

Summer Sunshine Schedule

We are looking forward to a fun and fantastic summer of learning! Along with our indoor classrooms, children will continue to have lessons in art and new experiences outdoors in Mill Pond Park weekly, which includes water-fun and wading in the pool daily. Each week of the summer we have planned a special theme that children will find fun: special guests, field trips, wading pool-swimming lesson tips, a variety of new and fun games that will support the joy of learning. We will also be tending to our “Green Thumb Gardens” on the playground area planting boxes. See below for some of the fun scheduled events, and be ready for some more surprises in the works that we’ll let you know about. ☺

Week 1: June 20th -24th -Theme: Celebration of Color!

During this week, we will explore the science of colors and all its beauty with a variety of activities that will excite any child’s imagination. We will use rhythm ribbons sticks, play parachute games, make kaleidoscopes, and make a colorful friendship salad and more. Please have your child bring in one piece of fruit to add to our salad. Just ask the teachers what to bring!!

Week 2: June 27th -July 1st - Theme: Fun Facts in the Animal World!

We will have fun learning about all different kinds of animals that live in our world and their interesting environments.

Special Guest: Tuesday, June 28th - Animal Embassy from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Special Guest: Thursday, June 30th – Riverside Reptiles: Reptiles and Amphibians from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. – This is a hands-on learning experience to touch or look eye to eye with many captivating creatures, while at the same time learning about their natural history. Children will explore the wonderful world of reptiles and amphibians! Children will also get the chance to pet a lizard, stare into the eyes of a huge frog, and touch a giant python.

Week 3: July 5th - 8th – Theme: Patriotic Week Celebration

We will learn a lot about our independence and our history this week! We will celebrate by wearing our red, white, and blue and decorating our classroom's tent with patriotic colors! Enjoy a sweet treat to beat the summer heat!

Special Event: Friday, July 8th –“Sparkling Art Show” from 3:00-5:00 p.m.-Come view our Summer Sunshine outdoor art gallery! We will be displaying our campers' creative work done throughout the week in celebration of our Independence Day.

Independence Day Holiday- July 4th - School is **CLOSED** on Monday to celebrate the USA!

Week 4: July 11th -15th – Theme: Carnival Week!

We will have fun making and playing a variety of carnival games all week long. Stack the cans, wheel of fun, ping pong toss, fun fair food and more. We will have a special clown guest, learn what it takes to be a silly clown, and dress up like one!

Special Guest: Thursday, July 14th- Valentine the Clown from 1:55-2:40 p.m.

Week 5: July 18th -22nd – Theme: Buggin' Out!

We will have fun exploring the creepy crawlers all around us. We will get to go bug hunting and catching in the park, identify the bugs we catch and learn what they do for our environment. We will make an ant farm, watch butterflies hatch and go on a field trip to a local blueberry farm to pick and enjoy nature's candy.

Field Trip: Thursday, July 21st- Field Trip to Hrublec Blueberry Farm in Berlin, CT from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Week 6: July 25th -29th – Theme: Amazing Heroes!

What is a Super Hero? The children will get to discuss what makes someone a HERO! Read fun and inspiring stories of people who are heroes and also have fun imagining being a “Super Hero”. We will have fun activities which will include face painting, building and conquering challenging mazes using the Imagination Blocks and more!

Special Event: Monday, July 25th – Tiki Falls Water Slide at Mill Pond Park

Special Guests: Tuesday, July 26th- Character visits –“Super Heroes”

Week 7: August 1st -5th – Theme: Water Works!

There will be a fun week full of water activities and games such as; rain making, learn about the power of water, water table play, water balloons, sprinkler fun, and a variety of interesting water experiments! We will be moving and grooving in the pool with fun music from the DJ and we will also play a variety of fun water games.

Special Event: Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday August 3rd – Pool Party from 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Week 8: August 8th -12th – Theme: The Mighty Jungle!

We will have fun learning about what is in a jungle! Make fun and creative art projects such as jungle dioramas, clay sculptures of jungle animals, drums and more. We plan on having a special guest that will provide an interactive drum circle where children will learn about percussion instruments and join in the rhythm of the beat. We also plan on going on a field trip to explore Dinosaur State Park!

Field Trip: Wednesday, August 10th, Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, CT- from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Week 9: August 15th -19th – Theme: It's a Small World!

The children will have fun using their imaginations to build and investigate miniature play! They will construct small cities, neighborhoods, farms and more! This week will be filled with fun games, balancing challenges and art projects.

Summer Reading Adventure – We will take weekly walks next door to the Lucy Robbins Welles Library next door to participate in special activities and read stories .



Field Trip Permission Slips:

If you are registered to attend the weeks that a field trip is scheduled you will need to complete the permission slips below to go on the trip. (The cost of the field trips are included to the weekly fee for that week)

Week 5: July 18th -22nd: Buggin Out!

Blueberry Farm Field Trip on Thursday, July 21st, from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. - Our campers will take the bus to Hrublec Blueberry Farm in Berlin, CT. While we are there, the children will meet the farmer, learn about the farm and get to pick blueberries! Each child will go home with the blueberries they picked. The charge for the trip is included in the weekly fee.

I give my child _____ permission to go on the field trip to Hrublec Blueberry Farm in Berlin, CT on Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Parent signature:_____.

Week 8: August 8th -12th: The Might Jungle!

Dinosaur State Park Field Trip on Wednesday, August 10th, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - We will all hop on the bus and travel to Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, CT. The children will have the opportunity to see the largest dinosaur track sites in North America!

I give my child _____ permission to go on the field trip to Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, CT on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Parent signature:_____.

If any parents would like to come along and chaperone the trip please let us know. Thanks!

Things to Know!

- We plan on being outside the majority of the day participating in a variety of activities and events.
- Have your child/children wear their bathing suit upon arrival.
- Bring a set or two of clothing to change into every day.
- Bring a towel, hat and water shoes.
- Please label all backpacks, lunch boxes and towels with your child's name on the outside of the item. Clothes and bathing suits should also be labeled.
- Please make sure your child's backpack or bag is large enough to fit all of their camp items such as: towel, extra clothes, sneakers water bottle etc.
- It is suggested that you pack a blanket for rest time, for your child's comfort.
- For the safety of our students, we are an allergen-safe facility. Peanut butter and nuts of any kind are not permitted in the facility.
- Bring 2 healthy snacks and a lunch. If the lunch and snacks need refrigeration please provide a cold pack in their lunch box to keep them cool.
- All participants must be toilet-trained. Children may not attend the program wearing pull-ups or diapers.
- Bring in sun screen (the spray) and label it with your child's name. Please apply sun screen before dropping off to camp.
- Children must wear their Summer Sunshine t-shirt daily to camp. (They will receive one t-shirt included with registration and additional shirts will be available for purchase at the price of \$5.00 each)
- Children must wear sneakers or water shoes, for water play, which is a daily activity. (Sandals or open-toed shoes are not allowed for safety reasons)
- If your child has any dietary restrictions, please let us know upon registration. We plan on having and serving a variety of foods throughout the summer weeks.
- Have children bring their own water bottle with their name on it. We will fill them up, as needed, to ensure the children are getting enough fluids throughout the day.
- We will be having pizza for lunch every Friday!!! Bringing lunch from home is optional on Fridays.

Food Allergies & Medication Administration

If your child has any food allergies or medical conditions which require an epi-pen or emergency medication during program hours, you must fill out an ***Authorization for the Administration of Medication*** form, available in the Parks and Recreation office or online at www.newingtonct.gov/parksandrec. This form must be completed and signed by the child's physician, PA, or APRN and submitted to the Parks and Recreation office at the time of registration and at least one week prior to the child's first day attending the program. This one-week period will give us time to ensure that each staff member has an opportunity to review each child's file and medication instructions.

Supervised Swim Time at Mill Pond Park Wading Pool

Children will participate in supervised swim time in the wading pool daily, except during inclement weather. All wading pool activities and swim times are supervised by a certified lifeguard and the Summer Sunshine staff. Our wading pool time is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Children should come to Summer Sunshine in a bathing suit every day, regardless of weather. Two-piece bathing suits are recommended for girls for ease and independence in the bathrooms. You must apply sunscreen before you drop off your child. If you would like your child to wear a shirt while in the pool, please make sure it is a swim shirt, as cotton t-shirts are not allowed. Children should be able to change in and out of their swimsuit independently.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Please sign in every day when dropping off your child and provide a cell phone number where you can be reached. If someone other than you is going to pick up your child, please make a note of that on the sign-in sheet. We will not release your child to any unauthorized person. Photo identification will be required at pick-up. The ***Summer Sunshine Registration Form*** must be filled out completely, including at least three people authorized to pick up your child. **If you want your child to start on a Monday, registration must be received by noon the previous Thursday.** An additional fee may be assessed for any child who is repeatedly picked up late at the end of the day.

Program Rules and Discipline Procedures

Our rules are the standard rules a child should have already learned at home: keep hands and feet to yourself, no hitting, kicking, spitting, biting, name calling, pushing, or taking toys away from other children. Children are not allowed to leave the room without a teacher.

If a child is breaking a program rule, staff members will communicate to the child what rule they have broken. The staff member will observe the child to make sure they have stopped the behavior. If the behavior continues, the staff member will redirect the child to a quiet activity in the classroom. If the offense is serious, staff will discuss it with the parent. We will follow a progressive discipline outline. If a child breaks a rule once, corrective action will be attempted in the classroom. If the child continues to break the rule, a one-day suspension will be given. If the child continues to break class rules, expulsion from the program may be necessary. For the safety and wellbeing of all program participants and staff members, the Newington Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to adjust this progression depending on the severity of the rule broken.

Questions

If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation office at 860-665-8666.

Summer Sunshine Daily Schedule

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Summer Sunshine camp arrival time-classroom activities
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Fun & fitness time
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	Wash-up-clean-up
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Morning snack
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Classroom activities
9:45 - 10:00 a.m.	Getting ready for outdoor playground
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Wading pool fun!
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Dry up and games in the park
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Transition inside: wash-up, cool down and change into dry clothes
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch time (this could be indoors or outdoors)
12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	Clean-up and set up-for peace & quiet time
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Peace & quiet time (Story books, quiet activities, rest on cots)
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Snack time
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Getting ready for outdoor play or gymnasium play
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Outdoor, gymnasium or classroom play
4:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Transition: Wash-up into classroom
4:15 - 5:30 p.m.	Classroom activities

Activities, events, and daily schedule are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.