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Hello Camp Families,

The start of the camp season is well underway with planning and preparation for the 2020 summer camp season.

Our Camp Fair is scheduled for Sunday January 26th (snow date February 2nd) from 12:00 – 4:00 pm in the cafeteria at Newton North High School. We hope you can join us to see all of the programs we are offering in 2020 and enjoy some fun entertainment.

Our **ONLINE REGISTRATION** for camps will begin the Wednesday after the Camp Fair at www.newtonmarec.com This is a new registration site that we started using in September of 2019 so if you haven't been to that site you will have to create an account to register.

Our camps will have staggered start times for online registration. Please see the attached flyer for information about registering online and start times for registration. Please go online to familiarize yourself with our online registration system and to create a family account if you haven't done so already.

Many of our camps will fill quickly. If you don't get in to all of the weeks you are interested in please be sure to add your child to the online waiting list. We often get cancellations and are able to get people in.

We have several camps and programs for youth of all ages. Included is a flyer with many of our different programs so you can see what programs are offered, what age groups they are for, what dates the programs run, locations, and costs. Please feel free to contact Newton Parks and Recreation at 617-796-1500 if you have any questions.

All of our camp information, including brochures and calendars, is available online at www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks then click on camps.

I hope you will be able to join us at one of our many programs this summer!

Sincerely,

Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Newton Parks, Recreation and Culture Online Registration Information for Summer Camps - 2020

Online registration for Newton Parks and Recreation camps will begin on the **Wednesday** after the Camp Fair. Some camps will fill quickly, so please plan ahead. To find out more about our programs check out our website at www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks and click on camps.

Online registration is available at www.newtonmarec.com

- Please note that this is a different registration system than last summer so everyone will need to create a new account if they haven't already done so.
- Your main account needs to be created by an adult 18 years of age or older. You can then add additional family members in your account.
- The system will not allow you to create multiple accounts for the same person.
- Please be sure to accurately list your child's birthdate and grade. Some of our programs have age or grade restrictions and you won't be able to register if your child isn't the correct age/grade. If you make a mistake, please call us and we can help you fix that.
- Please make note of the username you create for your account if you are not using your email address as your username. Some people forget their username and then have trouble logging in.

We highly recommend that everyone do a practice registration to familiarize yourself with the new system before online registration for the camps opens. Go to www.newtonmarec.com and log into your account. Once logged in, click on the register button then Summer Camps then Practice Registration and you will be able to practice registering without being charged. Please pay attention to the member you are registering. If you need to change the family member, just click on the Change Member button.

Some of our programs require a \$30.00 minimum payment per week, some require payment in full. The Vacation Camps and many of the Specialty Programs 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.

We will have staggered registration start times for our programs 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 time limit for staying in your cart.

5:30 pm	Acres in the Falls, Camp Echo Bridge
6:00 pm	CIT Programs, Kids Korner, T-ville Trails
6:30 pm	Albemarle Acres, Centre Acres
7:00 pm	Camp Extreme, Outdoor Adventure, Vacation Camps
7:30 pm	Auburndale Station, Auburndale Station: The Next Stop
8:00 pm	Sports and Specialty Programs (Earth Spirit, Golf, Puddlestompers, Specialty Camps at Peirce School, Tennis, Thundercats, etc)

Recreation staff will be available on the day of online registration until 8:30 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.

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 a set amount of time 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. This system is much more user friendly than our previous system, but please take the time to practice and explore the online registration to make the night of camp registration go more smoothly.
6. **DON'T** waste time signing up for extended day for programs that have a separate add extended day option. Register for the standard day and then if you need extended day, you can add that later. Some camps fill up fast and if you spend time adding extended day you may miss out on getting into a week that you wanted. **Please Note: With the Vacation Camps, Specialty Camps at Peirce School, and some other camps, you would need to register for either the standard day or the extended day option because there is not an add extended day option.**
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 like the vacation camps and specialty camps requires payment in full.
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.

2020 Newton Parks & Recreation Camp Information

Day Camps

Grades listed are what your child will be entering in the Fall

Kids Korner ages 3.5 - 5 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 2:00 (half & ext day avail) Cost: \$250.00
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 the Burr Park Community Center.

Auburndale Station grades K - 5 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$255.00
All aboard for a summer of fun! Campers participate in a variety of activities with their group throughout the day including sports, inside games, arts and crafts, music, playground, gym activities, outdoor water play, special events, field trips and more. Located at the Williams School.

T-ville Trails grades K – 5 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$280.00
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. Children can choose from sports, arts and crafts, music, inside games, playground, storytelling, science & nature, water play and more. Located at the Bowen School.

Albemarle Acres grades 1 – 6 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$255.00
Join us for sports, inside games, arts and crafts, gym, playground, music, swimming at Gath Pool, STEM, special events, field trips & more. Campers participate in all activities with their group. Albemarle Acres will be located at the Franklin School for the summer of 2020.

Camp Echo Bridge grades 1 - 12 7/6 - 8/14 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$255.00
Enjoy an exciting inclusive program that incorporates educational components (Math, English & Social Skills) into our fun- filled days. This program is great for all campers. Activities include sports, arts & crafts, field trips, special events and more. Campers swim at Crystal Lake. Located at the Mason Rice School.

Centre Acres grades 1 - 6 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$255.00
Enjoy sports, games, arts and crafts, gym activities, swimming at Crystal Lake, special events, field trips, music and more. A great place close to home for making new friends and spending quality time with old friends. Located at the Newton Centre Hut.

Outdoor Adventure grades 2 - 6 6/29 - 8/7 Hours: 9:00 – 1:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$350.00
Two week sessions starting July 1st. Join us this summer to spend time outdoors discovering the natural world, making new friends, and playing fun games. Located at Nahanton Park on the Charles River.

Acres in the Falls grades 5 – 8 7/6 – 8/7 Hours: 9:00 – 4:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$280.00
Enjoy a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, drama, team challenges, inside games, swimming at Crystal Lake and more. Campers will enjoy 2 field trips and a special event each week. Located at the Brigham House in Newton Highlands. Acres in the Falls also uses the Hyde Community Center.

Auburndale Station: The Next Stop grades 5–8 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$280.00
Auburndale Station is taking you to The Next Stop. Enjoy a variety of activities including sports, arts and crafts, team challenges, inside games, water play and more. Campers participate in 2 field trips and a special event each week. Located at the Williams School.

Counselor in Training Programs grades 8 – 11 7/6 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 Cost: \$320.00
at Albemarle Acres, Auburndale Station, Camp Echo Bridge, Centre Acres & 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.

www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks then click on Camps
Register online at **www.newtonmarec.com**

2020 Camp Information Continued

Sports Clinics

Golf Clinics ages 4 to Adult Spring, Summer and Fall Hours: vary Cost: varies
After School, School Vacation Week, SNAG, Weekend Junior and Ladies programs offered too!

Tennis all ages Summer and Fall Hours: vary Cost: varies
A variety of times and locations are available for tennis lessons this summer. www.newtontennis.com

Thundercat Sports ages 7 to 12 6/22 - 8/21 Hours: 9:00 - 3:00 (ext day avail) Cost: \$255.00
Learn the skills to play a variety of different sports each day. Located at Pellegrini Park.

Specialty Programs - grades listed are what your child will be entering in the Fall

Toddler Program - Time for Partners ages 18 mo. to 4 w/adult 7/7 - 8/13 Hours: 9:30-11:15 Cost: \$125.00
Music, creative movement and art projects with experienced teachers. Learning is fun, the projects enriching and the new friends help build self-confidence and sharing skills in young children. Located at Newton City Hall War Memorial Auditorium/Cultural Center with Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday options.

Puddlestompers ages 3-6 and 7-9 6/8 - 9/4 Hours: 9:00 - 1:00 (ext day avail) Cost \$395.00
Dissect owl pellets, follow deer tracks, catch frogs and run through the grass. Each week will explore different themes through hands on investigation, active movement, crafts, stories and songs. Located at Nahanton Park (6/8-6/26 & 8/10-9/4) and Auburndale Cove (6/8-8/28) www.puddlestompers.com

Vacation Camps grades 1 - 6 Hours: 8:30 - 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$310.00
Enjoy a fun field trip or special event every day. Sports, arts and crafts, and other activities are offered during the day as well. Lunch is included on field trips! Sign up by day or for the whole week.

at Burr Park Community Center grades 1 - 4 June 29-July 3, August 24-28

at Emerson Community Center grades 1 - 6 June 29-July 3, August 24-28

at Newton Centre Hut grades 1 - 6 June 22-26, June 29-July 3, August 24-28

Specialty Camp at Peirce grades 2-8 7/13 - 8/21 Hours: 8:30 - 3:30 (half & ext day avail) Cost: \$300.00
Each specialty program offers their own instruction during the morning. Campers staying for standard day or extended day will also participate in choice activities including sports, arts & crafts, inside games, music & drama, STEM, water play and more. Located at Peirce School. Sign up by week. This year's themes include:

7/13: Chess - Cricket - Science Robotics

7/20: 4-H Critter Care - Cricket - Science Robotics

7/27: Badminton - Puppet Lab - VEX Robotics

8/3: Badminton - 4-H Robotics: Mars Mission

8/10: Archery - Mad Science: Eureka!

8/17: Archery - Mad Science: Red Hot Robots

Summer Theater Camp entering grades 1 - 6 6/22 - 7/17 Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 Cost: \$900.00
A summer stock theater experience. Work with well trained actors and artists who specialize in drama, music, scenery and choreography. Terrific opportunity for children to develop poise and have a great time. This fun-filled four week program culminates in a wonderful musical production. More details coming soon.

Summer Artsy Afternoons entering grades 1 - 6 6/22 - 7/17 Hours: 1:00 - 3:00 pm Cost: \$450.00
During this four week session, children will explore various mediums and learn to express themselves through their art. Program taught by experienced teachers and artists. More details coming soon.
Children attending both **Theater Camp** and **Artsy Afternoon** can bring a lunch and stay for the full day.

Camp Extreme grades 4 - 8 8/10-8/28 Hours: 8:30 - 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$365.00
Enjoy the fun in the great outdoors with a different field trip each day. Includes hiking, rock climbing, kayaking and more! Located at Lower Falls Community Center.

Wilderness Survival grades 6 - 8 8/24 - 8/28 Hours: 9:00 - 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost \$375.00
Learn skills to survive in the wilderness. Learn how to build a fire, construct a shelter, navigate through the forest, identify wild edible plants and more. Located at the Auburndale Cove.