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Hello Camp Families,

The start of the camp season is well underway with planning and preparation for the 2024 summer camp season and we are very excited about this year's offerings.

Included is more information on our summer programs so you can see what is being offered, what age groups they are for, what dates the programs run, locations, and costs. Check out our website at www.newtonma.gov/camps to learn more.

If you have any questions about our summer camps please feel free to contact the manager in charge of the program you are interested in.

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Our **ONLINE REGISTRATION** for camps will begin on Wednesday, January 31st for Newton Residents at www.newtonmarec.com Non-residents may register starting March 1st if space allows.

I hope you will be able to join us at one of our many programs this summer! Please feel free to contact Newton Parks and Recreation at 617-796-1500 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nicole Banks
Commissioner

Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture
Online Registration Information for Summer Camps - 2024

Online registration begins Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at

www.newtonmarec.com

Some camps will fill quickly, please plan ahead. To find out more about our programs check out the Newton Parks and Recreation camps website at www.newtonma.gov/camps Non residents can start registering on March 1st.

We will have staggered registration start times to make registration easier. Please note that if you are registering for camps that have different registration start times you will have to do multiple checkouts because camps have a 15 minute time limit for staying in your cart.

5:30 pm Camp Echo Bridge, Albemarle Acres

6:00 pm Camp Extreme, Kids Korner, T-ville Trails

**6:30 pm All Star Chess Camp, Golf, Outdoor Adventure, Specialty Camps, Tennis,
Viking Sports, Wilderness Education for Middle School**

7:00 pm Vacation Camps at Lower Falls, Environmental Science Program

Recreation staff will be available on the day of online registration until 7:30 pm at 617-796-1500 in case you need assistance. Staff will then be available during normal office hours (M – F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm). We **WILL NOT** accept registrations or payments over the phone. Scholarships are available for those that qualify and applications are available on line or in our office. People applying for scholarships will still need to register online and pay the \$30.00 deposit per week, and that will be subtracted from your total amount due after scholarships are awarded in May.

Check out the Helpful Hints for Online Registration on the next page.

There is a practice registration set up for families that would like to practice before the online registration opens. This is highly recommended for everyone so you can confirm your account is still working properly.

Some of our programs require a \$30.00 minimum payment per week, some require payment in full. If you want to make only the minimum payment, please be sure to change the amount you wish to pay when making your payment, otherwise you will be charged the full amount due.

Summer Camp Refund Policy

All summer camp registrations include a \$30.00 non-refundable deposit per week as part of their registration. There will be no refund of your deposit. We do understand, however, that sometimes plans change, so you will have until March 15th to make any changes to the weeks you have registered for. If you cancel out of weeks but are still registered for another week at the same camp, the deposit that you have already paid will be applied to the remaining weeks of that camp and lower your balance due. If you cancel any weeks after March 15th the deposit will not be applied to the other weeks and you will lose it. Deposits are non-transferrable from camp to camp or child to child. Final balances are due by May 15th. After May 15th, we will only be able to do a refund (minus the \$30.00 non-refundable deposit) if we are able to fill the space. Please email the camp manager in charge of the program if you need to cancel.

Helpful Hints for Online Registration

Online registration is available at www.newtonmarec.com

Here are some helpful hints to try to make registration easier:

1. We accept Visa or Mastercard.
2. Set up a family account before registration opens. This will make registration go faster.
3. Familiarize yourself with the layout of the online registration system before registration opens. For Summer Camps, click on the Program icon (or Register tab then Programs) and in the drop down menu under the Programs heading select summer camps. This will give you a list of all of our summer programs.
4. Be sure to register the correct person. When you click on a program to register, there is a green section on the left hand side of the program you are registering for that says the person's name. If that is not the correct person, just click the change member button and you can select the correct person. If the person is not the correct age or grade, it will say incorrect age or grade and you will not be able to register that person for that program.
5. Click on all of the weeks you are interested in registering for before checking out for that program. Once an activity is in your shopping cart it will stay there for 15 minutes until you check out. If you have multiple kids that you are registering, register all of them and then do one check out. Please note, if you are registering for camps that have different registration start times (5:30, 6:30, etc), you will need to do multiple check outs because the items will not stay in your cart for that long. Please take the time to practice and explore the online registration to make the night of camp registration go more smoothly.
6. For programs that have an add extended day option, be sure to add each of the individual weeks to your cart first before you start adding the add extended day option. Children must be registered for that week of camp before you can add the extended day.
7. If you only want to pay the minimum payment for a program, and not the full payment, be sure to enter the amount that you want to pay, otherwise you will be charged the full amount. Some camps require a \$30.00 non refundable deposit per week, others may require payment in full. Golf, Tennis, Vacation Camps and Camp Extreme require payment in full at the time of registration.
8. If something fills, make sure you add your child to the waiting list. If you don't make it in right away, space usually opens up around the March 15th cancellation deadline and we are usually able to get some people from the waiting list in. Please note: If you are on the waiting list and sign up at a different camp, please remember that each camp requires a non refundable deposit when you register. You may lose your deposit if you cancel.
9. If you've never registered for one of our programs before, or would like to practice registering, click on Summer Camps then Practice Registration and you will be able to practice registering for programs without being charged.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with our online registration. Please call or email the manager that runs the camp you are interested in signing up for with questions.

2024 Newton Parks & Recreation Camp Information

Listed by age/grade - grades listed are what your child will be entering in the Fall

Kids Korner ages 3.5-5 7/8 - 8/16 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (half day avail) Cost: \$340.00
This is a great introduction to summer camp for pre-schoolers. Children choose from a variety of activities throughout the day. Age appropriate arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor games and water play are offered. Located at Burr Park Community Center.

T-ville Trails grades K–8 7/1 - 8/16 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$360.00
T-ville Trails offers activity choices during each activity period. Separate activity choices are offered for children in grades K—2 and grades 3—5. New this year, we are adding a middle school program for grades 6-8. Children can choose from age appropriate sports, arts and crafts, music, inside games, playground, science & nature, water play and more. Special events are offered each week at camp. Located at Bowen School. CIT program offered.

Albemarle Acres grades 1–6 7/8 - 8/16 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$340.00
Join us for sports, inside games, arts and crafts, gym, playground, language arts activities, STEM, swimming, special events, field trips & more. Campers are placed in a group for the week and participate in activities with their groups. Includes a summer swim membership to Gath Pool (new Gath Pool is scheduled to open summer 2024). Located at Franklin School. CIT program offered.

Camp Echo Bridge grades 1-12 7/1 - 8/9 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$380.00
Enjoy an exciting inclusive program that incorporates educational components into our fun- filled days. Lower Camp and Middle School (grades 1-8) caters to campers with and without disabilities. Upper Camp caters to high school campers with disabilities. Activities include sports, arts & crafts, special events, swimming at Crystal Lake and more. Includes a summer swim membership to Crystal Lake. Located at Mason Rice School. CIT program offered.

Vacation Camps grades 1-6 July 1,2,3 & 5 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$325.00
Enjoy a fun field trip every day. Sports, arts and crafts, and other activities are offered before and after field trips. Lunch is included on field trips! Sign up by day or for the whole week. Located at Lower Falls Community Center. **The June 24th wk has been cancelled for school makeup days.**

Specialty Camp at Emerson Community Center grades 1-8 8/19 - 8/ 23 & 8/26 - 8/30
Hours:8:30-11:30 & 12:30-3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: varies
Each specialty program offers their own instruction led by coaches and teachers. Morning (8:30 - 11:30) and Afternoon (12:30 - 3:30) specialty programs are offered. Campers signed up for both a morning and afternoon specialty program can bring a lunch and stay with staff in between. Afternoon extended day is offered. This program is located at Emerson Community Center and runs Monday-Friday. Options include:

Aug 19-Aug 23: AM Badminton gr 2-8 OR Challenge Island STEAM gr 1-6
PM Be Ahead of the Game gr 1-6 OR RoboThink STEM Camp gr 3-8
August 26-30: AM Badminton gr 2-8 OR Challenge Island STEAM gr 1-6
PM Be Ahead of the Game gr 1-6 OR RoboThink STEM Camp gr 3-8

Tennis Camps ages 5-16 6/24 - 8/23 Hours: 9:00 – 3:00 (half day avail) Cost: \$575.00
Join instructors from JXS Tennis for summer tennis camps. Each day will include warm up activities, skill development focusing on a different stroke each day, and game play. Located at Newton South and Newton North High School.

Viking Sports Camps ages 7 to 12 6/24 - 8/30 Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 (ext day avail) Cost: varies
Learn the skills to play a variety of different sports each day while enhancing physical, social and emotional growth. Check the schedule for specific theme weeks. Located at Pellegrini Park.

Camp programs continued on next page

2024 Camp Information Continued

Outdoor Adventure grades 2-6 7/1 - 8/8 Hours: 9:00 – 1:00 Cost: \$400.00/session
Spend time outdoors discovering the natural world, making new friends, and playing fun games. This program runs Monday—Thursday with Friday as a rain date and runs as a two-week session. Individual weeks are also available. Please note the start of camp has been pushed to July 1st due to school make up days. Located at Nahanton Park on the Charles River. CIT program offered.

Specialty Camp at Nahanton Park grades 2-8 7/1 - 8/8 Hours: 1:30 - 3:30 Cost: varies
Learn a new skill with our specialty camp instructors at Nahanton Park. These programs run Monday-Thursday with Friday as a rain date. Campers signed up for both Outdoor Adventure and the Specialty Camp will stay with camp staff in between the two programs. Sign up by week for any number of weeks. Please note the June 24th wk changed to August 5th due to school makeup days

7/1 Paddling Camp gr 3-7

7/8 Orienteering gr 2-6

7/15 Ultimate Frisbee gr 2-6

7/22 Paddling Camp gr 3-7

7/29 Archery gr 3-8

8/5 Wilderness Survival for Kids gr 2-6

Summer Golf Camp ages 8 to 14 6/24-6/27, 7/8 - 8/8 Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 Cost: \$375.00
Have fun, enjoy golf and learn the basics of the golf swing. Campers will participate in a variety of games, drills and techniques throughout the day that will begin to help their game. This program runs Monday—Thursday rain or shine. Located at Newton Commonwealth Golf Course.

All Star Chess Training Camp ages 8-15 7/29-8/2 & 8/12-8/16 Hours: 9:00-3:45 Cost: \$425.00
For serious young chess players between the ages of 8 and 16 who want to make considerable progress in improving the focus of their game. U.S. Life Master and FIDE trainer Lou Mercuri is running his 21st summer of All Star Chess with Newton Parks and Recreation. Special features of the Training Camp include: Small group training sessions, Tournament preparation, Team problem-solving competitions, 40-problem tactics test, Student evaluations, Group analysis of students' best games, & Blitz chess tournament. There is no minimum or maximum recommended rating, but the general range of abilities for this camp is from players just starting tournaments to players in the top 50 for their age in the US. Located at Emerson Community Center for the July 29th week and Lower Falls Community Center for the August 12th week.

Camp Extreme grades 5–8 7/8-8/9 & 8/19-8/30 Hours: 8:30-3:30 Cost: \$435.00
Be active and have fun while challenging yourself to the extreme on a field trip each day. Trips include hiking, swimming, climbing, adventure & more! Includes a summer swim membership. Program runs Monday—Friday rain or shine. Located at Lower Falls Community Center.

Wilderness Education grades 6–9 8/12-8/16 or 8/19-8/23 Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 Cost \$415.00
Learn skills and build knowledge to survive in the wilderness. Participants will learn survival skills like constructing a shelter, how to safely build a fire, navigating through the forest without a map or compass, identifying edible and medicinal plants and more. Located at Nahanton Park.

Environmental Science Program grades 7–10 7/1 - 8/1 Hours: 9:00 - 4:00 Cost \$2,445.00
This unique month-long program lets students enjoy the wilderness while learning about the science of the environment. Topics often include geology, botany, ecology, wildlife, pollution, forest succession, climate change, conservation & more. Highlights include bicycle trips, T trips to science landmarks in Boston, a 12-mile canoeing adventure, an expedition to the salt marshes of the North shore, hikes in MA and NH and the ever popular 3 day backpacking trip up Mount Washington with a 2 night stay in the Lakes of the Clouds hut. Located at Bowen School.

Counselor in Training Programs grades 8–11
at Albemarle Acres, Camp Echo Bridge, Outdoor Adventure & T-ville Trails
Learn how to become a great counselor. Develop skills in activity planning, child development, effective leadership styles & more. Work with the campers and staff at your program to further develop your skills. Sessions are offered for first year and returning CIT's.

Register online at www.newtonmarec.com