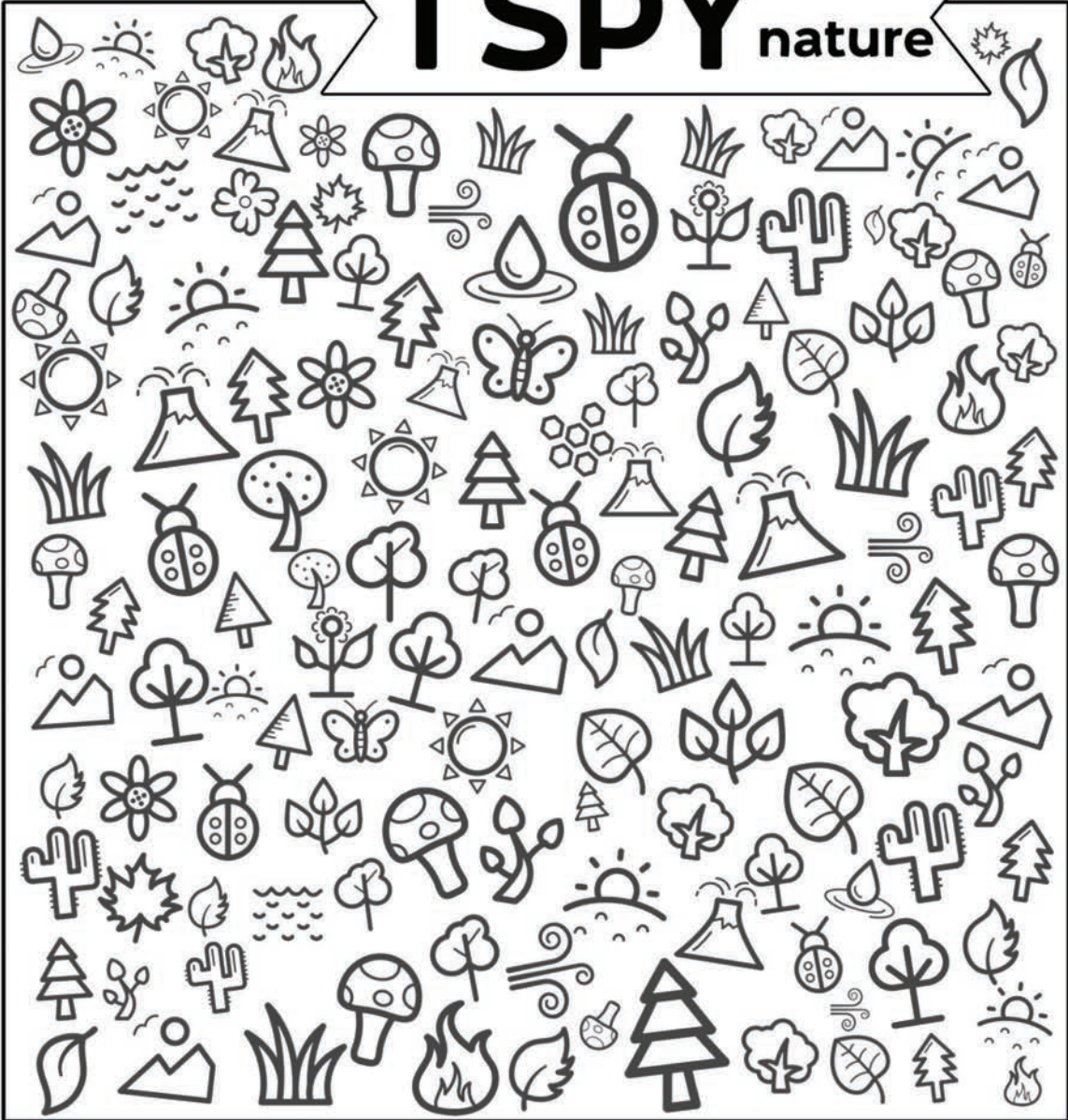
KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE + HEALTHY: COVID MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Maintaining the health and safety of our campers and staff is more than a goal; it is 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.

- We have updated our ventilation system to purify the circulated air in the buildings.
- Plexiglass shields have been installed as a barrier around the building.
- 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 this summer to allow proper physical distancing. In addition, the maximum number of participants has been reduced for these camps.
- Campers will participate in a COVID screening via contactless questionnaires and temperature checks at the start of every camp day. This check-in will be held outside and upon successful completion, campers will be permitted to enter the camp program.
- Campers will be assigned to cohort pods of 8 campers or less, not to interact amongst groups. Due to varied weekly expected camp attendance, pod groupings are subject to change from week to week, although our goal is to keep groupings as consistent as possible.
- All campers and staff will be required to wear a cloth 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 for deep cleaning.
- During lunch campers will eat with their pod. 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.
- Field trips and swim trips have been canceled this summer. We are not able to properly physically distance on the buses.
- The Community Center and Recreation Center will be closed to the public during camp time.
- Parent/Guardian pick up at the end of the day will be outside, with staff radioing inside to release your child. If noted on the Participant Profile, participants will be allowed to walk home at a certain time.



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