

Berlin Parks and Recreation Department



2023 SUMMER BROCHURE

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Registration for summer programs, for residents, will start on **Monday, May 8**. We are currently registering for all Skyhawk's camps. Non-residents may register for the following programs on May 22 (if space is still available): ACTion Mini Camp ACT I & ACT II, Adventure Camp, Royalty Dance Camp, Arts Discovery Camp, Summer of Dance! Camp, Painting w/Peggy classes, Japanese Origami History, Let's Explore France, youth tennis lessons, dog obedience classes, and Personal Euphoria classes. **Unless noted – age is determined by the first date of the program/class.** Connecticut Science Center, and Lake Compounce tickets will be available starting Monday, June 5 for residents and non-residents.

The Summer Fun program at The Creek is full. Check back on May 31 to see if there are any spots that will open up. Registration for open spots will be June 1 starting at 7 a.m. **on-line only**.

2. **Registration, for residents, will be accepted in person, on-line (WebTrac) or by mail starting May 8** however, you must register in person for Connecticut Science Center tickets and Lake Compounce tickets.

Registration in person will be accepted at the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, 230 Kensington Rd., Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **The office will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day, Monday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 4.**

WebTrac – Register on-line through our WebTrac program! Browse our programs and register for most programs from the comfort of your home. If you forgot your username or password, go into WebTrac and click on “Forgot your password” and the information will be sent to you. Registration on-line begins at 8 a.m. on May 8 for residents and 8 a.m. on May 22 for non-residents. 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. Due to the large volume of programs being offered, you will have to narrow your search by activity type and/or location. Some restrictions may apply and not all programs are available for on-line registration. On-line registration is generally only available up to the last business day before the program starts. After that you can only register in person, if there are still openings.

If registering by mail, include the appropriate registration form, a check made out to the **Town of Berlin** and mail to Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, 230 Kensington Rd., Berlin, CT 06037. Include your email and the receipt will be emailed to you. Please do not forget to put the **Program #** on the registration form. You will be contacted if there are any questions with your paperwork.

VISA and Master Card will be accepted *in person and on-line*. **Debit Cards will not be accepted.**

We have a dropbox available, on the front of the Community Center, for you to drop off registrations, after business hours when the office or Community Center are closed. These registrations will be processed the next business day, in random order, at our earliest convenience. **Checks only please.** Registrations that **cannot** be put in the dropbox include – swim passes, Connecticut Science Center tickets, and Lake Compounce tickets.

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program, which does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. Registration must be done in advance. In order to insure the continuance of each program, registrations must be made at least one week before the start of the program unless otherwise indicated.

3. Cancellations – Weekdays call the information line at 860-828-7100

Oops! Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into print. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may cause.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

1. Refund will be automatic if a program is cancelled or registrants on waiting list are not included in program. Processing fees will not be charged for refunds due to cancellations or not being taken off the wait list.
2. Refunds will not be issued on requests made less than 3 business days before a program begins. All refund requests for any reasons other than cancellation by the Town or failure to include a registrant on a waiting list must be in writing and received by the Town at least three business days before the program begins. Summer Fun program has additional deadlines (see below).
3. **All requests for refunds will be charged a processing fee of 10% of the amount, minimum of \$5/maximum of \$50. Fees will not be charged if Parks and Recreation cancels the program. 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 event deducted (\$30) before the refund is processed.**
4. No refunds will be given for pool passes, once the pool season starts.
5. Refunds will not be given on finalized trips or program tickets.
6. No refunds will be given after a program has started.
7. When program fees are paid by credit card and a refund is approved, that refund will be given on the credit card.
8. Exceptions to this refund policy will be made in the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation and must be based upon hardship or other good cause demonstrated by the registrant. **Processing fee will be charged.**
9. All refunds by check will take up to four weeks to process, from the time of request. Refunds will be mailed to you.

BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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FAMILY/SPECIAL EVENTS/TICKETS

Tickets go on sale June 5 for residents and non-residents. Limited tickets are available for both venues. Last day to purchase tickets is Friday, August 11 1 p.m.

Connecticut Science Center Tickets Good Any Day Tickets – The Connecticut Science Center is a nine-story museum, located in Hartford, that boasts 150 interactive exhibits consisting of videos, audios, visuals, tactile components interactive exhibits and live demonstrations in 10 galleries plus a 206 seat 3-D theatre. The cost for residents for a Good Any Day ticket is \$18, which is a savings of \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors (65+). Children ages 2 and under are free. Cost for non-residents is \$19. Check their website for additional changes/information. All tickets must be purchased in person only. **Program #280202A**

Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets – Lake Compounce, located in Bristol, has invested millions in rides, roller coasters and attractions, and has added more dining options during the recent years, making Lake Compounce more beautiful than ever. Anyone looking for fun things to do in Connecticut with kids will find Lake Compounce to be the perfect destination! The cost for residents for a Good Any Day ticket is \$34 which is a savings of \$6 off the regular price (prices subject to change). You must be 52” and taller. Cost for non-residents is \$35. Park closed to the public on June 5, 6, 12, 13, 14; August 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31; and September 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. Check their website for additional changes/information. Tickets must be purchased in person only. **Program #280203A**



TENNIS PROGRAMS

Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons will be offered according to the following schedule, at the outdoor tennis courts at Berlin High School. Class sizes are limited. Head instructor is from the Tennis and Fitness Center of Rocky Hill. If there is inclement weather or wet courts, classes will be held the same day and time at the Tennis and Fitness Center in Rocky Hill. Directions and complete cancellation information will be available when you register in person or emailed if you register on-line. **First Session** June 20-July 13; **Second Session** July 17-August 10. Deadline to register is the Thursday before each session is to begin. Age as of June 20 for 1st session, July 17 for 2nd session. Resident fees are \$130/non-resident fees are \$140. Please check out the age groups and class descriptions below.



8U Red Ball Class: Lessons utilizing larger, slower tennis balls on a smaller 36' court. Children will be able to develop tennis skills at a higher rate of success, enabling them to adapt the same skills when moving to faster, larger courts when appropriate.

10U Orange Ball: Using a standard size orange dot tennis ball, students at this level will further develop their technical skills and begin holding rallies on their own, serving and match play scoring.

12U Green Ball: Full court play using lower compression green dot ball. Great transition from orange ball students moving up a level as well as for the rapid development of older beginner players, emphasizing technique, rallying, and match play skills.

14+ to High School Players Yellow Ball: Applying level based play to maximize outcomes. Students will be grouped by ability level, not age and will transition from Green ball play to standard Yellow ball. This level will continue with techniques and skills development while fine tuning their skills to prepare them for successful match play at the amateur and more competitive high school play.

1st session	Monday and Wednesday – June 21, 23*, 26, 28, July 3, 5, 10, 12 (Week of June 20 Wed & Friday*)	
June 21-July 12	8U (4-8 yrs) Red Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10U Orange Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601A1 Program #220601B1 Program #220601E
June 20-July 13	Tuesday and Thursday – June 20, 22, 27, 29, July 6, 7*, 11, 13 (Week of July 4 Thurs & Friday*) 12U Green Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 14+ & High School Yellow Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601C1 Program #220601D Program #220601E2
2nd session	Monday and Wednesday – July 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Aug 2, 7, 9	
July 17-Aug 9	8U (4-8 yrs) Red Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10U Orange Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601A2 Program #220601B2 Program #220601F
July 18-Aug 10	Tuesday and Thursday – July 18, 20, 25, 27 Aug 1, 3, 8, 10 12U Green Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 14+ & High School Yellow Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601C2 Program #220601D2 Program #220601F2

Parks and Recreation Team Tennis

Park and Recreation Team Tennis (PRTT) is a recreational team tennis league designed to give kids the opportunity to play team tennis, and learn skills associated with the sport, develop sportsmanship, and fair play. Winning is an important goal, but it is not the sole purpose of the Team Tennis program. Matches will be held on either Wednesday evenings or Saturday Mornings. There will be three home matches at Berlin High School and three away matches at other Park and Rec programs in the Greater Hartford Area. This program is coordinated by USTA.

Dates/Times: Six matches throughout the summer season. Exact dates TBA.

Location: Home matches are at BHS. Away matches TBA.

Fee: \$60 per participant **Program #220601T**

There will be 3 divisions of coed play, the divisions will be as follows.

- Entering grades 3/4/5 - cannot turn 12 prior to 9/1/2023 - will play team matches using the orange tennis ball
- Entering grades 6/7/8 - cannot turn 14 prior to 9/1/2023 - will play team matches using the green tennis ball
- Entering grades 9/10/11/12 (high school) - cannot turn 18 9/1/2023 will use the yellow tennis ball. The high school division will have two levels of competition based on the level of play.

THE FOLLOWING 6 CAMPS WILL BE HELD AT THE BERLIN COMMUNITY CENTER.
ELIZABETH COOK-ASAL IS THE INSTRUCTOR.

ACTion Mini Camp, ACT I and ACT II – Dancing, singing, storytelling, creating, imagining, playing. Exploring the arts through joyful ACTions! A great choice for families encouraging independence in children of multiple ages! Each ACTION-packed day is divided into two ACTs. Families may register for one or both. ACT I: Ages 3-7 Independent participation (without an adult) inspires confidence and invites the making of friendships.

ACT II: Ages 2-7 Children **and** adults join in the festivities together for a thrilling, memorable time.

Please note:

- Children in ACT I must be toilet trained & able to tend to their own bathroom needs.
- While only one adult per family needs to participate, ALL children participating **MUST** be registered.

ACT I Camp will be held July 5-7 from 9:15-10:25 a.m. The fee is \$36 for residents and \$46 for non-residents **Program #220303A**

ACT II Camp will be held July 5-7 from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The fee is \$25 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. **Program #220303B**

Adventure Camp – For ages 4-9 Challenges & Voyages & Treasures, Oh My! Journey with pirates, mermaids, superheroes, & magical friends. Explore enchanted forests, frozen lands, & mystical islands. Through games, activities, crafts & stories, it's an adventure every day! Snack will be provided. Please bring a water bottle. This camp will be held 2 different weeks, you may register for one or both weeks. **Week 1** - July 10-14, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. **Week 2** - July 31-August 4. Fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents, per week. **Week 1 Program #220302A Week 2 Program #220302B**

Royalty Dance Camp – For ages 4-9. A fun, creative dance experience filled with crowns, castles, & celebrations! Children will dance their way through favorite Royal Storybooks, using Ballet, Tap, Jazz, and Creative Movement. Each day includes crafts, games, and some surprises! Dancers will give a presentation for family/ friends during Friday's "Royal Celebration". Snack will be provided. Please bring a water bottle. Camp will be held July 17-21, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee is \$150 for residents and \$160 for non-residents. **Program #220301A**

Arts Discovery Camp – For ages 3-7. The arts come to life with a unique theme each day! Dance & movement, music & rhythm, arts & crafts, acting & stories, props & costumes. Creative themed-activities draw children in to a fantastic new "world" each and every day. Snack will be provided. Please bring a water bottle. Please note: All children participate independently, without an adult, and must be toilet trained and able to tend to their own bathroom needs. Camp will be held July 24-28 from 9:15-11:45 a.m. Fee is \$125 for residents and \$135 for non-residents. **Program #220211 B**

Summer of Dance! Camp – For ages 6-11. Love to dance? Join us in our full-day dance camp! Each morning begins with a new warm-up game/ stretch. Ready to dance (different styles each day): Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Modern Dance, International, Broadway/ Musical Theatre. Even choreograph your own dance. After lunch, it's time to discover about famous dancers, choreographers, and shows. Together, we'll design our "Dance Showcase", make props, costumes, scenery, and rehearse. Wrap up each afternoon with a fun cool-down activity. Our "Dance Showcase" performance on Friday morning concludes this awesome week! Morning snack will be provided. Please bring lunch and a water bottle. Families will receive a Dance Attire list after registering. Camp will be held August 7-10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday, August 11 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee is \$230 for residents and \$240 for non-residents. **Program #220201A**

Painting w/Peggy, Japanese Origami History and paper crafts and Let's Explore France. All classes held at the Berlin Community Center

Painting w/Peggy – Program is for K- 5th grade. Children will create at least 8 paintings on canvas with step by step instructions led by Peggy Loehr, Art Teacher and Painter. Just drop off your child and pick them up at the designated time. Please provide a smock as we will be using acrylic paint that does not readily wash out of clothing. This program will be held according to the following schedule. The same paintings will not be done for each session. Fee includes cost for materials.



Painting w/Peggy 1 Program #220401A June 20-23 9:30-10:30 a.m. Fee \$60 residents/\$70 nonresidents

Painting w/Peggy 2 Program #220401B June 26-30 9-10 a.m. Fee \$80 residents/\$90 nonresidents

Painting w/Peggy 3 Program #220401C July 24-28 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee \$80 residents/\$90 nonresidents

Japanese Origami History and paper crafts – For grades 2-5 Join Peggy and Chloe as we will explore the history of Japanese origami, learn some Japanese words/phrases, and create a variety of origami projects. This program will be held June 20-23 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. All supplies are included in the fee. Fee is \$80 for residents and \$90 for nonresidents. **Program #220403A**

Let's Explore France – For grades K-5 Instructors Peggy and Chloe Loehr will take you on an adventure through France. This class will introduce basic French vocabulary, information about the country and sights. We may explore French artists, books, movies, arts and crafts. Different material will be covered from previous classes. The program will be held June 26-30 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. All supplies are included in the fee. Fee is \$65 for residents and \$75 for nonresidents. **Program #220402A**

SKYHAWKS CAMPS –you can find information and register online at www.skyhawks.com or www.berlinct.gov

Multi-Sports Tots, Mini-Hawk, Multi-Sport, and STEM Soccer camps will be held at Hubbard Field/School
Volleyball will be held at Berlin High School. Basketball camp is FULL!

Participants should wear appropriate clothing, sneakers and sunscreen; bring a water bottle and two snacks

Multi-Sport Tots – Ages 2-4 – Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This basketball and soccer class uses age appropriate activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. **Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.** Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, June 20-June 23. The fee is \$79 for residents and \$89 for non-residents.



Rookies, Age 2 9-9:45 a.m. Program #224920C2

All Stars, Age 3 10-10:45 a.m. Program #224920C3

Legends, Age 4 11a.m.-12 p.m. Program #224920C4

Evening Multi-Sport Tots All-Stars - will be held for 3-4 year olds the week of July 17-20, Monday through Thursday from 5-6 p.m. Friday will be used as a rain make-up day. The fee for residents is \$79 and \$89 for non-residents. **Program #224920CN**

Multi-Sport Camp (Baseball, basketball, flag football, & soccer) – Ages 7-12 – Our multi-sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week your child will walk away with knowledge of multiple sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork and self-discipline. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, June 20-June 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The fee is \$155 for residents and \$165 for non-residents. **Program #224920E**

Mini-Hawk Camp– (Baseball, basketball, & soccer) Ages 4-6 – This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Tuesday-Friday, June 20-June 23 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The fee is \$135 for residents and \$145 for non-residents. **Program #224920B**

Evening Mini-Hawk Camp will be held for 5-7 year olds the week of July 17-20, Monday through Thursday, from 6-7 p.m. Friday will be used as a rain make-up day. The fee for residents is \$79 and \$89 for non-residents. **Program #224920BN**

STEM & Play: Soccer Camp – Ages 7-12 – This program combines strategic STEM-based activities with traditional Skyhawks soccer instruction and a focus on life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. STEM Sports® soccer curriculum gives students the opportunity to get behind the sport they love with modules of soccer ball design, throw-in science, angles, goal-line technology! Participants will also learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, dribbling and defense through skill-based drills and scrimmages. Skyhawks puts the Sports in STEM. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, soccer shoes (or comfortable athletic shoes) and sunscreen and bring a water bottle and two snacks. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday-Friday, July 10-14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The fee is \$155 for residents and \$165 for non-residents. **Program #224920D**

Volleyball Camp – Ages 10-14 – Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it all together into one fun-filled program. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on bumping, setting, spiking, hitting and serving. This program is designed for the beginning to the intermediate player. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday-Friday, July 24-July 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Berlin High School B gym. The fee is \$165 for residents and \$175 for non-residents. **Program #224920F**

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Both classes are held at the former Pistol Creek Golf Course, 600 Spruce Brook Rd, Berlin.
Instructors are Wendy McGurgan, Professional Dog Trainer and Shirley Coulombe, Assistant Trainer.
Dog handlers should be at least 16 years of age.

Kindergarten Puppy Training – The class is for puppies aged 2 ½ months to 6 months old. We will work on leash walking and the come, sit and down commands. Your puppy will also develop social skills and confidence. Learn how to praise and correct your puppy appropriately. Start a great relationship with your pup! We will address problems like chewing, housebreaking and crate training. You will need a six-foot leash and we will discuss leashes and collars in the first class. **First class is held without dogs and is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor.** Please bring a copy of your puppy's current vaccinations to the first class. Maximum of 12 students per class. Fee \$100 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Seven weeks, Thursdays June 15-July 27 from 6-7 p.m. **Program #265001B**

Basic Dog Obedience – The class will cover basic commands for the family dog. Commands include sit, down, stay, heel, come and stand. You will learn how to correct bad habits such as jumping up and pulling on the leash. Learn how to praise, correct and discipline your dog appropriately. Dogs should be at least 6 months old. You will need a six-foot leash and we will discuss leashes and collars in the first class. **First class is held without dogs and is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor.** A copy of your dog's current vaccinations, including Bordetella, should be given to the instructor at the first class. Maximum of 12 students per class. Fee \$100 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Seven weeks, Tuesdays June 13-August 1 (no class on July 4) from 6-7 p.m. **Program #265001A**



PERSONAL EUPHORIA SUMMER VIRTUAL CLASSES

Classes will be held virtually through Zoom. A link will be emailed to you once you register for the class. All participants are required to complete Personal Euphoria's Electronic Waiver - www.personaleuphoria.com. Anyone who does not complete the waiver may result in a \$150 fee. If you experience technical issues, please contact Personal Euphoria's IT Department at (860)-266-6885 ext. 9950 (Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m.-8p.m.). The Parks & Recreation will provide a make-up code for each session to send out to participants. When participants register for one or more classes with Personal Euphoria they get two free on-demand workouts. You can use them if you miss a class or for an extra workout. They will be good until the end of the session you are enrolled in.

Pilates - Exercises focus on the core muscles which include the abs, back, glutes and shoulders. We work to create balance and strength in your trunk and loose, limber limbs. Please have a mat, water, a green (or medium weight) flex band, and a 7.5-9 inch stability ball. The fee for residents is \$45 and \$55 for non-residents. **Program #232001B**

15 minute HIIT – You're in you're out. Short on time? This is the workout for you. Backed by research that shows short bouts of intense exercise can be as effective as longer more moderate workouts, this class makes it easy to fit exercise in your schedule. This class will have a short warm up and cool down, and in-between we will be working intensely with fun, full body moves. Modifications will be given so that you can work at the right pace for you. Plan to leave feeling energized. Pairs great with Cardio Strength. The fee for residents is \$23 and \$33 for non-residents.

Program #232001F

Core Strength - This functionally, fun class provides a complete workout that will help tone and reshape your body. You will use light weights, bands and your own body weight to improve strength, flexibility, balance and stamina to sculpt and tone. Have a yoga mat, water, and light weights. The fee for residents is \$45 and \$55 for non-residents.

Program #232001A

Day	Dates	Class	Time	Instructor
Tuesday	July 11-August 15	Pilates	6-6:45 p.m.	Rob
Wednesday	July 12-August 16	15 minute HIIT	8-8:15 a.m.	Maggie
Thursday	July 13-August 17	Core Strength	6-6:45 p.m.	Rob

SUMMER FUN at THE CREEK – All weeks are currently full, including waitlists. If you are applying for a campership, please contact the office to reserve your week(s) and turn in your paperwork to the Social Services Department, spots are limited. Any open spots will be available starting June 1 at 7 a.m.

JR. COUNSELORS – The Parks and Recreation Summer Fun program, held at The Creek (Pistol Creek), is accepting applications, starting May 8, for Berlin residents who are between 13-15 years old by June 20, 2023 who would like to assist program supervisors as a Jr. Counselor. All previous Jr. Counselors must reapply, if you are still interested. **A limited number of Jr. 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 4. All applicants will be interviewed. Deadline to apply is **Friday, May 19**. Once accepted, you will be told which weeks you get and we will register you for those weeks, and you can log into your household and pay the fees. **The fee is \$90 per week - fee includes field trips/special events.** Jr. Counselors can also register for before and after care - \$45 per week and \$36 for the weeks of June 20 and July 3.