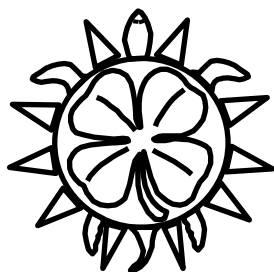


Berlin Parks and Recreation Department



Summer Fun at The Creek 2022

Welcome to Summer Fun at The Creek! **WE WILL ONLY BE OPENING ONE SITE THIS SUMMER, THE CREEK.** This program is open to Berlin youth, ages 5-12 years (as of June 20, 2022). This full day program provides daily activities such as sports, arts & crafts and engaging outdoor games. Registration is limited to 90 participants. We will have field trips and special events. We will have pizza for lunch and visits from the Ice Cream Emergency Truck as well as the Rock & Roll Ice Cream Truck on designated days (please see below). Cost for all field trips and special events is included in the weekly fee.

The summer program is scheduled to start on Monday, June 20 and will end on Friday, August 5, (no program on Monday, July 4). The Creek (Pistol Creek), will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Children should be dropped off between 9 and 9:15 a.m. and picked up between 3:45 and 4 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will be moving the program indoors so you don't need to worry about picking your children up in the middle of the day or the program being cancelled for the day.

Children should bring a snack, lunch and beverage every day, unless noted. Refrigeration will be provided. Please send your child's snack/lunch in a paper or soft insulated bag. Lunch boxes, glass bottles, are not allowed. **Containers need to be marked with child's full name.**

Week 1 – June 20-June 24	June 21 – Pizza* and Rock & Roll Ice Cream, June 23 - Ice Cream Emergency
Week 2 – June 27-July 1	Spare Time Bowling Field Trip – dates TBD
Week 3 – July 5-July 8	July 5 – Rock & Roll Ice Cream, July 6 – Pizza*, July 7 - Ice Cream Emergency
Week 4 – July 11-July 15	July 14 – Picture Show Field Trip – movie TBD
Week 5 – July 18-July 22	Nomads Field Trip – dates TBD
Week 6 – July 25-July 29	July 28 – CT Science Center Field Trip
Week 7 – Aug 1-Aug 5	August 2 – Pizza* and Rock & Roll Ice Cream, August 4 - Ice Cream Emergency

*If your child does not want pizza, please send them with a lunch that day.

Cost per week is \$115 (week of July 4 is \$105)

We will offer before care (8-9 a.m.) and after care (4-5 p.m.)

Before/after care will be an additional \$45 per week (\$36 July 4 week) with a maximum of \$90 per family (\$72 July 4 week).

Junior Counselors – The Summer Fun program, held at The Creek (Pistol Creek), is accepting applications starting May 9 for Berlin residents who are between 13-15 years old by June 20, 2022 who would like to assist program supervisors as a Junior Counselor. If a Junior Counselor turns 16 after June 20, they can only be a Junior Counselor up until they turn 16. All previous Junior Counselors must reapply, if you are still interested. **A limited number of Junior Counselors will be accepted each week and will not be guaranteed a spot every week all summer.** Preference will be given to applicants who can commit to a full week at a time. The summer program will run from June 20 until August 5. All applicants will be interviewed. Applications will be accepted starting **Monday, May 9** and the deadline to apply is **Friday, May 20**. Once accepted, you will have to register, **the fee is \$85 per week.** Junior Counselors may also sign up for before and after care, \$45 per week, \$36 week of July 4.

Financial assistance – for those who are applying for financial assistance through the Berlin Children’s Fund, you must complete the campership form and return it to the Social & Youth Services Department for approval. Camperships will only be good for up to two weeks, per child. You will be required to pay \$30 per week, per child. Before and after care will not be covered by campership funds. You must contact us by May 2 so we can confirm the weeks you will get in through the campership. If you are planning to register for more than those two weeks, you can register once we open up registration on May 4. We will hold a small number of campership spots until June 1 and starting June 1, any remaining spots will be open to the public.

Sick – If your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to the program that day. We all need to be extra cautious so as not to get others sick.

Sanitizing/washing hands – Washing hands with soap and water will be stressed throughout the day. When soap and water are not available, hand sanitizers will be used.

Due to COVID, if necessary, we will be following guidelines and requirements from federal, state and local governments including the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), and the State Department of Public Health.

Summer Program Release Agreement Form

All parents and guardians will need to fill out the Summer Program Release Agreement form, one per child, and return to the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department. Those who register on-line will have the form emailed to them. The Summer Program Release Agreement form is requested to formally notify the program staff of whether or not your child is able to leave the program at the end of the day or if they may only leave when you or listed individuals pick them up. Photo identification will be required to pick up children. Children dropped off by parents are not allowed to leave until they are picked up by parents or designated person on pick up list. Children who are not dropped off by parents and instead walk or ride bikes, can only leave the program if the parents indicate that on the form. Children are not to be left at the program sites without staff being present.

Refund Policy

All requests for refunds will be charged a processing fee of 10% of the amount, minimum of \$5/maximum of \$50. Refunds for the Summer Fun program that are not requested by the Monday before the week that is being cancelled will also have the cost of the field trip/special events deducted (\$30) before the refund is processed. All refunds need to be sent by email or submitted in writing to be processed.

WebTrac – All registrations will be done on-line only for the Summer Fun at The Creek program and begins at 7 a.m. on May 4. We **strongly recommend** trying to get into WebTrac before that date to make sure you won't have any issues. If you don't remember your username or password, click on the link "Forgot your password" to have the information sent to you. You will need to enter a new password (don't wait too long, the link will expire). If you have issues, please contact us by Tuesday, May 3 before 4:30 p.m. so we can try and resolve it before registration opens. **The office will not open on Wednesday until 8:30 a.m.**

You can find the link to WebTrac by going onto the Town website, www.berlinct.gov click on Departments and find Parks and Recreation. Click on Register On-Line to get to WebTrac. Once you are on WebTrac, go to **Summer Fun**, under **Activity type**. It will list The Creek and all of its sections. Pick your selection, add to cart and follow prompts. You can also register for before and after care but you may want to complete the weekly registration part to secure your spot and go back to register for before and after care. Registration in before and after care **does not** guarantee registration for the week and any refunds will be charge a 10% processing fee.

Only Visa and Master Card accepted for payment on-line!

A few tips

- Do not sign into WebTrac too early, if you are in there too long or have inactivity for too long, it will lock you out for at least 25 minutes and there is no way to override that time.
- Your transaction is not complete until you pay so even if you have selected an activity, you will not secure the spot until you finish on the payment screen.
- When you close out of WebTrac, make sure you hit the logout (next to the shopping cart), on the top right hand corner of the page. Do not just close the tab without logging out, it won't let you back in and will lock you out.
- You may have a message pop up that says "You currently have a session in progress. Please check for an open browser or wait 25 minutes before logging in again". If that happens you can try shutting down your computer and restarting it or contact the office for assistance, **during normal working hours** (we will not be available until after 8:30 a.m. on May 4).

- Please note – you may encounter issues using a smartphone or tablet for registration through WebTrac. We upgraded our system but people have indicated they are still having issues.
- For on-line registration, we will email you the acknowledgement of risk along with the program release agreement and you will need to return it to us before the program starts. You will need to complete one per child. Don't forget - registering for before/after care does not guarantee registration in the program so we recommend signing up for the weeks first and then before and after care.

If you experience issues Wednesday morning, please contact the Department after 8:30 a.m. at 860-828-7009 and 860-828-7056. We will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible, but realize spots may be taken.

Please look over your receipt to confirm you have registered for the correct weeks. Contact the office with any issues, office opens at 8:30 a.m. All refunds will be charged a processing fee of 10% of the amount, minimum of \$5/maximum of \$50 except where noted above.