

PARENT PACKET

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FO SUMMER 2026



WELCOME

Welcome to Middletown Township Summer Rec 2026, where it's "All for Fun, Fun for All!" We are so excited to spend the summer creating unforgettable memories with your children. At Middletown Township Summer Rec, we strive to create a safe and inclusive community where kids will have fun, memorable experiences while building friendships, confidence, and lasting connections. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing a positive environment filled with exciting activities, laughter, teamwork, and adventure every single day.

We understand that trusting others with your children is incredibly important, and we want every parent to feel comfortable and confident leaving their kids in our care. Safety, communication, kindness, and inclusion are at the heart of everything we do. Our goal is to ensure that every child feels welcomed, supported, and encouraged to be themselves while having the best summer possible. We can't wait for an amazing Summer Rec 2026 and look forward to making this a fun, safe, and memorable experience for every family!



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OUR VISION

To create safe, welcoming environments where memorable experiences are built through consistent expectations, positive staff culture, and strong communication, empowering every participant to learn, grow, and belong.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This handbook has been designed to provide families with important information about Middletown Township Summer Recreation 2026. Within these pages, you will find details regarding camp policies, daily procedures, program expectations, safety guidelines, schedules, field trips, and communication protocols.

Our goal is to ensure that campers and families have a positive and successful summer experience. We encourage parents and guardians to review this handbook carefully before the start of camp and refer to it throughout the summer as needed. Understanding the information outlined in this guide will help campers arrive prepared each day and allow our staff to provide a safe, organized, and enjoyable program for all participants.

While every effort has been made to include the most current information, certain activities, schedules, or procedures may be adjusted throughout the summer. Any significant updates will be communicated to families promptly.





IMPORTANT CONTACTS

We will be able to answer inquiries during the workday: Administration will be available for communication from 8:30 AM -4:30 PM and camp cell phones will be from 8:00 AM - 5:50 PM. All after hours inquiries will be addressed the next business day.

ADMINISTRATION

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CAMP SITE PHONE NUMBERS

Community Center/Senior Center

267-599-1692

Core Creek Park

267-598-0852

The Barn

267-599-1656

Tween

267-599-1717

PARENT COMMUNICATION

We use the free Remind app to share important updates, including weather-related cancellations, trip reminders, bus delays, and other camp information. We encourage all parents and guardians to sign up to receive timely notifications for their camper's location.

To get started, download the Remind app and join using the corresponding camp code. If you need assistance, contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 215-750-3890 or speak with your Site Supervisor once camp begins.

To join, send a text message to 81010 with the appropriate code for your child's camp in the body of the message:



Barn Camp

- Text 81010
- Message: @cgf4e7d

Barn Tween Camp

- Text 81010
- Message: @barntw

Community Center Camp

- Text 81010
- Message: @f9cfdbh

Core Creek Camp

- Text 81010
- Message: @7chfb98



PHOTO SHARING

PhotoCircle Instructions for Parents

Please download the PhotoCircle app and scan the QR code that corresponds with your child's camp location.

Once you join your camp's PhotoCircle group, photos from that specific camp site will be uploaded throughout the summer so you can see all the fun activities and memories your child is making!

Getting Started:

1. Download the PhotoCircle app on your mobile device.
2. Open the app and create an account (if prompted).
3. Scan the QR code for your child's camp location.
4. Join the group and start viewing photos as they are added.



Barn Tween
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above



Barn
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above



Community Center
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above



Core Creek
Join my circle by scanning the QR Code above

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

Summer Rec begins promptly each day at the scheduled program start time. Campers should not arrive earlier than the designated drop-off window for their site. To help ensure a safe and organized arrival process, each Summer Rec location will utilize an electronic check-in and check-out system on an iPad.

Drop-Off Procedures

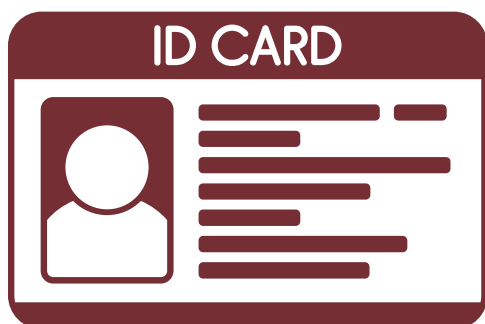
Upon arrival, parents/guardians should park or follow the designated drop-off procedures for their site and proceed with their camper to the assigned check-in location. Staff members will assist families with signing campers into Summer Rec using the iPad system. Once checked in, campers may place their belongings in the designated area before joining their assigned group and activities for the day.

Pick-Up Procedures

Parents/guardians must park and sign campers out at the designated check-out location using our electronic sign-out system. **A valid photo ID is required and must match the authorized pick-up information on file.**

Campers will only be released to individuals listed on the Pick-Up Authorization Form in RecDesk. If someone else may pick up your child, please add them during registration. Be sure to notify staff of any custody arrangements or legal restrictions regarding pick-up.

Before leaving each day, please ensure your camper **has collected all personal belongings.**



DROP OFF AND PICK UP (CONTINUED)

Early Pick Up

If you need to pick your child up early for any reason, please notify the Site Supervisor at drop off. If something changes during the day you can call camp using the site contact information.

Late Drop Off

If your camper will be late, please sign them in on the iPad with the Site Supervisor or closest available staff person. Staff will be able to bring them to their group from there.

Scheduled Camp Times

Half Day: 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Full Day: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Extended Day: 8:00 AM -5:15 PM

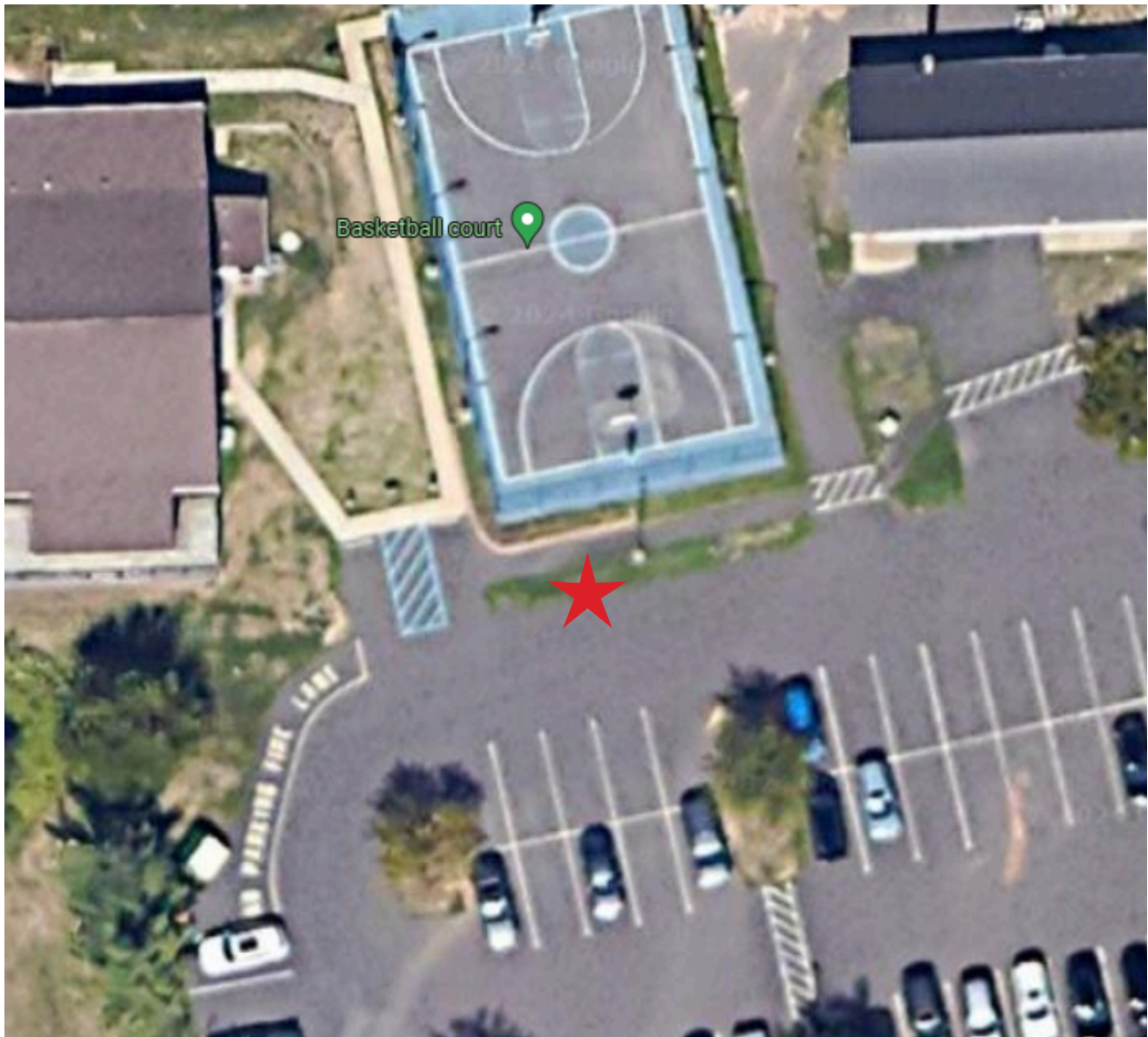
Please come at your scheduled camp times.



SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

BARN

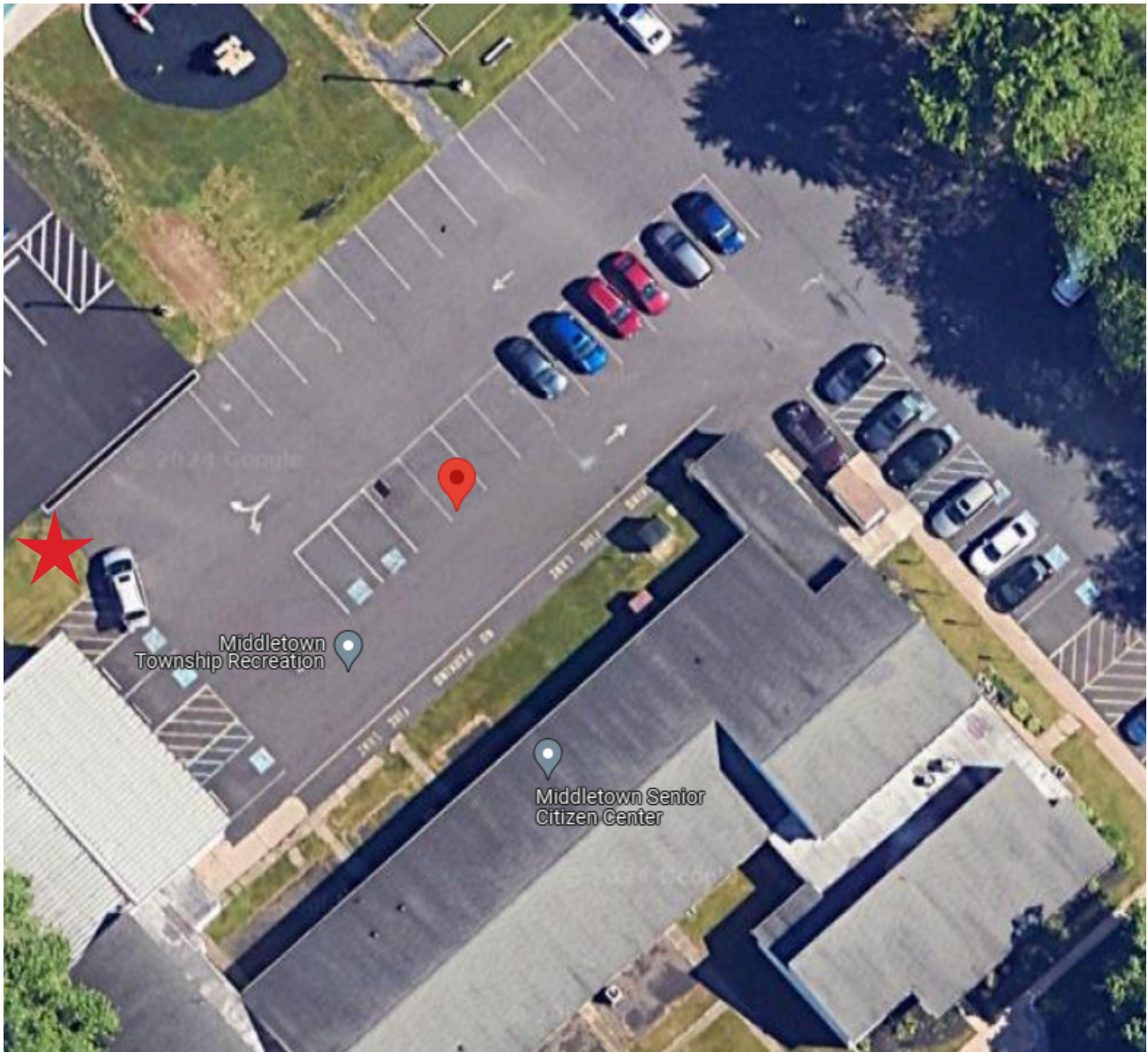
Check-in/check-out location: There will be a table & tent outside of the building where staff will sign campers in and out each day. This is marked by the **RED STAR** on the map below. Please drive slowly through the parking lot as there are children playing nearby and pedestrians walking into/out of the building at any given time.



SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER

Check-in/check-out location: There will be a table & tent outside of the door where staff will sign campers in and out each day. This is marked by the **RED STAR** on the map below. Please drive slowly through the parking lot as there are children playing nearby and pedestrians walking into/out of the building at any given time.



SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION

CORE CREEK PARK

Check-in/check-out location: There will be a table at the edge of the parking lot. This is marked by the **RED STAR** on the map below. Please drive slowly through the parking lot as there are children playing nearby and pedestrians walking into/out of the park at any given time.



PERSONAL BELONGINGS

WHAT TO BRING

Campers should come prepared each day with the following items:

- Closed-toe athletic shoes
- Comfortable clothing suitable for indoor and outdoor activities
- Two snacks and drinks
- Packed lunch
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Any necessary medication (please refer to the medication policy for additional details)

All campers should bring their own snacks and lunch each day, as food will not be provided or sold by Summer Rec. Occasionally, special treats or snacks may be provided during the summer, but campers should always arrive with a packed lunch. There may also be opportunities throughout the summer for campers to purchase ice cream or other treats during trips or special events if families choose to send spending money, though this is completely optional.

Campers are strongly encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle each day. Water refill stations and fountains will be available throughout the program to help campers stay hydrated during summer activities.

Since many Summer Rec activities take place outdoors, families should send campers with sunscreen and bug spray as needed. Staff members are not permitted to apply sunscreen or bug spray to campers, so we encourage parents/guardians to apply sunscreen before arrival and teach campers how to independently reapply if necessary. Staff will provide time for campers to apply sunscreen or bug spray before outdoor activities.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

To help create a safe and distraction-free environment, campers are encouraged to leave the following items at home:

- Valuable items
- Large amounts of money
- Cell phones and electronic devices
- Toys or personal games

Middletown Township Summer Rec is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal belongings. If spending money is needed for trips or special treats, campers are responsible for keeping track of their own money and belongings throughout the day. **Please also avoid packing nut items.**

MEALS

Snack

Campers will have an opportunity to eat snack each day around 10:15am. Half Day and full day/extended day campers can bring a snack daily. Extended Day campers may want to pack an extra snack for the late afternoon.

Lunch

If your child(ren) is attending full day/extended day camp, pack them a lunch daily. Lunch will begin each day around 12:00pm. As fridge space/microwave usage is not available, campers are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags/thermoses. Please provide campers with all necessary utensils for their meal. **We do not have any lunch supplies to provide to campers.**

SCHEDULES

BARN/TWEEN

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Tween
9:30 AM	Morning Meeting & Snack	Morning Meeting & Snack	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting	Morning Meeting
10:30 AM	Outside Group Activity	Playground time	Playground Time	Whole Group Game & Snack	Craft & Snack	Snack
10:45 AM	Playground Time	Craft	Inside Activity & Snack	Outside Group Activity	Outside Group Activity	Outside Group Activity
11:15 AM	Inside Group Activity	Outside Group Activity	Craft	Playground Time	Inside Activity	Inside Activity
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Craft	Whole Group Game	Lunch
12:30 PM	whole Group game	Whole Group Game	Outside Group Activity	Lunch	Lunch	Game Room or Craft
1:15 PM	Craft	Inside Group Activity	Whole Group Game	Inside Activity	Playground Time	Outside Group Activity
1:45 PM	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs
2:45 PM	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations



This is the general schedule, and it is subject to change based on the number of campers on any given day.

SCHEDULES

COMMUNITY CENTER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00-10:00 am	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day
9:00-11:45	Groups	Groups	Groups	Groups	Pool (except first and last week)
11:45-12:30	Group 1-2 Lunch	Group 1-2 Lunch	Group 1-2 Lunch	Group 1-2 Lunch	Group 1-2 Lunch
12:30-1:15	Group 3-4 Lunch	Group 3-4 Lunch	Group 3-4 Lunch	Group 3-4 Lunch	Group 3-4 Lunch
1:00-2:45	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs
2:45-3:15	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up	Pick Up
3:00-5:15	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day	Extended Day



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SCHEDULES

CORE CREEK PARK

9:00 AM	Arrival
9:15 AM	Activities
10:30 AM	Snack
10:50 AM	Craft
11:30 AM	Activities
12:00 PM	Dismissal

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TRIP SCHEDULES BY SITE

Field trips and special events are subject to change due to weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. While changes are uncommon, they may be necessary to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all campers.

Throughout the summer, Summer Recreation staff will provide regular updates and important information through email and the Remind app. Families should monitor both communication channels to stay informed about schedules, trip details, and program updates.

A monthly and weekly schedule, including field trips, special guests, and camp themes, will be distributed throughout the summer season. Any schedule changes will be communicated to families as soon as possible.

Core Creek 1/2 Day Camp		
Date	Trip Location	Notes
6/23/2026	United Artist Movie Theater	Movie TBD
6/26/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/2/2026	Pendel Bowling	
7/7/2026	Philly Skate Plex	
7/10/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/15/2026	Funzilla	
7/17/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/21/2026	Climb Zone	
7/24/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/29/2026	Styer's Orchard	
7/31/2026	The Pool at LMT	

For ½ Day campers' parents will be required to drop off and pick up campers for all trips under 10 miles.

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Tween Camp Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Location	Notes
6/23/2026	United Artist Movie Theater	Movie TBD
6/26/2026	The Pool at LMT	
6/30/2026	Pendel Bowling	
7/2/2026	Sahara Sams	
7/7/2026	Philly Skate Plex	
7/8/2026	Point Pleasant Beach/Ropes Course	
7/10/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/14/2026	United Artist Movie Theater	Movie TBD
7/15/2026	Trenton Tunder	
7/17/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/21/2026	Climb Zone	
7/24/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/28/2026	Six Flags	
7/29/2026	Styer's Orchard	
7/31/2026	The Pool at LMT	
8/4/2026	Game Gallery	
8/5/2026	Tyler Park	

NOTE

On 8/7 Parents will be required to drop their campers off at Core Creek Park for Fun Fieldz. A Bus will transport them back to the Barn after the completion of the trip.

TRIP SCHEDULES BY SITE

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Barn Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Location	Notes
6/23/2026	United Artist Movie Theater	Movie TBD
6/26/2026	The Pool at LMT	
6/30/2026	Pendel Bowling	
7/7/2026	Philly Skate Plex	
7/10/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/15/2026	Funzilla	
7/17/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/21/2026	Climb Zone	
7/24/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/29/2026	Styer's Orchard	
7/31/2026	The Pool at LMT	

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Community Center Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Location	Notes
6/23/2026	United Artist Movie Theater	Movie TBD
6/26/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/2/2026	Pendel Bowling	
7/7/2026	Philly Skate Plex	
7/10/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/15/2026	Funzilla	
7/17/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/21/2026	Climb Zone	
7/24/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/29/2026	Styer's Orchard	
7/31/2026	The Pool at LMT	
7/23/2026	Senior Center/Community Center	Charity Car Wash

NOTE

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TRIP INFORMATION

Field Trips

Field trips are a required part of the Summer Rec program. Campers who do not have permission to attend a scheduled trip may not attend camp that day.

All campers will receive a Summer Rec field trip shirt, which must be worn on all trip days for safety and identification purposes. Campers who arrive without their shirt may be required to purchase a replacement shirt for \$5.

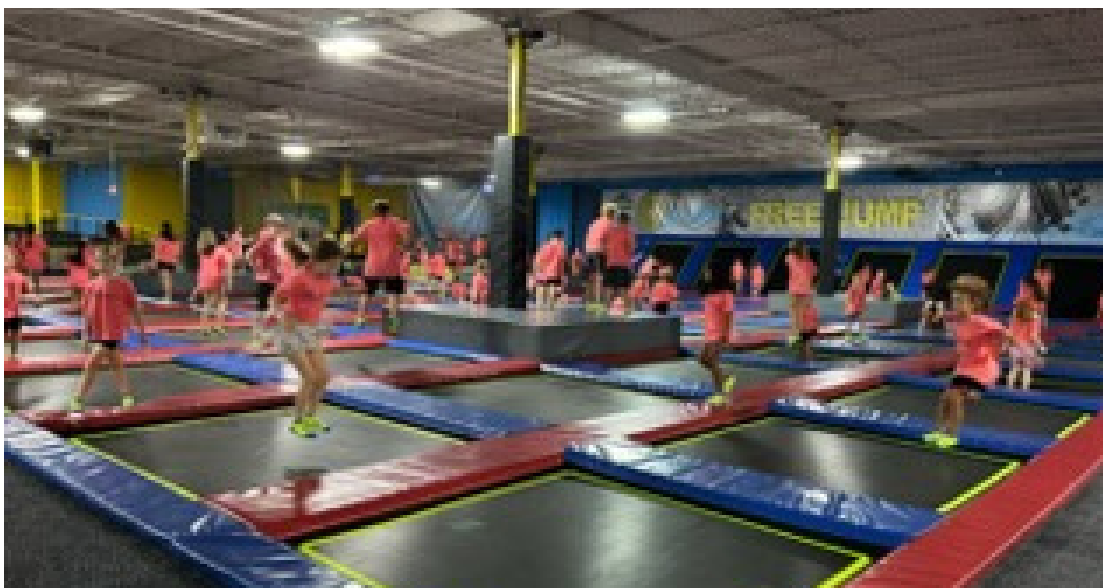
Half-Day Campers:

Parents/guardians must drop off and pick up campers directly at the trip location at their regular camp times. If the trip is within a 10 mile radius parents will be required to provide transportation for their child.

Full-Day and Extended-Day Campers:

Transportation will be provided from and back to their camp site. Buses depart promptly at 9:00 AM, so campers should arrive by 8:50 AM.

Campers are responsible for any personal belongings or spending money they bring on trips.



FRIDAY POOL TRIP INFORMATION

Pool Day Procedures and Policies

Pool days are a favorite part of the Summer Rec experience! Campers will spend a portion of the day at the Lower Makefield Township Pool Complex.

What to Bring

On pool days, campers should arrive with:

- A swimsuit worn underneath their clothing
- A towel
- Sunscreen
- A refillable water bottle
- Lunch
- A change of clothes, if desired

To help prevent lost items, please clearly label all belongings, especially towels, clothing, water bottles, and personal items.

At the conclusion of each pool visit, staff will conduct a sweep of the area and collect any items left behind. While we make every effort to reunite campers with lost belongings, labeled items are much easier to identify and return.



POOL AREAS

The Intermediate Pool: The Intermediate pool is 2.5 ft – 3.5 ft. with no slide.



The Olympic Pool: The Olympic pool is 3.5 – 12 ft. This pool connects to the diving boards and slide. You need to pass a test to enter this pool and receive a wrist band. Only kids wearing the bands on their wrist from the test are allowed in. Swimming tests are optional.



POOL INFORMATION

During pool trips, campers will participate in a pool safety orientation and are expected to follow all pool rules and staff directions. Campers may use the Intermediate Pool, while access to the Olympic Pool, water slides, and diving areas requires passing a swim test administered by pool staff. Summer Rec staff do not determine swim eligibility.

Only U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation devices are permitted. Goggles may be worn while swimming but are not allowed on water slides. Campers may bring spending money for the snack bar; however, Summer Rec is not responsible for lost or misplaced money or personal belongings.

Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen before camp, and campers may bring additional sunscreen for reapplication throughout the day. All Summer Rec behavior expectations remain in effect during pool trips, and campers must follow directions, remain with their group, and demonstrate safe, respectful behavior at all times.



POLICIES

Dress Code

Campers should arrive each day dressed in comfortable clothing suitable for active indoor and outdoor recreation. Summer Rec staff reserve the right to determine whether clothing is appropriate for camp activities.

For safety reasons, campers must wear closed-toe athletic shoes each day. Flip-flops, sandals, Crocs, slides, cleats, or other open-toed footwear are not permitted. Campers who arrive without appropriate footwear may be restricted from participating in certain activities.

We recommend that jewelry be kept to a minimum. For safety purposes, campers should avoid wearing dangling earrings, necklaces, or other accessories that may become caught during activities.

Summer Rec reserves the right to provide a camp shirt or request a change of clothing if a camper's attire is deemed inappropriate or unsafe.

Attendance and Lateness Policy

Campers should arrive on time and ready to participate in scheduled activities.

If a camper arrives late, activities will continue as scheduled and missed activities will not be repeated.

If a camper will be absent, arrive late, or require an early dismissal, parents should notify the Site Director as soon as possible.

POLICIES

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

To encourage engagement, social interaction, and safety, the use of cell phones, smart watches, tablets, gaming devices, and other electronic devices is prohibited during All camp activities unless specifically authorized by staff.

Campers who bring electronic devices do so at their own risk. Devices must remain powered off and stored with personal belongings during program hours.

If a camper is observed using an unauthorized device, staff may confiscate the item and return it to a parent or guardian at pickup.

Parents who need to contact their child during camp hours should contact the Site Supervisor or Summer Rec office directly.

Personal Property

Summer Rec is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal belongings, including electronics, money, jewelry, clothing, or other valuables.

Campers are encouraged to leave valuable items at home and clearly label all personal belongings.

Parent and Visitor Policy

To maintain a safe and secure environment, parents, guardians, and visitors are not permitted to remain in program areas during camp hours unless approved by the Summer Rec Director or designated administrative staff. All approved visitors must check in with camp staff upon arrival.

POLICIES

Support Services and Accommodations

Summer Rec is committed to providing an inclusive environment where all campers have the opportunity to participate successfully.

If a camper receives support services or will be accompanied by a behavioral aide, therapist, nurse, or other support professional during the summer, parents must notify the Summer Rec Director at least two weeks before attendance begins. Any required clearances, certifications, or documentation must be submitted and approved before participation.

Staff will work with families whenever possible to provide reasonable accommodations that support camper success while maintaining a safe environment for all participants.

Birthdays and Special Celebrations

Families are welcome to provide treats for birthdays or special occasions. Please contact the Site Supervisor in advance to coordinate participation and determine appropriate quantities.

All treats must be commercially prepared, unopened, and clearly labeled. Due to food allergy concerns, nut-free options are strongly encouraged and may be required depending on participant needs.



POLICIES

Inclement Weather

Middletown Township Summer Recreation utilizes both indoor and outdoor facilities. Campers should arrive prepared for changing weather conditions, including heat, sun exposure, and rain. Camp schedules and activities may be modified due to severe weather, extreme heat, poor air quality, or other unsafe conditions.

Barn and Community Center Full Day & Extended Day Camps

Camp will continue to operate during periods of inclement weather. When necessary, campers will be moved indoors and provided with alternative activities until it is safe to return outside. Refunds will not be issued for weather-related schedule changes, activity modifications, or indoor programming.

Core Creek Half Day Camp

Core Creek Half Day Camp operates entirely outdoors and does not have access to indoor facilities during severe weather. As a result, camp may be canceled, delayed, or dismissed early due to heavy rain, thunderstorms, extreme heat, poor air quality, or other unsafe conditions.

Weather-related decisions will be communicated as early as possible, ideally by 3:00 PM the day before camp. However, changing conditions may require decisions to be made the morning of camp or while camp is in session. If camp must end early, families will be contacted for pickup.

Refunds

Refunds will not be issued for weather-related cancellations, delays, early dismissals, or program modifications.

POLICIES

Health Information, Medication, and Emergencies

Parents/guardians must provide information about any allergies, medical conditions, dietary restrictions, or health concerns during registration so staff can help ensure a safe camp experience. If your child has a severe allergy, please provide detailed instructions and any necessary emergency medication. While Summer Rec cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, reasonable efforts will be made to reduce known risks.

Any medication needed during camp hours must be provided by a parent/guardian in its original labeled container with written instructions. Emergency medications, such as inhalers or EpiPens, may be carried by campers when approved. Medication will be stored securely and handled according to camp procedures.

In the event of an illness, injury, or medical emergency, staff will provide appropriate first aid, contact parents/guardians, and call emergency medical services when necessary. If emergency transportation is required, campers will be transported by ambulance or emergency personnel. Incident reports will be completed for significant injuries, illnesses, or emergencies.



POLICIES

Behavior Expectations

Summer Rec is committed to creating a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all participants.

Campers are expected to:

- Follow staff directions.
- Treat others with respect and kindness.
- Use appropriate language and behavior.
- Respect facilities, equipment, and personal property.
- Participate safely in activities.

Bullying, harassment, fighting, threats, vandalism, possession of prohibited items, or behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated. Depending on the severity of the behavior, consequences may include redirection, parent notification, suspension, or removal from the program.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Summer Rec is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, and inclusive environment for all participants and families.

We celebrate the diversity of our community and strive to ensure that every camper feels safe, valued, respected, and supported regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, disability, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or any other protected characteristic. Our staff is committed to fostering a culture of belonging where every participant has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Families are encouraged to share feedback, concerns, or suggestions that can help strengthen our commitment to inclusion and accessibility.

POLICIES

Transportation Expectations

Campers utilizing Summer Rec transportation are expected to follow all bus safety rules.

- The bus driver is responsible for the safety and operation of the vehicle.
- Campers must remain seated and facing forward while the bus is moving.
- Aisles must remain clear at all times.
- No body parts, objects, or personal belongings may extend outside of the bus windows.
- Campers must use appropriate language and behavior while on the bus.
- All Summer Rec behavior expectations apply during transportation.

Failure to follow transportation rules may result in suspension of transportation privileges and additional disciplinary action.

Photography and Media

Summer Rec may photograph or record activities for promotional, educational, or informational purposes.

Parents who do not wish for their child to appear in photographs, videos, or promotional materials must indicate their preference on required media release forms. This form can be found in your RecDesk Account.

To protect camper privacy and safety, Summer Rec may limit the posting of photographs on public social media platforms.

CAMPER EXPECTATIONS

Our Philosophy

Summer Rec is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable environment where all campers can learn, play, build friendships, and have fun. We believe every camper deserves to feel safe, respected, and included.

Our staff works proactively to teach positive behavior, encourage problem-solving, and help campers develop social skills. When behavioral issues arise, staff will address them in a fair, consistent, and age-appropriate manner.

Parents and guardians are expected to partner with Summer Rec staff to help campers meet behavior expectations and be successful in the program.

Camper Expectations

All campers are expected to:

- Treat fellow campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors with kindness and respect.
- Follow directions given by Summer Rec staff.
- Use appropriate language and behavior.
- Respect camp facilities, equipment, supplies, and personal property.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
- Participate safely in activities.
- Clean up after themselves during meals, snacks, and activities.
- Remain with their assigned group unless given permission by staff.
- Follow all transportation and bus safety rules.
- Help create a positive and inclusive environment for all participants.

The following behaviors are prohibited:

- Bullying, teasing, intimidation, or harassment.
- Physical aggression, including hitting, kicking, pushing, shoving, or fighting.
- Threatening language or behavior.
- Inappropriate physical contact.
- Destruction of property or vandalism.
- Possession of prohibited or dangerous items.
- Repeated refusal to follow staff directions.
- Any behavior that disrupts the program or creates an unsafe environment.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION

Behavior Intervention Process

Summer Rec staff use a progressive approach to behavior management whenever appropriate. Depending on the camper's age, behavior, and safety considerations, interventions may include verbal reminders, redirection, temporary removal from activities, parent/guardian notification, behavior improvement plans, suspension, or dismissal from the program. Staff reserve the right to bypass steps when behavior involves safety concerns, aggression, threats, bullying, harassment, or other serious misconduct.

Inappropriate Conduct and Disruptive Behavior

Examples of disruptive behavior include repeated refusal to follow directions, inappropriate language, disrespect toward staff or campers, or actions that interfere with activities or the enjoyment of others. Staff will work with campers to correct behavior through coaching and redirection; however, repeated incidents may result in parent conferences, suspension, or dismissal from the program.

Bullying and Harassment

Summer Rec maintains a zero-tolerance approach to bullying, harassment, intimidation, threats, social exclusion, physical aggression, and cyberbullying. Any reported or observed incidents will be investigated by camp leadership and may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION

Physical Aggression

Physical aggression includes hitting, kicking, punching, pushing, shoving, spitting, throwing objects, or fighting. Because safety is the top priority, incidents may result in immediate removal from activities and parent notification. Consequences may include parent pickup, suspension, or dismissal from the program, especially for repeated incidents.

Serious Safety Violations

Behaviors such as physical assault, threats of violence, possession of dangerous items, serious bullying or harassment, leaving supervision without permission, destruction of property, or any action that endangers others may result in immediate suspension or dismissal without prior warning. Administration reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences based on the situation.

Parent Communication

Parents will be notified of significant behavioral incidents through phone calls, emails, incident reports, or conferences. Strong communication between families and staff is essential to supporting positive camper behavior and outcomes.

Suspension and Dismissal

Summer Rec reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any camper whose behavior creates an unsafe environment, disrupts program operations, harms others, or repeatedly fails to meet behavior expectations. Suspension length will be determined by administration based on the severity of the incident and prior behavior history. No refunds, credits, or make-up days will be provided for disciplinary removals.

COMMITMENT TO SUCCESS

At Summer Rec, we believe every child has the ability to grow, learn, and succeed when supported in a safe and encouraging environment. Our staff are committed to creating positive experiences where campers feel included, respected, and valued each day. We focus on building relationships, teaching life skills, and helping children develop confidence, responsibility, and respect for others through their summer experiences.

We also recognize that success looks different for every camper, and we are committed to working alongside families to support each child's individual needs. Through open communication, consistency, and partnership, we aim to help campers overcome challenges and celebrate their growth. Our shared goal is to ensure that every child leaves Summer Rec with lasting memories, meaningful friendships, and a strong sense of accomplishment.

All for fun, fun for all!

