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Hello Camp Families,

The start of the camp season is well underway with planning and preparation for the 2022 summer camp season.

Our **ONLINE REGISTRATION** for camps will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd for Newton Residents at www.newtonmarec.com Non-residents may register starting March 1st if space allows.

We are still working on confirming special events and field trips for some of our camps, but we'll have that all posted online on our website as soon as things are confirmed. All of our camp information, including brochures and calendars when ready, will be online at www.newtonma.gov/gov/parks then click on camps.

We will be using staggered start times for online registration for our camps. 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. Please do not create multiple accounts. They get merged and information gets lost. If you have an account and can't remember your username or password, please give us a call and we can help you.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Nicole Banks
Commissioner

Newton Parks, Recreation and Culture
Online Registration Information for Summer Camps - 2022

Online registration begins Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at
www.newtonmarec.com

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.

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 including CIT, Outdoor Adventure including CIT, Specialty Camps at Nahanton Park, Wilderness Survival for Middle School**
- 6:00 pm** **Camp Extreme, Kids Korner, T-ville Trails including CIT**
- 6:30 pm** **Albemarle Acres including CIT, Centre Acres including CIT, Golf**
- 7:00 pm** **Specialty Camps at Peirce School, Vacation Camps, Environmental Science Program**
- 7:30 pm** **Auburndale Station including CIT, The Next Stop**

Recreation staff will be available on the day of online registration until 8:00 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.

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

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. 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, so if you cancel out completely from one camp you cannot use that deposit towards another camp. 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, you can add that option at a later time. This will allow you to focus on signing up for the specific weeks you want and you can go back later to add extended day. For the Vacation Camps and Specialty Camps at Peirce School, you will need to select the time option that you want at the time of registration.
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, 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.

2022 Camp Information Continued

Specialty Camp at Peirce grades 2-8 7/11 - 8/12 Hours:8:30-3:30(half&ext day avail) Cost:varies
Each specialty program offers their own instruction led by coaches and teachers during the morning. Campers staying for standard day or extended day will join together to participate in choice activities including sports, arts & crafts, inside games, music & drama, STEM, water play and more. This program is located at Peirce School and runs Monday-Friday. This year's options include:

July 11-15: 1) Archery 2) Beyond Beginner Chess 3) TBA
July 18-22: 1) Table Tennis 2) Beyond Beginner Chess 3) Minecraft Engineering with Lego
July 25-29: 1) Table Tennis 2) TBA 3) TBA
August 1-5: 1) Badminton 2) Fused Glass 3) TBA
August 8-12: 1) Badminton 2) Puppet Lab 3) TBA

The Next Stop grades 5-8 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$315.00
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.

Camp Extreme grades 5-8 7/11-8/5 & 8/15-9/2 Hours: 8:30-3:30 (ext day avail) Cost: \$390.00
Be active and have fun while challenging yourself to the extreme on a field trip each day. Trips include hiking, swimming, climbing, adventure & more! Located at the Brigham House 7/11-8/5 and Lower Falls Community Center 8/15-9/2

Wilderness Survival grades 6-9 8/15-8/19 or 8/22-8/26 Hours: 9:00 - 3:30 Cost \$375.00
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 7/5 - 8/4 Hours: 9:00 - 4:00 Cost \$2,195.00
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..

Counselor in Training Programs grades 8-11 7/5 - 8/19 Hours: 8:30 – 3:30 Cost: \$325.00
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.

Sports Clinics

Golf Clinics ages 4 to 16 Spring and Summer classes available Hours: vary Cost: varies
After School, SNAG, and Junior programs are offered at the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course

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

Sports Camps at Pellegrini Park ages 7 to 12 Hours and Cost: TBA
Learn the skills to play a variety of different sports each day. Located at Pellegrini Park.

Register online at www.newtonmarec.com