2019 SUMMER CAMPS

Listed below are private camps held in the Community Center (CC) AUGUST 5-9 unless noted otherwise.

CHESS CAMP

Join us for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle - your brain! Campers will enjoy fun, team chess games (like bug house), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-Shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Fee: $175.00 Grades K-5 from 9:00-12:00.

GOLF & TENNIS CAMP

TGA-Premier Golf & Tennis is hosting this full day Camp at Westwood H.S. for children Grades K-8. TGA coaches teach the games of golf and tennis in a fun, non-intimidating environment. Campers will have the option to stay for the full day and try their hand at both sports or just do a half day, one sport camp. Tennis will be held from 9am-12pm and Golf will be held from 12:30-3:30pm. Campers will be broken up into smaller groups based on their age and skill. All skill levels are welcome. TGA provides all equipment. Aug 5-8 (Mon-Thurs, Friday Rain Date) $275 for both camps / $165 single camp.

USSI MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

This camp is returning for its 12th year teaching and playing 15 sports in one week at Brookside Park. Ages 5-11 can choose: 9am-4pm - $199.00; 9am-12:30 - $169.00; Ages 3-5 is 4:30-5:30 - $90.00. All children receive a t-shirt.
USSI also offers this camp the week of August 12-16.
For more information visit www.ussportsinstitute.com. Rain site is the CC.

LEGO STEM EXPLORATIONS

Level up your engineering skills with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects such as: Gear Cars, Gondolas, Merry-Go-Rounds, and Scissor Lifts. Design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas in a supportive environment.
Fee is $155.00 for grade K-5 from 9am-12pm.

MINECRAFT MASTER ENGINEERING WITH LEGO MATERIALS

Bring Minecraft to life using LEGO® parts! Build a motorized walking Creeper, a terrifying Ghost, and a motorized Minecart! This project-based camp, combines the basic format of our core engineering-themed programs based on the world of Minecraft. Students will explore real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture while building their favorite Minecraft objects. Fee is $155.00 for grades K-5 from 1pm-4pm.

COLORFUL WARRIORS

Join Colorful Warriors for an Art and Movement Camp! Each day we will create a unique one of a kind masterpiece using various art materials and techniques.
We will also learn yoga, play games and encourage healthy bodies through movement.
Grades K-4: 9:30am-12:30pm, $175.00; 9:30am-3pm, $265.00.

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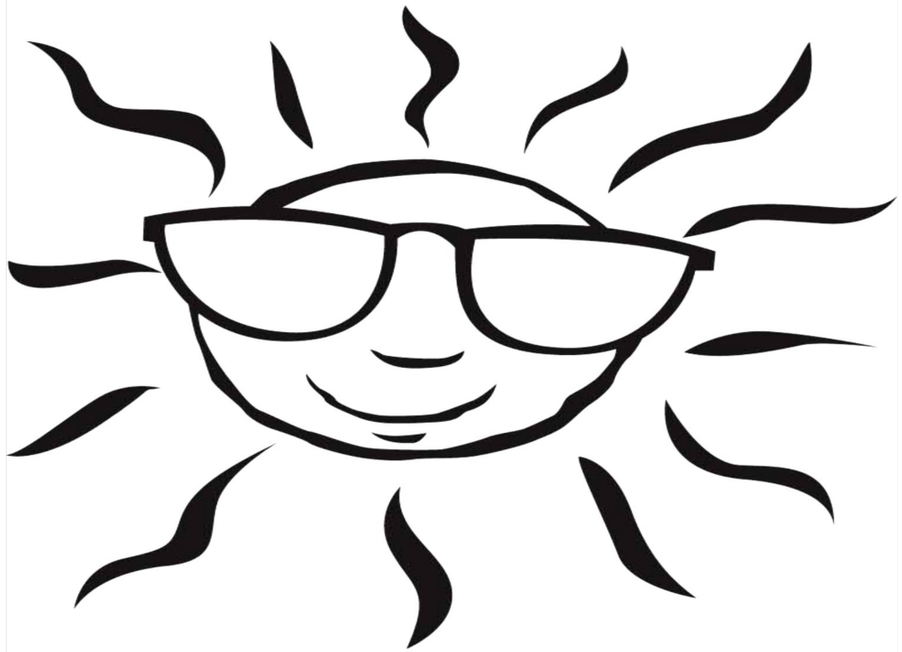

Summer Playground

PARENT HANDBOOK

June 24 - August 2

SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Monday, June 24 - Friday, August 2

The Summer Playground Program is available to all Westwood children who are 4 years old as of 10/1/2019 through 8th grade (as of 9/2019). Our objective is to provide quality care for your children as we offer them a variety of fun-filled activities, such as games, arts/crafts and special events throughout the **6-week** program. The fee is $250.00 for Westwood residents and $500.00 for non-residents. Registration begins on Wednesday, May 1st for residents and Monday, May 6th for non-residents.

There will be a **$25.00 late fee per child** for any registrations accepted after May 31st.

STAFF

Supervisor of Playgrounds, John Orfini: This is John's 13th year as Supervisor and his 23nd year on staff. He is an English Teacher and Media Specialist for the Cresskill School District for the past 30 years. (201) 674-8432

Pre-School Director at Berkeley, Natalie Boes: This will be Natalie's 6th year as Director. She is the Head Teacher at the Recreation Pre-School. (201) 674-8132

K-3 Director at Berkeley, Kim Quill: This is Kim's 5th year as Director. She has a BA degree from Rutgers University. (201) 637-1803

Brookside Park Director, Frank Zimmerman: This is Frank's 5th year as Director. He is a substitute teacher in Emerson and Park Ridge. (201) 674-7236

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Westwood Recreation Department (201) 664-7882
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All of our counselors are either in the 11th or 12th grade or in college. They attend a mandatory counselor orientation and a First Aid training session. We also have volunteer CIT's (Counselors In Training) in 9th or 10th grade who assist our regular staff.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM

The Summer Playground Program offers incoming 9th or 10th graders an opportunity to join our staff as CIT's. This volunteer position will allow students to gain hands on experience, while working alongside a paid counselor. They will learn how to supervise a group of children and plan activities for them throughout the summer. Please fill out an application form at the Recreation Dept. Please note that there are a limited number of positions available, and CIT's are not guaranteed employment in the Summer Program the following year.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Veteran's Memorial Park - Thursdays 8:00 pm

June 20 - Soul Groove
June 27 - Evolution (Journey)
July 3 (Wed.) - Tequila Rose Country)
July 11 - Danny V (Billy Joel)
July 18 - Tramps Like Us (Springsteen)
July 25 - Reminisce (Oldies)

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

Veterans Memorial Park - Thursdays 8:00pm

August 1 - Sand Lot - 1993 (PG)
August 8 - Enchanted - 2007 (PG)
August 15 - Ralph Breaks the Internet - 2018 (PG)
August 22 - The Karate Kid –1984 (PG)

WESTWOOD MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

2019 BROOKSIDE PARK CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNE 24 **1st Day Meet the Staff** 	JUNE 25 **BEGIN MURAL PROJECT** 	JUNE 26 **LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE** 	JUNE 27 **SWIM VENTURE** **Pascack Valley SWIM CLUB**	JUNE 28 **Free Ice Friday**
JULY 1 **JULY 4TH EVENTS** 	2 **FACE PAINTING & TATTOOS** 	3 **TIE DYE DAY** **Please bring a white t-shirt**	4 **CLOSED** Happy 4th! 	5 **SWIM VENTURE**
8 **MONTVALE LANES** 	9 **TOMAHAWK LAKE** 	10 **TIE DYE DAY MAKE UP**	11 **SWIM VENTURE** 	12 **EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY** **Free Ice Friday**
15 **FRITZ DIETL** 	16 **SPLASHPLEX** 	17 **SPLASH PARTY 6-9 PM** ***Pascack Valley Swim Club***	18 **SWIM VENTURE** 	19 **SUMMER FOOD DRIVE** **Free Ice Friday**
22 **MONTVALE LANES** 	23 **SPLASHDOWN BEACH WATERPARK**	24 **Westwood FD WETDOWN** 	25 **SWIM VENTURE** 	26 **CAMP OLYMPICS** **Free Ice Friday**
29 **PASCACK THEATRE** 	30 **LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER**	31 **SCAVENGER HUNT**	AUGUST 1 **SWIM VENTURE** 	2 **STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**

ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

***Pre-School* at the Berkeley School (47 Berkeley Avenue)**
This program is available to children ages 4-5 (as of 10/1/19)
The hours are 9:00am-12:30pm, Monday-Friday.

***K-3rd Grade* at the Berkeley School (47 Berkeley Avenue)**
Children entering grades Kindergarten - 3rd Grade (as of Sept. 2019)
The hours are 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday.

***Brookside Park* (Lake St to Brookside Ave off Kinderkamack Road)**
Children entering grades 4-8 (as of Sept. 2019)
The hours are 9:00am-3:00pm.

RAIN / HEAT POLICY

The Pre-School and the K-3rd Grade program will continue to stay open regardless of the weather. The Brookside Park procedure is: If there is a steady rainfall **before** 9:00am and the forecast calls for rain the entire day, the park will be closed for that day. Your children may come to the Community Center (CC) and the day's program will be held indoors. Staff will supervise activities, sports, games, and arts and crafts. If rain begins to fall steadily **after** the park opens at 9:00am and prior to 11:00am, please arrange to pick up your child and the program will continue at the CC.
If a steady rain persists after 11:00am, please arrange to pick up your child, as the park will close and the program is canceled for the day.
In the event of extreme heat (95 degrees or higher), the Brookside Park Program will be held in the CC.
If you are unsure, please contact the Camp Director or call the Recreation Department at (201) 664-7882.

BEFORE CARE AND AFTER CARE PROGRAMS

Supervised by staff, our summer Playground Program has a Before Care and After Care Program that will be held at Berkeley Elementary School for children in K-3rd grade and Brookside Park for children in **grades 4-8**. If it rains heavily, Brookside's After Care will be held at Berkeley Elementary School. **Fees are for the entire 6 weeks:**
Before Care (7:30-9:00am daily) $225 - After Care (3:00-5:30pm daily) $325
On **bus trip days, Brookside Before Care will be held at Community Center.
We can only transport After Care campers to Berkeley in case of an emergency.
We can not transport campers from bus trips to After Care sites.
Please make arrangements.
AFTER CARE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP!

There is a separate registration form that must be filled out.

GENERAL POLICIES

Children must follow all rules and regulations as stated by the summer playground staff. These rules are established in order for our staff to provide your child with a safe, caring, and fun-filled environment. Please review the following list with your child, so that he/she fully understands the policies and procedures of our playground program.

- Please do NOT send your child before 9:00am unless they are enrolled in our Before Care Program. Also, please pick up your child no later than the stated dismissal time. **Failure to do so will result in a late fee of $10.00 per day.**
- With parental/guardian authorization, children at Brookside Park may leave the parks only for lunch or at the end of the day. All children must sign in and out. Notes can be sent when exceptions are necessary.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify his/her child's counselor when taking your children from the park before their scheduled end time. Every child must be signed out. This confirms where your children are at all times.
- If anyone other than the parent or legal guardian is picking up a child, we require a written note authorizing who is allowed to pick up your child.
- Children will be grouped according to their grades and gender. Each group will be supervised by a specific staff counselor for the entire program. Children will be introduced to their counselor on the first day of the program, so it is advisable that the parent/guardian stay with his/her child to meet the counselor as well. Since there is a partnership between staff and family, please keep our staff informed of any special instructions concerning your children.
- All problems concerning your children should be brought to the attention of his/her counselor. If the parent/guardian is not satisfied with the results obtained through the counselor, then please address the Camp Director.
- Children will be given two playground shirts at the time of registration. **They are to be worn everyday**. Children will not be permitted to stay without wearing them. This enables the staff to readily spot a playgrounder as it identifies and locates legitimate children in the program. Additional shirts can be purchased for $7.00.

2019 K-3 @ BERKELEY SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNE 24 **1st Day Meet the Staff** HELLO!	JUNE 25 **CRAZY HAT DAY**	JUNE 26 **BUBBLE DAY!**	JUNE 27 **SIDEWALK CHALK & FACE PAINTING**	JUNE 28 **HAWAIIAN WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
JULY 1 CELEBRATE OUR 50th STATE	2 **HALLOWEEN @ CAMP**	3 **STARS & STRIPES**	4 **CLOSED Happy 4th!**	5 **WILD RAPIDS WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
8 **REPTILES COME TO CAMP**	9 **PIRATE OR PRINCESS**	10 **TIE DYE DAY** **Please bring a white T-shirt**	11 **MOVIEDAY and FOOD DRIVE**	12 **WIPEOUT WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
15 **TV WEATHERMAN**	16 RECYCLING	17 DISNEY DAY	18 **ANIMALS**	19 **KAHUNA WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
22 **FIRE DEPT WETDOWN**	23 **DJ DANCE PARTY**	24 **SPACE ODYSSEY PLANETARIUM**	25 **ESCAPE FROM EARTH**	26 **TROPICAL WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
29 **SPORTS CHALLENGE**	30 **TALENT SHOW**	31 **SUMMER CARNIVAL**	AUGUST 1 **PIZZA PICNIC**	2 Water Slide **STAFF APPRECIATION DAY** Thanks

2019 PRE-SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNE 24 **1st Day Meet the Staff**	JUNE 25 **CRAZY HAT DAY**	JUNE 26 **STORY TIME**	JUNE 27 **PARACHUTE FUN**	JUNE 28 **HAWAIIAN WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
JULY 1 **HAWAIIAN LUAU**	2 **HALLOWEEN @ CAMP**	3 **STORY TIME & STARS &STRIPES**	4 **CLOSED Happy 4th !**	5 **WILD RAPIDS** **Free Ice Friday**
8 **REPTILES COME TO CAMP**	9 **PIRATE OR PRINCESS**	10 **STORY TIME & TYE DYE**	11 **SIDEWALK CHALK ART** **FOOD DRIVE**	12 **WIPEOUT WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
15 **FUN BUS**	16 **SIMON SAYS**	17 **STORY TIME & DISNEY DAY**	18 **ANIMALS**	**19** **KAHUNA WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
22 **EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY**	23 **DJ DANCE PARTY**	24 **SPACE ODYSSEY PLANETARIUM**	25 **BRING A FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL**	26 **TROPICAL WATER SLIDE** **Free Ice Friday**
29 **LET'S PLAY SPORTS**	30 **TALENT SHOW**	31 **SUMMER CARNIVAL**	AUGUST 1 **PIZZA PICNIC**	2 Water Slide **STAFF APPRECIATION DAY**

- Under no circumstances will bullying, fighting, or the use of foul language be permitted. Any child exhibiting inappropriate behavior will be informed that his/her behavior is unacceptable and must cease immediately. Extreme, unacceptable behavior could result in the temporary removal of a child from program activities. Parents will be advised should such a decision be made by the site director. After parents have been informed of an issue, should there be any more behavioral problems, the child may be suspended for the duration of the season.

- Proper clothing must be worn at all times. Sneakers are the suggested footwear. Flip-flops are not advisable as the wearer may fall and get injured. Sunscreen should be applied to children prior to attending camp.

- Please do not have your children bring to camp any valuables, such as electronic devices, games, or jewelry. We are not responsible for lost items.

- At all parks, water sprinklers are turned on during the day to cool off the children. Please be aware that their clothes and shoes will get wet. You may want to send a bathing suit with your child, especially at the Berkeley School.

- Pre-School children should bring a snack/drink daily. K-8 children should bring a bag lunch/drink & water daily. If you want your child to buy ice cream, sold by the Berkeley Staff, please have your child bring in $1.00 daily. An ice cream truck will visit Brookside Park every afternoon.

- If your child has any allergies or any other medical/special condition, fill out a medical information form and return it to the Recreation Dept. prior to the start of camp. Please also contact us if your child needs any other accommodations.

- Pictures of the children will be taken for press releases. Please contact the Recreation Department if you do not want your child photographed.

- All questions, comments, or concerns about the program itself should be directed to the Supervisor of Playgrounds, John Orfini, at (201) 674-8432 or the Recreation Director, Gary Buchheister, at (201) 664-7882.

- At the end of the season, you will be asked to complete a parent/guardian satisfaction survey. Please take a moment to answer the questions openly and honestly as our goal is to build upon and improve our existing program and your input is very crucial to us.

TRIP INFORMATION

The Summer Playground Program offers trips for the children enrolled in the Brookside Park Program. Registration for the trips will be held starting on May 1, 2019, at the Recreation Department on a first-come, first-serve basis.
We will have a registration form for each child. It will be kept and used for the entire program which you may update at any time.

On most bus trips, we only accept a maximum of 42 children who will be supervised by 8 staff members. Please register early!

Registration must be completed 7 days (one week) prior for all trips!

PAYMENTS

Payment for trips must be paid at the Recreation Department only, in cash (exact change only) or by check made out to: "Borough of Westwood."
Refunds will only be issued if notice is given 24 hours in advance of the trip. If a trip is cancelled by the Recreation Dept., you will be given a full refund. All refunds will be processed at the end of the summer. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at (201) 664-7882 or e-mail: recreation@westwoodnj.gov

BUS RULES

All bus trips depart from and return to the parking lot at the **COMMUNITY CENTER.** Buses cannot accommodate those arriving late as it will leave **promptly at the designated time.** Children **MUST** wear their Westwood Summer Playground T-shirt; no child will be permitted on the bus without it. In the event you do not wish to send your child on a trip, the program will remain open. Any child who misbehaves, or does not follow the rules and regulations of his/her counselor, will not be permitted to attend any future trips. **Parents are not allowed to attend any trips nor are they permitted to drive their child(s) to the trip site due to liability and busing issues.**

WATER ACTIVITIES

Children who do not know how to swim will not be permitted to sign up for any of the bus trips involving swimming. We abide by all of the rules and regulations of Westwood's Pascack Valley Swim Club. Children will be tested for deep water swimming. Only children who can swim the length of the pool may use the diving board. Contact the swim club directly at (201) 664-1080 if you would like to join.

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING ANY VALUABLES ON TRIPS.

2019 TRIP SCHEDULE (Brookside Park)

Wednesday, June 26 - ***LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE, Hope, NJ*** - Bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:30pm. Fee: $35.00 for admission, pizza, lemonade, and ice cream sandwich. Bathing suit, sun screen and towel are required. Great for children in grades 4-8. Concession stand and souvenir shop available.

Thursday, June 27 - ***PASCACK VALLEY SWIM CLUB-SWIM VENTURE* #1.**
Transportation is not provided to the Pool or After Care. Enter the Swim Club at 11am. Wear swim suit, bring a towel and sun screen. Fee: $8.00, plus $1.25 for each slice of pizza. Refreshments to purchase are available at the snack stand. Pick up promptly at 3:00pm.
Swim Club members must register as well (no entrance fee). Rain Date: Friday, June 28.

Friday, July 5 - ***SWIM VENTURE* # 2**

Monday, July 8 – ***MONTVALE LANES*** Meet at 14 Grand Ave. at 12:45pm. Fee: $6.00 for 2 hours of bowling and shoe rental. Bring a bag lunch or purchase food at the snack stand. Pick up at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, July 9 - **TOMAHAWK LAKE, *Sparta, NJ*** - Bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:00pm. Fee: $40.00 includes admission & food voucher. Great for children who are at least 45 inches or taller. Concession stand available. Bathing suit, sun screen and towel are required.

Thursday, July 11 - ***SWIM VENTURE* # 3** Rain Date: Friday, July 12.

Monday, July 15- ***ICE SKATING at FRITZ DIETL*** - Meet at 639 Broadway at 12:45pm. Fee: $10.00 includes admission and skate rental. An *Ice Capades* performer and professional skating coach will assist the children. Pick up at 3:00pm. Wear pants, socks, sweatshirt & gloves.

Tues. July 16- ***SPLASHPLEX, East Hanover, NJ*** - Bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 4:00pm. Fee: $45.00 includes admission, rides, $5.00 card for indoor games and food voucher. Concession stand available Bathing suit, sun screen & towel are required. Great for children in grades 4-8.

Wednesday, July 17 - ***SPLASH PARTY*** at the Swim Club (Drop off and pick up 6-9pm) – Enjoy a fun evening of swimming, DJ and food for only $5.00. Great for all the children in grades 4-8

Thurs, July 18 - ***SWIM VENTURE # 4*** Rain Date: Friday, July 19.

Monday, July 22 - ***MONTVALE LANES*** Meet at 14 Grand Ave. at 12:45pm. Fee: $6.00 includes 2 hrs of bowling and shoe rental. Bring a bag lunch or purchase food at the snack stand. Pick up at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, July 23 - ***SPLASHDOWN BEACH WATER PARK, Fishkill, NY*** - Bus leaves at 8:30am and returns at 4:00pm. Fee: $45.00 includes admission and food voucher. Concession stand available Bathing suit, sun screen and towel are required. Great for children in grades 5-8.

Thurs, July 25 - ***SWIM VENTURE #5*** Rain Date: Friday, July 26.

Monday, July 29 - ***MOVIE DAY at Westwood Cinemas*** - We will meet in front of the theater at TBD time. The Movie will be an appropriate, current release. Fee: $5.00 includes admission, popcorn, and a small soda. Pick up time TBD.

Tuesday, July 30 - ***LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER, Jersey City, NJ*** - Bus leaves at 9:00am and returns at 3:30pm. Fee: $25.00 includes all the latest science exhibits and IMAX Theatre. Bring a bag lunch or purchase at cafeteria. Souvenir Shop is available. Visit www.sc.org for more information.

Thurs. August 1 - ***SWIM VENTURE # 6***. Rain date: Friday, August 2.