

CAMP FAQs



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

RecPlex

WHAT CAMPS DO YOU OFFER?

We offer many camps to suit varying ages, interests, and budgets.

TRADITIONAL CAMPS: Full day camp for ages 5–15-year-olds. Camps are divided by age. Age-appropriate activities are provided for each camp. Throughout the week, depending on the age, campers might swim, kayak, fish, use the climbing wall, learn archery, participate in STEAM activities and more. During kayaking activities, life jackets must be worn at all times and a lifeguard will be on site. Sunrise Play, Woodland Play, and Caravan meet at RecPlex WEST. Backwoods and Backwoods & Beyond meet at RecPlex EAST. 5-year-olds must have completed a year of kindergarten. Sun and Fun Camp is held at our offsite Centerville School Location and stays on site all day. The camp is designed for ages 6-12 years of age.

- **Sunrise Play:** This special half day camp is designed for ages 3-6 years. All campers must be potty trained by the first day of camp. Mornings begin at 9a and are filled with songs, stories, crafts, and games. Plus, the group will explore Countryside Park and Butterfly playground. A 30-minutes swim time will be offered in our recreational pool 11:30-Noon on Tuesdays and Thursday. Children should wear their swimsuit under their clothes and bring a towel. Children must be fully potty trained to attend this camp. It is recommended to bring a change of clothes each day of camp.

All Woodland Play groups will be together for pool time, field trips and Fun Friday. All campers are dropped off and picked up at Rec Plex West. Camps run 9a-4p.

- **Woodland Play Red:** This camp is designed for our campers ages 5-7 and has few transitions. Campers must have completed one year of kindergarten and be fully potty trained. During the week they will have an opportunity to play games, make arts and crafts, swim and watch an age-appropriate movie on the big screen. This group travels on Wednesday.
- **Woodland Play Blue:** This camp is designed for our 7 and 8-year-olds. Campers will gather into their groups to begin rotating to the various scheduled daily activities. During the week they will have an opportunity to play games, make arts and crafts, use the climbing wall, fish, kayak, and swim. This group travels on Wednesday.
- **Woodland Play Gold:** This camp is designed for our 8 and 9-year-olds who are getting more independent. Campers will play games until everyone arrives; at which time they will gather into their groups to begin rotating to various scheduled activities. During the week they will have an opportunity to play games, make arts and crafts, use the climbing wall, fish, kayak, swim. and play Archery tag. This group travels on Wednesdays.

Backwoods and Backwoods & Beyond are for our older campers offering more independence in choosing certain activities. Campers will be together for pool time and Fun Friday. Drop off and pick up is at RecPlex East. Camps run 9a-4p.

- **Backwoods:** Campers ages 9-11 years will play games until everyone arrives; at which time they will gather into their groups to begin rotating to the various scheduled daily activities. During the week they will have an opportunity to kayak, fish, climb the wall, play games, participate in STEM activities, archery, and swim. This group travels on Tuesdays.
- **Backwoods & Beyond:** Campers ages 11-13 will gather into their groups to begin rotating to the various scheduled daily activities. During the week they will have an opportunity to kayak, fish, climb the wall, play games, participate in STEM activities, and swim. They will also learn archery and go on TWO field trips. This group travels twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CARAVAN CAMP: Caravan is for our older campers ages 12-14. This group of 13 teens and 2 counselors travel to a different location most days. Campers will also enjoy the benefits of the RecPlex, climbing wall, kayaking, and archery as well as playing outdoors and swimming in our pool. Camp runs 9a-4p.

SUN AND FUN: Campers ages 6-12 can participate in ½ day (AM: 9a-noon/PM: Noon-3p) or full day camp (9a-3p). STEAM activities, water activities, gym games, team building activities and lots of outdoor play are in store for these campers. This is a great addition to campers in sport camp or art camp ½ day options. All activities are held at our off-site location. Campers participating in sports or specialty camps will be escorted by staff at the appropriate time to Sun & Fun. This camp does not travel, and extended care is not available.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) PROGRAM: Our Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program is a hands-on training experience that gives teen campers ages 13-15 valuable insight into the role of a camp counselor. Under the guidance of a camp leader and a camp counselor, CITs will develop decision-making and problem-solving skills by assisting with daily activities and camper care. Program runs 9a-4p.

Requirements

- ✓ Applicants must be at least 13 years old at the start of their CIT session.
- ✓ Participation in the CIT program is by selection. Teen contacts CIT Coordinator and submits a 500-word essay on why they want to be a CIT by May 15. If approved, parent/guardian completes the online camper application and pays the camper registration fee. CIT and Parent sign contract Volunteer hours will be given to CIT at the completion of the program.
- ✓ Applicants who complete Trailblazers Camp, will receive ½ off each week of CIT camp they attend.
- ✓ Applicants must possess a genuine interest in recreational youth development and in working with campers ages 3-9 and willing to commit the required energy, enthusiasm, and positive attitude to all aspects of the camp week. CITs will participate in all camp activities and field trips.

- ✓ CITs will be assigned camp programs either a position with Sunrise Play (ages 3-6) or Woodland Play (5-9). They can also be assigned to help with morning and evening Extended Care if requested at no charge.

SPECIALITY CAMPS: Specialty Camps feature fully immersive program experience and are held at our offsite location at Cline Elementary. Each day campers live and experience the adventures, challenges, and moments of the theme of the week. These camps do not travel. Extended care is not offered to these camps. For a complete list of our specialty camps please see our Explore Guide. Camps run 9a to 3p and some offer half day options. Monday through Friday.

EXTREME CAMPS: Mixing travel, themes, limited availability, and extreme level fun all week long, these elevated specialty camps don't hold back. This one-of-a-kind experience based on imagination, creativity, and shared interests takes camp to the EXTREME. Campers will travel three times a week in a township van. For a complete list of our Extreme Camps, please visit our Explore Guide. Camps run 9a-4p Monday through Friday.

THEATRE CAMP: Hit the stage this summer! Each week we will offer a different skill needed to be a part of the theatre. Whether you want to learn what happens backstage or what happens on stage we have a camp for you. Campers ages 5-15 will develop life skills such as public speaking, collaboration, and communication through stage skills. The weekly schedule for all the theatre camps includes instructional classes from 12:30p-3:30p Monday-Friday at Town Hall Theatre.

SKYHAWKS SPORTS CAMP: A variety of sports camps for varying ages are offered through Skyhawks Sports at Cline Elementary School. Half day and full day options are available. If you are looking for a full day camp, make sure to check out AM or PM Sun and Fun Camp.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD DO AT CAMP?

Each camp is unique and will have its own adventures planned. But be assured your camper will be busy all day, every day. A schedule will be emailed prior to your child's week at camp. This email will be sent to the email address on file no later than Friday at 3p for the week ahead.

MY CHILD DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM.

Full-day, on-site RecPlex camps will be swimming this summer during camp. Swim tests will determine the areas of the pool campers can use. Each camper will be wrist banded with the appropriate color designating the area they are permitted to swim in. For campers who prefer not to swim, they can sit out and enjoy a book, play cards or other quiet activity on the pool deck with others, supervised by our camp counselors.

DO YOU HAVE A CAMP FOR PRESCHOOLERS?

Yes, Sunrise Play is for children ages 3-6 years old. This camp meet ½ day Monday through Friday. Children will meet in the indoor play space at Rec WEST and enjoy crafts, games, songs and outdoor adventures in Countryside Park and swim twice a week in our recreation pool. All campers must be potty trained by the first day of camp. This camp does not go on field trips and has few transitions.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO CAMP?

Please make sure camper's name is clearly marked on all items. Washington Township RecPlex is **not** responsible for any lost or stolen items.

- Backpack
- Packed lunch for full day camp (an insulated bag with an ice pack is recommended)
- Snacks (for all camps, especially if your child is attending AM and/or PM care. Kids get hungry.)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen, bug spray
- An extra change of clothes
- A positive attitude

Swim Days Only

- Swim gear &, towel. Optional: flip flops/water shoes, goggles

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD NOT TO BRING TO CAMP?

- Cell phones (campers will be required to leave cell phones in camp bag or book bag until the end of the day)
- Electronic devices or games.
- Toys, playing cards, Pokémon cards, and other personal belongings unless otherwise noted.
- Money. Children will not be permitted to buy snacks or souvenirs on field trips.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO CAMP?

- Comfortable, casual clothing (loose shirts and shorts), that can get dirty.
- Closed-toe shoes; we recommend athletic shoes with socks; no clogs or any shoes with a heel, flip flops (at the pool only) or sandals.

HOW LONG ARE THE CAMPS?

- Each camp is one weeklong Monday through Friday 9a – 4p with these exceptions:

- Sunrise Play (3–6-year-olds) 9a – 12p
- All Camps at the off-site location at the Centerville City School: Sun and Fun 9a.--3p. Half Day options are available as well from 9-12p and 12-3p.

DO YOU OFFER EXTENDED CARE?

- Extended Care is offered for most camps except for those held at off-site locations (Centerville City Schools and Town Hall Theatre) and Sunrise Play at RecPlex WEST.
- Extended care is offered as follows:
- AM Extended Care: 7:30 – 9a, \$20 per child per week.
- PM Extended: 4–6p, \$25 per child per week

WHAT IS THE ADULT TO YOUTH RATIO REQUIREMENT?

For our youngest campers, we exceed a one adult to six (6) camper ratio. For ages 6-9 years, we exceed the one adult to eight (8) camper ratio and for our campers ages 9-12 years old we exceed one adult to 10 campers.

WHERE DO I DROP OFF AND PICK UP MY CHILD?

Each location will have a designated area for drop off and pick up from camp. Specific location for drop off and pick up will be emailed prior to your first day of camp. Signage will also be posted outside the entrances. You must come into the facility and check your camper in/out each day.

WHY MUST I SHOW A VALID PHOTO ID AT PICK UP?

Authorized adults need to sign children out when picking them up from camp and provide a driver's license or valid photo ID. The only adults authorized to pick up a child are those adults listed on the child's medical form. This sign-in/sign-out process is for the safety and accountability of your child.

WILL MY CHILD GO ON A FIELD TRIP?

Camps located at RecPlex EAST and WEST will travel to local destinations on field trips, except Sunrise Play. All travel schedules are tentative. While our intention is to follow the printed schedule, some changes may occur due to inclement weather or site difficulties. No refunds will be given for location or field trip changes within the weekly schedule. Woodland Play, Backwoods and Backwoods & Beyond campers will be transported by a Centerville School Bus and bus driver to their designated field trips. Camp Caravan and EXTREME Camps will utilize a 15-passenger Washington Township van driven by our trained Camp Director.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A MEDICAL FORM?

Prior to the first day of camp, parents/guardians need to complete a "Health Profile Form" with parent/guardian original signature. This must be completed before your child(ren) can attend camp. We have partnered with ePACT. For the success of your child, the more information you can provide on the form the better. You will receive an invite to complete a health profile for your child through ePACT on April 1 or 48 hours after registration if registering after April 1. Due to our new partnership with ePACT, everyone must complete a new health profile per child for Camp in 2023.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GETS SICK AT CAMP?

If a camper gets sick at camp, we have identified an area where they can rest, be watched after, and safely isolate from others. We will communicate with parents/guardians or authorized adults directly and, if necessary, arrange for the child to be taken to a healthcare facility for care.

We ask that you help us protect the health of campers and staff this summer. Any camper who is sick or was sick within 24 of attending camp should not come to camp. Thank you for your cooperation.

WHOM DO I CALL IF I NEED TO SPEAK TO A STAFF MEMBER WHILE MY CHILD IS AT CAMP?

Each camp has a cell phone to be used in case of emergencies and carried by the camp director. You will receive the number prior to camp. If you get the voice mail, please leave a message with the following information:

- ✓ Your name
- ✓ Camper's name
- ✓ Your phone number
- ✓ Camp your child is attending.
- ✓ Brief message

PLEASE NOTE: Phone calls will be return as soon as possible. However, calls received after 6:30 p.m. will not be returned until 9 a.m. the next morning Monday through Friday only.