

# City of New Haven

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Trees



# Summer Camp 2015

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# Message from the Mayor



Dear Neighbors,

The immediate prospect of summer brings out childlike enthusiasm in each of us; the New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation, and Trees wants to reward that enthusiasm with a summer's worth of programs and activities for children throughout the city.

Young people are encouraged to discover and develop outdoor interests at this time of year. In this brochure you'll find opportunities to pursue new places and things throughout this beautiful and vibrant city.

These city-sponsored summer camps offer children the chance to learn about everything from sports to the environment, or even a new art form. The trained staff keeps children safe and supervised while the children themselves are limited only by their imagination and stamina.

Summer vacation is an opportunity for children to explore, experiment, and experience. I invite, suggest, and encourage all young people in New Haven to choose one or more of the available options so this year's summer vacation becomes the experience of a lifetime. Have fun, everyone!

**Toni N. Harp – Mayor**

## Director's Note

The staff at the Department of Parks Recreation and Trees have been working hard to develop an exciting series of programs to help keep you busy this summer. From the beach at Lighthouse to the tree-top ropes course at West Rock, join us as we get active.



While the pages of this book are full of great programs, be sure to visit our website at [www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks](http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks) to find more activities, and the locations of pools, splash pads and parks near you.

Thanks to the members of the Board of Park Commissioners for their generous support.

David Belowsky, President  
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Special thanks to Commissioner Michael Tucker for his 9 years of service. We will miss your enthusiasm.

Rebecca Bombero, Director Parks Recreation and Trees

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## Registration Information

**How/When:** In person/between the hours of 9am-4:30pm and Thursdays in June til 7pm

**Where:** Parks Administrative Offices, 720 Edgewood Ave., New Haven, CT 06515

**Dates:** Residents have priority before May 18

Nonresidents, only after May 19 (Providing inaccurate residency information will result in forfeiture of fees and expulsion from camp)

No faxes accepted, other than supporting documents requested by Parks Dep't. staff. Payment: Cash, money orders, and MasterCard/Visa. **No personal checks.**

Most field trips and special activities require additional payment supplemental to the summer camp enrollment fee. Each camper will receive a trip schedule with associated costs at the start of camp.

A limited number of scholarships are available to City Residents.  
Please call 203-946-8338 for scholarship details.

### TO REGISTER FOR CAMP, YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

Camp application (center of booklet- remove carefully)

Full payment for camp is due at registration

Health Examination form, dated June 2014 or later (center of booklet)

Accepted forms of payment are cash, money order, Visa or Master Card.

**(We do not accept checks.)**

Copies of child's birth certificate

Copies of parent or guardian official photo identification, with address  
(Driver's license, Elm City ID or state-issued ID)

### Additionally, New Haven Residents **MUST** bring copies of the following:

Copy of utility or phone bill to verify residency

Driver's license, Elm City ID or state-issued ID indicating residency in New Haven

**\*There will be a 50¢ charge per page for copies made during registration.**

## Camp Information & Policies

Transportation WILL NOT be provided to any camp

**Pick-up Policy** Day camp hours are 9AM until 3PM unless children are enrolled for Extended Day care (see below). Children must be picked up promptly. **Guardians will be charged \$25 for every additional 15 minutes they arrive late for pick-up, to be paid that day at 720 Edgewood Avenue. Child may not return to camp until late fee is paid.**

**Extended Day Camps** For an additional fee of \$50, payable at time of registration, children attending select camps are eligible for before- and/or after-camp care, **from 7:30 am until 5:30 pm. Children must be picked up promptly.** Extended care is offered at: John Martinez, Edgerton and Coogan Pavilion (**Tiny Tots**); Beecher, Salpento Rink at East Shore Park, Lighthouse Point Park, and Wexler-Grant (**City Camps**); West Rock Nature Center (**Eco Adventure Extreme**); Trowbridge Nature Center (**Eco Adventure Junior**), and Mountain Biking Camp.

**Meals** Breakfast & lunch are provided at most City Camp locations and Tiny Tots (except Lighthouse Pt. Park). Meals **are not** provided at Lighthouse Point Park, Mountain Biking Camp, and at Eco Adventure Camps: West Rock Nature Center (Extreme), and Trowbridge Nature Center (Junior).

**Staff** Our camps have qualified, enthusiastic staff at all sites. The director and water safety supervisor at each site are CPR and First Aid certified. All staff undergoes intensive training prior to the beginning of camp. In addition, the American Canoe Association certifies our canoeing kayaking and white-water rafting instructors

**Behavior** Behavioral problems include: bullying, harassing other campers, disregarding camp rules, as well as other actions or words which disrupt camp activities. Camp administration will inform parents of any behavioral problems both verbally and in writing. **Participation in all camp programs is mandatory.** Our staff will work to ensure that all campers enjoy their camp activities. **Repeated behavioral incidents may result in the child's dismissal from camp without refund.**

## Camp Information & Policies (continued)

**Dress** Comfortable clothing - shorts or pants, t-shirt and sneakers are mandatory. **For Safety: No open toed shoes are permitted (flip-flops, sandals, etc.)** We will provide each child with a camp T-shirt. **Camp t-shirts must be worn on trips or for special activities.** Sunscreen, insect repellent and water shoes are recommended. Your child should bring a bathing suit, swim cap and towel to camp every day. Upon registration you may be given a cap, and will be allowed to purchase additional swim caps for \$4.00 each.

***New Haven's swimming pool policy*** requires all users of city pools to wear swimsuits. Males must wear netted swim shorts. All swimmers with long hair must wear a swim cap. Please pack bathing a suit and towel every day since activities change due to weather conditions.

**Medication** Parents are REQUIRED to advise the camp director of all their children's medical conditions - physical or emotional - as well as issues such as allergies. **Each child must self-administer his/her own prescription medications, as staff is not authorized to do so.** Medication must be kept in its pharmacy container with dosage information displayed.

**Emergency Contact** We have revised our safety policies; thus, for your child's safety, you must provide us with the **name, telephone number and email** of a contact person(s) who will answer during camp hours. On the first day of camp, you will also be provided with the Camp Director's emergency phone number and the designated location for emergencies. Please update the name and number if you change your emergency contact person during the camp season. You will also be given an additional emergency number to call if you need to reach a camp director, or you can call these numbers: (203) 946-8020, or (203)946-8019.

### General Camp Information

Camps run for three two-week sessions **unless otherwise noted.**

**Session One:** June 29- July 10 (No camp on July 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Session Two:** July 13 - July 24

**Session Three:** July 27 - August 7

**Mountain Biking Camp :** July 20-July 24

Breakfast and lunch are provided **unless otherwise noted.**

Extended day (before- and after-camp care) is available **where indicated.**

## Camp Information & Policies (continued)

**Campers Participation** By choosing to send your child to any of our camps, it should be understood that each camper is expected to participate in **ALL** listed camp activities, including swimming. We do not have the resources to provide alternate activities. Therefore, we request that you send campers with appropriate attire for each day's activities (swimming caps, swimwear, sturdy shoes, etc.). If this is a hardship, or you have a special circumstance, please make us aware when you register, otherwise we will expect full cooperation and participation. Children wearing flip-flops or any other inadequate footwear will not be able to attend camp.



**Free Summer Meals** are available  
for all kids and teens across New Haven.

**Comidas de Verano Gratis** se ofrecen para  
todos niños y adolescentes a través de New Haven.

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**Niños y adolescentes de 18 años y menos**

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## Camp Descriptions

### City Camp ~ ■9am-3pm ■Children 7-9 and 10-14 years old

Residents: \$65 per session ■Non-residents: \$195 per session.

Extended Day additional \$50 per session

City camps offer swimming, arts and crafts, special activities, trips and sports.

Locations include:

Coogan Pavilion	10-14 years old
Beecher School	7-9 years old
John Martinez	7-10 years old
Clinton Avenue School	7-9 & 10-13 years old (no extended day)
Lighthouse Point Park	8-11 years old (no meals provided)
Salperto Rink, East Shore Park	11-14 years old
Wexler-Grant Elementary School	7-9 & 10-13 years old

Please note: breakfast & lunch are provided at all locations with the exception of Lighthouse Point Park.

### Tiny Tots ~ ■9am-3pm ■Children 5-7

Residents: \$85 per session ■Non-residents: \$255 per session.

Extended Day additional \$50 per session

A camp for young participants, activities include games, hiking, field trips, arts and crafts and swimming.

Edgewood Ranger Station  
Edgerton Park  
John Martinez School  
Lighthouse Point Park

Please note: Edgerton, Coogan Pavilion and John Martinez offer extended day care & meals. Lighthouse offers only extended hours and no meals.

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## Eco Adventure Junior Camp ■ 9am-3pm ■ Youth 8-11

Residents: \$65 per session ■ Non-residents: \$195 per session.

Extended Day additional \$50 per session

Our traditional outdoor camp for ages 8-11. Camp will be run at the **Trowbridge Environmental Center** at College Woods in East Rock Park, and will be led by a Park Ranger. Regular camp hours will be from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Extended day will be available on site. Participants must bring lunch and two liters of water per day. Increased challenges will provide high-energy adventures including: canoeing, nature interpretation, hiking, swimming, team building, arts & crafts, games, introduction to kayaking, archery, intro to rock climbing, snorkeling and more.

For more information about any of the Eco Adventure Camps, please contact the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, Martin Torresquintero at (203)946-6768 or [mtorresq@newhavenct.net](mailto:mtorresq@newhavenct.net)



## Eco Scholarships

Thanks to the support of the Denali Foundation, scholarships for our Eco camps will be available to income eligible (Free & Reduced Price Lunch) applicants who demonstrate an interest and excitement for the outdoors and extreme sports. Applications are available at our website and are due by Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Recipients will be notified by June 15<sup>th</sup>.



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## Eco Adventure Extreme 9am-3pm Youth 12-15

Residents: \$180/session ■ Non-residents: \$360/session

■ **9am-3pm** ■ Youth 12-15 Extended Day additional \$50 per session

Session 1 (Land), Session 2 (Air), Session 3 (Water)

Our most intense adventure camp, suitable for boys and girls ages 12-15. Now with the addition of themes focusing on a particular natural element: Land, Air, and Water. Camps will be held at the **West Rock Nature Center** (1080 Wintergreen Ave) and campers may enroll in the session that interests them the most, or for all three. Activities will be run by the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, Outdoor Adventure Specialists, Park Rangers, and certified instructors. All sessions will include hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, team building games, archery, introduction to Scuba diving, and an overnight camping trip (session 2 & 3 will travel to Massachusetts).

**Session 1, (Land)** will feature rappelling, backpacking, an adventure race, disk golf, orienteering & geocaching.

**Session 2, (Air)** will feature zip lining, Canyoneering, sit-on-top kayaking, and Rock Climbing **Session 3, (Water)** will include fishing, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP), sea kayaking (sit inside), and an overnight white water kayaking and rafting trip.

Participants must bring sturdy footwear, a day pack, lunch and two liters of water per day. Use of all gear and safety equipment is included in the price. Participants must be able to swim prior to enrolling. In addition, each applicant must write a short letter/email explaining why he/she wishes to attend the Eco Adventure Extreme Camp. Letters can be submitted along with the camp registration form, or emailed to the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator. A limited number of scholarships sponsored by Trailblazer/Denali will be available for qualifying households (see page 9).

For more information about any of the Eco Adventure Camps please contact the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, Martin Torresquintero at (203)946-6768 or [mtorresq@newhavenct.net](mailto:mtorresq@newhavenct.net)



## Mountain Biking Camp ■ 9am-3pm ■ Youth 12-17

July 20 – July 24

Residents: \$180/week ■ Non-residents: \$360/week

Extended Day additional \$50 per session



In our second year, we are offering an adventure camp suitable for youth ages 12-17. This week-long course has been designed by the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator and professional coaches from the Connecticut Cycling Advancement Program. It will teach the skills to bike safely, increase rider's confidence, and provide an opportunity to learn more about the sport. Among topics to be covered are: understanding the equipment and riding techniques, trail building, cross country mountain biking, and repairs and maintenance.

Camp will be held at the **West Rock Nature Center** (1080 Wintergreen Ave), Helmets, and Felt Q 26 Series mountain bikes with suspension and disk brakes will be provided. Regular camp hours will be from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Participants must bring lunch and two liters of drinking water per day. Participants must know how to ride a bike and feel comfortable off-road prior to enrolling. In addition, each participant must bring a hat, riding sunglasses, sun block, insect repellent, closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops or open-toed sandals), and a long sleeve, quick drying (non-cotton) shirt. Riding shorts and riding gloves are recommended but not mandatory.

For more information about Mountain Biking, or any of the Eco Adventure Camps, please contact the Outdoor Adventure Coordinator, Martin Torresquintero at (203)946-6768 or [mtorresq@newhavenct.net](mailto:mtorresq@newhavenct.net).

## Theater Camp ■9am-3pm ■Children 7-9 and 10-13 years old

Residents: \$65 per session ■Non-residents: \$195 per session.

New Haven Summer Theater Camp lets kids experience the thrill of performance while boosting confidence and practicing theater skills in a supportive, low-pressure environment. The Camp will be held at **Hill Regional Career High School**, 140 Legion Avenue from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Each 2-week session of camp will include theater games, warm-ups, script writing, set decorating, singing, dancing, acting, staging, and more. No prior theater experience necessary! The emphasis will be on creative expression and having fun. Camp sessions will conclude with a performance of a short play written and staged by the group of campers.

Please note: lunch is included but extended hours are not available for this camp.



## Music & Video Camp ■9am-3pm ■Children 7-13 years old

Residents: \$65 per session ■Non-residents: \$195 per session.

Extended Day additional \$50 per session

Now in our third year, New Haven Summer Music Camp allows music- and video-minded kids to experience the joy and excitement of singing, creating and performing, while having fun. It will also boost confidence and improve music skills in a low-pressure and comfortable environment, as the participants create their own music video. No prior experience necessary. The camp will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm at **Wexler-Grant Elementary School**, 55 Foote St.

Please note: lunch is included, and extended hours are also available for this camp.

## Summer Pool Schedule ~ June 29 - August 7



Four school pools\* have summer public swimming during the following hours:



**Monday through Friday: 5:00PM-7:00PM**

**Saturday 11:00AM-3:00PM**

**Hillhouse High School** *480 Sherman Parkway*

**Wilbur Cross High School** *181 Mitchell Drive*

**Hill Regional Career High School** *140 Legion Avenue*

**John Martinez School** *100 James Street*

\*Please see swimming pool dress policy on page 6.

### SPLASHPADS®

Come and cool down this sizzling summer at one of our twelve zero-depth water playgrounds. Fun for all ages.

**South Genesee Park**, South Genesee Street

**Cedar Hill Playground**, View Street and Rock Streets

**Edgewood Park**, Corner of Chapel Street & Ella T. Grasso Blvd.

**Kensington Street Park**, Between Edgewood Ave & Chapel Street

**Jocelyn Square Park**, Corner of Humphrey & East Streets

**Ann Street Park**, Between Kossuth & West Streets

**Trowbridge Square Park**, Cedar and Portsea Streets

**Galvin Park**, Greenwich Avenue and First Street

**Lighthouse Point Park**, 2 Lighthouse Road

**Scantlebury Park**, Ashmun Street and Bristol Street

**Edgewood Park**, Ella Grasso Blvd and Stanley Street

**Dover Beach**, Front Street

For an interactive map of SPLASHPADS® and playgrounds visit:

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Parks/facilities>

**Practice, Play and Discover TENNIS All Summer Long!**  
**FIVE WEEK TENNIS LESSONS AVAILABLE FOR ALL AGES**

**COST:** \$35 residents \$45 non-residents

**Locations:** McClain Park - Edgewood - East Shore - Wilbur Cross

**Spring Sessions** - April to May

**Summer Sessions** - June to August

**Fall Sessions** - September to October

For more details about the tennis program, please log on to [www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks](http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks) or pick up a tennis brochure at the Parks, Recreation and Trees Department at 720 Edgewood Avenue.



**Summer Community  
 Recreation Open Schools**

**June 29 - July 31**

**Monday - Friday from 4pm - 8pm**

Career High School, 100 Legion Avenue  
 Clinton Avenue School, 293 Clinton Avenue  
 John S. Martinez, 100 James Street  
 Hillhouse High School, 480 Sherman Parkway

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## Basketball Leagues & Track Practice

### Hershey Track & Field Program

June 29 -August 7, Evenings 5pm - 8pm ■children & youth  
6-18 years old

**Free!!!**

Aspiring track and field stars can hone their skills every weekday evening this summer at Wilbur Cross.(181 Mitchell Dr). Please use Camp Registration and Mandatory Health Forms to register.

For more information, please call Sasha Gay Benjamin at (914)315-9079 or email [sasha.g.benjamin@gmail.com](mailto:sasha.g.benjamin@gmail.com)



### Midnight Basketball Association League

June 20 - August 8, Fridays & Saturdays ■boys and girls 10-14 years old  
**Free!!!**

In its fifth season, the Midnight Basketball Association League games run from June 19 through August 8 at the Ralph Walker Rink, 1080 State Street. Staff and coaches are current or former basketball players and community members who are dedicated to providing a positive experience for the players. For more information, please call Bill Dixon at (203)946-8338 or email: [wdixon@newhavenct.net](mailto:wdixon@newhavenct.net)

## Movies in the Park

New this year join us Friday nights for Movies in the Park. Each week a different family favorite will play in one of our neighborhoods. For more information check out

our website at [www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks](http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/parks)

Friday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Amrhyh Field
Friday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Quinnipiac Park
Friday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln Basset
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Edgewood (Ranger Station)
Friday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kimberly Field
Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	College Woods
Friday, July 24 <sup>th</sup>	John Daniels
Friday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Wooster Square
Friday, August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fairmont Park
Friday, August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Scantlebury Park (Ashmun Street)
Friday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	East Shore Park
Friday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kensington Park



## Here Comes The Bus! Summer Schedule

In our fourth year, our fully loaded recreational buses will come to your neighborhood for free Arts & Crafts, Nature Education and Mobile Playground activities for all ages. New this year will be our free "Movies in the Park" program. An eco-friendly drive-in movie. No cars necessary. Bring your chair or blanket. Movie starts at 8:30PM. For a complete listing of all 12 movies visit our website.

2015 DATES	BUS 1	BUS 2	TIME
Monday, June 29	Brookside	View Street	4-8
Tuesday, June 30	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, July 1	McConaughy Terrace	Front St	4-8
Thursday, July 2	Lighthouse Park	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Monday, July 6	Brookside	View Street	4-8
Tuesday, July 7	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, July 8	McConaughy Terrace	Front St	4-8
Thursday, July 9	View St	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Friday, July 10	Hannah's Dream	Kimberly Field + Movie!	4-8
Saturday, July 11	Front St	Kensington St Park	4-8
Monday, July 13	Brookside	Criscolo Park	4-8
Tuesday, July 14	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, July 15	McConaughy Terrace	Front St	4-8
Thursday, July 16	View St	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Friday, July 17	College Woods + Movie!	Greenwich Galvin Park	4-8
Saturday, July 18	Front St	Kensington St Park	12-4
Monday, July 20	Brookside	Criscolo Park	4-8
Tuesday, July 21	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, July 22	McConaughy Terrace	Front St	4-8
Thursday, July 23	Lighthouse Park	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Friday, July 24	Hannah's Dream	John Daniels + Movie!	4-8
Saturday, July 25	Front St	Kensington St Park	4-8
Monday, July 27	Brookside	Criscolo Park	4-8
Tuesday, July 28	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, July 29	Roberto Clemente	Front St	4-8
Thursday, July 30	Lighthouse Park	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Friday, July 31	Wooster Square + Movie	Greenwich Galvin Park	4-8
Saturday, August 1	Front St	Winslow Augustine	12-4
Monday, August 3	Brookside	Criscolo Park	4-8
Tuesday, August 4	Scantlebury Park	Edgewood Park	4-8
Wednesday, August 5	McConaughy Terrace	Front St	4-8
Thursday, August 6	Lighthouse Park	Lincoln Basset	4-8
Friday, August 7	Hannah's Dream	Fairmont Park + Movie!	4-8
Saturday, August 8	Front St	Kensington St Park	12-4

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