EPIC ADVENTURES
SUMMER CAMP 2017

FULL- & HALF-DAY REC CAMPS
FULL- & HALF-DAY SPORTS CAMPS
FINE ARTS CAMPS, SCIENCE CAMPS
SAFETY TOWN

WEEKLY THEMES
FRIDAY FUNDAYS
FIELD TRIPS
SWIMMING & GAMES
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

ONLINE REGISTRATION
OPEN MARCH 1
NCCDE.ORG/CAMPS

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Welcome to the fun! New Castle County offers full- and half-day recreation camps, specialty camps, sports camps and Safety Town programs that allow your child to explore a variety of fun and enriching activities throughout the summer. Each program has been designed to be recreational, enriching and instructional and is staffed by experienced educators and camp counselors.

New Castle County Summer Camps offer campers a fun-filled summer, featuring an array of age-appropriate, supervised activities and experiences. Recreation campers enjoy a weekly field trip to a variety of exciting places and venues in the tri-state area, as well as weekly camp themes, culminating in a Friday Fun Day. On Friday Fun Day, campers and counselors alike are encouraged to dress up and show off their creativity and have fun! New Castle County recreation campers also participate in the county Summer Reading Challenge (SRC) sponsored by county libraries.

With so many summer camp options to choose from, let New Castle County be your guide to a great summer. We cover it all -- fun programs, affordable prices, great locations, flexible schedules, and then some -- so you'll have every confidence in your decision. Let your child do what they love and love what they do at New Castle County Summer Camps. The size of each camp is limited and openings are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Check out all that New Castle County has to offer and register early!

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Registration opens on March 1 at NCCDE.ORG/CAMPS
CAMP LOCATIONS

- Cedar Lane Elementary School, 1259 Cedar Lane, Middletown 19709 (8 Weeks)
- Garfield Park Community Recreation Center, 26 Karlyn Drive, New Castle 19720 (8 Weeks)
- Brandywine Springs Elementary School, 2916 Duncan Road, Wilmington 19808 (8 Weeks)
- Richey Elementary School, 105 East Highland Avenue, Newport 19804 (8 Weeks)
- Talley Day Camp at Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, North Wilmington 19803 (10 Weeks)

Campers enjoy weekly themes, daily outdoor time, non-competitive sports, supervised games and activities, arts and crafts, visits from Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck, along with educational programming. Summer campers spend 15 minutes a day engaging in reading with the New Castle County Library Summer Reading Challenge implemented at all camp locations:
BUILD A BETTER WORLD.

Limited financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible applicants. Purchase of Care (POC) accepted at full-day recreation camps only. Call the camp office at (302) 395-5654 for more information.
**Weekly Themes and Friday Fun Days**

**For Full-Day Recreation Camps**

Friday Fun Days are designed for campers and counselors to dress up according to a weekly theme. One of the goals of the New Castle County Summer Recreation Camp is to ensure your child has a great summer.

**Week 1:** Ignite Your Summer; Friday Fun Day - Crazy Hat Day
**Week 2:** Reality Game Show Mania; Friday Fun Day - Crazy Hair Day
**Week 3:** Celebrate America; Friday Fun Day - Dress in Red, White and Blue
**Week 4:** Mysteries, Maps and Riddles; Friday Fun Day - Dress as a favorite character from a book, TV show or famous person
**Week 5:** Summer Safari; Friday Fun Day - Animal Print Day
**Week 6:** Color Wars; Friday Fun Day - Wear your assigned color wars color, head to toe!
**Week 7:** Wild, Wild West; Friday Fun Day - Western Day (Come dressed as a cowboy/cowgirl)
**Week 8:** Back in Time; Friday Fun Day - Twin Day
**Week 9:** The Awesome Outdoors; Friday Fun Day - Crazy Socks Day
**Week 10:** Peace Out, Summer!; Friday Fun Day - Duct Tape Day

**Field Trips for Full-Day and Specialty Camps**

New Castle County Summer Recreation Camps offer campers a fun-filled summer, including a weekly field trip to a variety of exciting places and venues in the tri-state area. Check out these awesome locations!

**Week 1:** Christiana Roller Rink
**Week 2:** Launch Trampoline Park
**Week 3:** Hagley Museum
**Week 4:** Franklin Institute with IMAX
**Week 5:** Plumpton Park Zoo
**Week 6:** Wilmington & Western Railroad
**Week 7:** Carousel Park and Equestrian Center
**Week 8:** Rockwood Park and Museum
**Week 9:** Abbott’s Mill Nature Center
**Week 10:** Greenbank Mill
Jump Start Your Career: Be a Counselor in Training!

New Castle County’s Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is a great way to spend your summer being a Camp Counselor and gaining valuable lifetime rewards! All CIT applicants should be interested in working with children and possess maturity, flexibility, a strong work ethic and the ability to have fun. This opportunity is for enthusiastic and engaging young adults entering 10th-12th grades. The cost is $90. Call (302) 395-5654 or go to nceede.org/camps for more information.
**FINE ARTS CAMPS**

**BUILD YOUR OWN HALF-DAY ART CAMP**

An intensive two-week fine arts camp featuring Pottery, Drawing, Painting and Mixed Media

June 19-30 and July 10-21
Ages 6-17, $112.50 per Child per Class
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
at The Art Studio

**ARTVENTURES CAMP**

Ceramics, Painting, Fiber Arts and More!

July 31-August 4
Ages 7-12, $125 per child
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Extended Care Available for $55 per Week
at The Art Studio
FINE ARTS CAMPS

DRAMA CAMP!

July 24-28
Alice in Wonderland & Mad Hatter Tea Party
Ages 7-12, $125 per child
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Extended Care Available for $95 per Week
at Rockwood Park & Mansion

Drama workshops, theatre games & improv/icebreakers
In partnership with

MEANWHILE ... Get registered at nccde.org/CAMPS today!
SCIENCE CAMPS

SCIENCE EXPLORERS CAMP

June 19-23  Insect Safari
July 10-14  Discovering Habitats
August 14-18  Stream Life
Ages 7-12, $125 per Child per Week
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Extended Care Available for $35 per Week
at Rockwood Park & Mansion

Hands-on activities appeal to a variety of interests

In partnership with Ashland Nature Center

CAMP CAROUSEL

June 26-30  Equine Science
August 7-11  Animal Science
Ages 7-12, $125 per child
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Extended Care Available for $35 per Week
at Carousel Park

Specialty Camps address the needs of children who have strengths or interests in a particular area. These camps offer programs which enable your child to learn and develop new skills while interacting with others.
HALF-DAY CAMPS

HALF-DAY CAMPS
3 LOCATIONS

10 Weeks
June 19-August 25
Ages 5-12, $35 per Child per Week
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A nutritious breakfast and lunch provided at camp each day.

CAMP LOCATIONS

♦ Brookside Elementary School, 800 Marrows Road, Newark 19713
♦ Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, 101 Barrett Run Drive, Newark 19702

A nutritious breakfast and lunch from Christina Child Nutrition Services is served each day at camp and is free of charge. Campers enjoy supervised games, fresh air time, arts and crafts, weekly themes, and more!

♦ Battery Park, Old New Castle, New Castle 19720

A nutritious breakfast and lunch from the Colonial School District Nutrition Program is served each day at camp and is free of charge. Campers enjoy supervised games, fitness and nature activities, and more! This is an outdoor camp. Campers will need to arrive with sunscreen applied and appropriate clothing and sneakers. In case of extreme inclement weather, campers will seek shelter in the New Castle Presbyterian Church located at 25 East 2nd Street, New Castle.

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SPORTS CAMPS

Camp Locations

- Hockessin PAL, 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707
- Delcastle Park, 2920 Duncan Road, Wilmington 19808
- Glasgow Park, DE 896 and US 40, Glasgow 19702
- Kirkwood Soccer Club, 1220 River Road, New Castle 19720 (Full-day soccer camp)

Last summer over 300 young athletes participated in sports camps operated by New Castle County. Half-day sports camps include baseball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, skateboarding, soccer, softball, speed/agility, tennis and volleyball. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Camps are open to players with novice to intermediate skill levels. The camp fee of $60 ($115 for tennis) includes a t-shirt, instructor, and administrative fees. Participants should bring personal equipment, as well as drinks, a towel and rain gear (for outdoor camps). In case of questionable weather, the activity may be delayed, postponed or switched to an alternate indoor site, if available.

For fastest access to program announcements including weather-related updates, follow the Sports Office on Twitter @nccdesports
FULL-DAY ALL SPORTS CAMPS
New Castle County partners with the Kirkwood Soccer Club and Elite Athletic Specialists to offer three, week-long, full-day all sports camps. Highlighted sports activities include baseball/softball, basketball, flag football, soccer and speed/agility training. Camp runs Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The camp fee is $125 per camper per week. Extended care is available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per camper per week. Each week includes a day of swimming. Open to ages 8-15.

- Kirkwood Soccer Club, 1220 River Road, New Castle 19720
  Week 1: June 26-30
  Week 2: July 17-21
  Week 3: August 14-18

HALF-DAY SPORTS CAMPS... 10 SPORTS, 3 LOCATIONS!
These week-long camps run for three hours each day. Camp fee is $60 (except tennis which is $115) and includes a t-shirt, instructor and administrative fees. All half-day sports camps run Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at various locations. Open to ages 8-15.

- Delcastle Park, 2920 Duncan Road, Wilmington 19808
  Lacrosse: July 10-14  Basketball: June 26-30
  Soccer: July 10-14  Softball: June 26-30
  Speed/Agility: June 19-23

- Hockessin PAL, 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707
  Baseball: June 26-30  Basketball: July 17-21
  Volleyball: July 10-14  Field Hockey: August 7-11

- Glasgow Park, DE 896 and US 40, Glasgow 19702
  Skateboard: June 26-30; July 31-August 4
  Tennis: July 10-14

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. Proof of unemployment of parent is required. Contact the Sports Office at (302) 395-5890 for more information.

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SPECIAL . . . COMBINE SPEED/AGILITY WITH ANY OTHER SPORTS CAMP & SAVE $12!
SAFETY TOWN

Camp Locations

- Hockessin Community Recreation Center, 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707
- Forwood Elementary School, 1900 Westminster Drive, Wilmington 19810
- Alfred G. Waters Middle School, 1235 Cedar Lane Road, Middletown 19709
- Glasgow Park Bank Barn, DE 896 and US 40, Glasgow 19702
- Garfield Park Recreation Center, 26 Karlyn Drive, New Castle 19720

Safety Town is a fun, 15-hour program consisting of a miniature town with child-sized houses, crosswalks, and streets. This popular program teaches children ages 4, 5 and 6 about safety through songs, guest speakers and role-playing. Most weeks are $70 for New Castle County Residents, and $80 for Non-Residents. Camp enrollment is limited, so we encourage parents to register quickly as we operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen volunteers, ages 13-18, are needed to assist with Safety Town. Call (302) 995-7661 or apply online at nccde.org/safetytown.
WHAT ARE THE CAMP HOURS?
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with extended care available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per week. Camps begin June 19 and end August 25.

WHERE IS THE CAMP OFFICE?
Camp office for all full, half, sports, and specialty camps is located at 77 Reads Way, New Castle.

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER BRING?
A backpack with:
- Swimsuit (see list for camp swim day for camp site)
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Healthy snacks (2)
- Water bottle filled with cold water
- Lunch if camp site does not provide (see list)
- Label everything!

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER WEAR?
Sneakers and lightweight clothes that are okay to get dirty (open-toed shoes and flip flops are NOT ALLOWED at camp for safety reasons). Bring a change of clothes on rainy days.

WHAT ABOUT LUNCH?
Send your camper with a nutritionally-balanced lunch and snacks. Keep in mind there are NO refrigerators or microwaves at camp. Packing lunch in an insulated bag or hard-top cooler is recommended, labeled with your camper's name. Check individual camp locations for lunches provided by the School District or the Food Bank of Delaware.

WHAT SHOULD MY CAMPER NOT BRING TO CAMP?
- Cell phones, tablets, or other similar devices
- Money (unless on field trip day for gift shop)
- Handheld video games
- Skateboards/scooters, HEELYS, or "hoverboards"
- Personal property, toys, games, jewelry, etc.
  (unless requested by camp counselor for theme week)
New Castle County will not be responsible for the safety of valuable items brought to camp.

WHAT HAPPENS ON RAINY DAYS?
We have camp rain or shine. If it is dangerous weather (thunder and lightning, extreme heat index), we will bring the campers indoors. However, in a light drizzle or rain, we will still have limited outside activities and keep playing! Dress appropriately on these days and pack an extra set of clothes!

WHY DO WE NEED A PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS?
We use your email address for confirmations, receipts, reconciliation of billing, and email updates.

WHAT IF MY CAMPER LOSES SOMETHING WHILE AT CAMP?
We strongly encourage you to label EVERY item your camper brings or wears to camp. Each camp site will have a lost and found box at the sign in/out table that all items are brought to at the end of every day.

DOES MY CAMPER GET A CAMP T-SHIRT?
Campers will receive one t-shirt per week prior to their first off-site field trip. Campers MUST WEAR their camp t-shirt when they go on a field trip. (Financial aid recipients will not receive a camp t-shirt.)

WILL MY CHILD GO ON A FIELD TRIP?
All full-day, specialty, and full-day sports campers will participate in an off-site field trip once a week on Wednesdays. These same campers will also participate in an off-site swim trip once a week (day determined by camp site).

HOW CAN I PREVENT SUNBURN?
Before your camper arrives at camp each day, apply waterproof sunscreen. Our camp staff is NOT PERMITTED to provide, share, or apply sunscreen on any camper. Parents are encouraged to show their camper how to reapply sunscreen on areas that may be exposed to the sun. Mark your camper's sunscreen with his/her name and sunscreen must be in original container. Parents should also consider hats, short- and/or long-sleeve shirts, and an extra shirt for swimming for children who are sensitive to the sun.

WHAT IF I NEED TO PICK MY CAMPER UP EARLY FROM CAMP?
If your child has to leave early, please send a note letting us know what time and who will be picking your camper up. If the person picking up your child is NOT listed on the camp pick-up consent form, you must make the camp office aware of this prior to pick up. Any person picking up camper will be asked to show picture identification. Also, no person under the age of 18 is allowed to pick camper up from camp. There are no pick-ups allowed during field trips unless previous arrangement has been made with the camp office.

WHO ARE THE CAMP STAFF MEMBERS?
Our staff is comprised of teachers, counselors, and college students from the local area. All staff must pass a background check, child abuse registry, and rapid drug screen through New Castle County's Human Resources Department.

WHAT IS THE CAMPER-TO-COUNSELOR RATIO?
We follow State guidelines for camper-to-counselor ratio. Therefore, 5-6 year olds will have a 8:1 ratio and 7-12 year olds will have a 10:1 ratio.

WHAT IF THE CAMP I WANT IS FULL?
Your name will be placed on our waiting list. You will be notified no later than the Wednesday before the camp begins if a spot becomes available.
GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

It is our goal to provide a healthy, safe, and secure environment for all campers. Children who attend the program are expected to follow the behavior guidelines and to interact appropriately in a group setting.

Our behavior guidelines are as follows:

- All campers will treat staff, the camp environment, and their fellow campers with respect.
- Campers will follow any posted rules.
- All staff and campers will promote a positive attitude for a fun camp experience.

When a camper does not follow the behavior guidelines, the following steps will be taken:

1. Staff will redirect the camper to more appropriate behavior.
2. The camper will be reminded of the behavior guidelines and day camp rules and a discussion will take place.
3. If the behavior persists, a parent will be notified of the problem.
4. Staff will document the situation. This written documentation will include the nature of the behavior problem, what provoked the problem, and what corrective action was taken.
5. Staff may schedule a conference with the parent or guardian to determine the appropriate action that will be taken.
6. Staff may schedule a progress check or a follow-up conference.
7. If the problem still persists, staff will schedule a conference that includes the parent, camper, staff, and program director. The program director will have all documentation and the notes from the previous conferences for review. If subsequent conferences have to be scheduled, a counselor may also be present.
8. If a child's behavior at any time threatens the immediate safety of that child, other children, or staff, the parent may be notified and expected to pick up the child immediately.
9. If a problem persists and a child continues to disrupt the day camp program, New Castle County reserves the right to suspend the child from the program. Expulsion from the program will be considered in extreme situations.

The following behaviors are not acceptable and may result in the immediate suspension of a camper for the remainder of the current day and the next day:

- Endangering the health and safety of children and/or staff, members, and volunteers
- Stealing or damaging camp or personal property
- Leaving the day camp program without permission
- Continuing to disrupt the program
- Refusing to follow the behavior guidelines or day camp rules
- Using profanity, vulgarity, or obscenity frequently
- Acting in a lewd manner

If any of these behaviors persists, staff may suspend the camper a second time before expulsion. Immediate expulsion may occur if a camper is in possession of and/or using tobacco, alcohol, drugs, firecrackers, firearms, or explosives.
FULL-DAY AND SPECIALTY CAMP LATE PICK-UP POLICY

Pick-up time for the New Castle County Summer Camp Program is 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless you PURCHASE pre/after-care ($35/weekly). You must notify the camp site as to your time of arrival if after 4 p.m.

If you have purchased pre-/after-care, pick-up time for the Summer Camp Program is 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You must notify the camp site as to your time of arrival after 5:30 p.m.

If a child is at the camp site for FIFTEEN MINUTES after closing time, parents will be charged a late fee in line with the fee schedule, per child, according to the time clock.

If a child is at the camp site for THIRTY MINUTES after closing time, without contact from the parents, camp staff will attempt to reach the emergency contacts to pick up the child.

If a child is at the camp site for ONE HOUR after closing time, without contact from the parents and emergency contacts cannot be reached, local authorities will be contacted to assist in locating the parents.

The late pick-up policy will be strictly enforced. If there is a continued occurrence of picking your child up past closing time, you may be asked to withdraw your child from the program.

Late pick-up fees are due at the time of pick-up. The child(ren) may NOT return to camp until this fee is paid. Cash, check, or money order are accepted forms of payment, or you may call the camp office at (302) 395-5654 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to pay with a credit card.

LATE PICK-UP FEE SCHEDULE: 15-29 minutes, $15; 30-59 minutes, $30; 60+ minutes, $45

OUR PARTNERSHIPS