

Worcester County Recreation & Parks

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks Summer Camp, 'Camp Coast'! We are excited to have your child join us for a fun filled summer!

Our goal is to provide a balanced day of sports and activities geared towards fun, socialization, and learning. Our hope is that your child will make new friends in a fun, safe environment they look forward to returning to each day.

Please carefully review all the information in this packet and review our behavioral policies with your child. We will also review these each week of camp.

We recognize the summer season is a fun time for your child and we want to support them in engaging in sports and recreational activities, but we want to do so in a way that will keep them safe.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We are looking forward to a great summer!

Sincerely,

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Camp Coast Options & Pricing

Camp Cost:

Camp Cost Per Week (9:00 am - 4:00 pm): \$135.00 per week

Extended Camp Cost Per Week (7:30 am - 9:00 am & 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm): \$25 additional per

week

Field Trips: \$15 additional for the week of the Field Trip (Weeks 1, 4, & 7)

Deposits:

\$15 Deposit must be paid per participant, per week to reserve your child's spot in that week of camp. The deposit will be deducted from your total balance due. Deposits are nonrefundable. If notice is given a week prior to camp (Monday before), the deposit will be credited to another week of camp, if not already filled.

Full payment is due the Friday morning prior to the week of camp! Checks can be made payable to Worcester County. Camp Space is <u>limited</u> and will fill up!

Financial Aid:

Financial Aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need. To receive financial assistance, parents must come into the Recreation Center to submit proof of eligibility documents. Any special financial aid requests should be submitted to Recreation Superintendent, Ben Kirk - bkirk@co.worcester.md.us.

All payments and financial aid documents must be received before the program begins.

Week	Dates	Camp Details
1*	June 23-27, 2025	Connect and Conquer & Olympic Sports
2	June 30-July 3, 2025	Team Challenge & Recreation Sports
3	July 7-11, 2025	Arena Sports & Recreation Sports
4*	July 14-18, 2025	Recreation Sports & Brainiac Games
5	July 21-25, 2025	Field Day Sports & Arena Sports
6	July 28-August 1, 2025	Worldwide Sports & Outdoor Sports
7*	August 4-8, 2025	Fitness & Fun & Sport Combo
8	August 11-15, 2025	Racquet Camp & Field Day Sports
9	August 18-22, 2025	Olympic Sports & Best Hits

^{*} Indicates an additional fee for field trip that week.

Field Trips- Flagship Cinemas, Assateague Island, Frontier Town Water Park, Public Landing Waterfront Park, Shad Landing Pool

Camp Coast will be CLOSED on Friday, July 4th

Camp Coast Descriptions

Connect & Conquer-Week 1

Campers will work together to build relationships through collaborative activities and team building overcoming challenges together while making friends and creating bonds with new friends.

Olympic Sports - Weeks 1, 9

Campers will experience the thrill of various athletic events that influence a spirit of determination and teamwork. It's a great way for them to discover different sports, set personal goals, and celebrate achievements with friends!

Team Challenges - Week 2

Get to know your fellow campers and camp staff with a week of team challenges and icebreakers. Challenge yourself to speak up and have fun while racking up some wins for your team.

Recreation Sports - Weeks 2, 3, 4

This camp will feature of variety of games such as capture the flag, dodgeball, handball and movement games. Emphasis will be placed on participation, cooperative play, teamwork, and the values associated with good sportsmanship.

Arena Sports - Week 3, 5

Come learn basic skills and compete in a variety of indoor sports. We will be playing soccer, kickball, baseball, and many more fun sport-related games. Come ready to engage in physical activity and have a lot of fun!

Brainiac Games - Week 4

Get ready for a week of activities anywhere from making bottle rockets to esports. We will be playing and participating in a lot of activities/challenges that will keep your brain thinking.

Field Day Sports - Week 5, 8

Campers participating in this camp will have a blast competing in various sports and games. As they cheer on their group in friendly competition, campers will be sure to have a blast!

Outdoor Sports - Week 6

Enjoy the great outdoors through sports. Soak up the sun and play a variety of activities such as frisbee golf, kickball.

Worldwide Sports - Week 6

Sports bring people from different languages and cultures together from all around the world. Come learn skills of some of those sports and compete in these games played all around the globe. Some examples include soccer, baseball, and floor hockey. All skill levels welcome.

Sports Combo - Week 7

Can't decide which sport you love? Participants will play a variety of sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball and flag football. Get a chance to enjoy the multitude of sports and find out which one is your favorite.

Fitness & Fun - Week 7

Kids in the "Fitness & Fun" camp will enjoy a blend of exciting physical activities and games. Promoting healthy habits and teamwork will be the focus for every camper in a fun and enjoyable way!

Racquet Sports - Week 8

Tennis, badminton, ping-pong, pickleball, and more! Enjoy learning and playing a variety of racquet sports this week.

Best Hits - Week 9

Combining all the greatest activities from the whole summer, the campers will play all their favorite games in this final week of camp. Let's end Camp Coast with a week-long celebration before we say goodbye to Summer 2025!

Policies & Procedures

In Person Registration

Registration forms can be picked up at the Worcester County Recreation Center (WCRC) or downloaded from our website, PlayMarylandsCoast.org

To register for camp, you can bring in your registration form to the WCRC or mail it in. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. Please make checks payable to Worcester County.

Online Registration

We offer online registration! Parents/guardians may go online to make deposits (\$15 per child/per week) and pay your weekly balances. Visit PlayMarylandsCoast.org and click on the **REGISTER HERE** link. If camps are full, you will be able to add yourself to the waitlist.

Financial Information

<u>Deposits</u>

A \$15 deposit must be paid per participant, each week to reserve their spot in that week of camp. The \$15 deposit will be deducted from your total balance due. Deposits are <u>nonrefundable</u>. If notice is given a week prior to camp (Monday before) the deposit will be credited to another week of camp, if not already filled.

<u>Limited Space</u>

Camp space is limited and will fill up. Your deposit will reserve your spot in that week of camp. Registration is taken on a first come, first serve basis. WCRP operates on a waitlist priority after camp fills up.

Payments

Payments for camp are due the Friday morning prior to the upcoming week's camp. If your payment is not received by Friday at 9am, we will contact the next camper on the waitlist as a replacement.

If you have questions about WCRP's financial policy or procedure, please contact our **Recreation Superintendent, Ben Kirk**, prior to that week of camp.

410-632-2144 x 2520.



Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available to those who show a demonstrated need. Proof of eligibility is required. All payments and financial aid documentation must be received before the program begins. Additional financial requests can be submitted to Ben Kirk -

Camp fees are assessed weekly. We do not prorate or offer single or partial day options.

The full weekly amount is due, regardless of actual attendance.

Check-In & Check-Out

Schedule

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks (WCRP) will provide 9 weeks of summer camp beginning the week of June 23 and ending the week of August 22.

Extended Care Drop-off 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Morning Camp 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Afternoon Camp** 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Extended Care Pick-up 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sign-In & Sign-Out Procedures

Campers must be signed in and signed out by a parent/legal guardian listed on the child's registration form. If an individual not listed on one of the forms is picking up a child (carpooling, going with a friend, etc.) the parent/legal guardian must complete a Parent Pick-up Consent Form prior to the designated person picking up the child.

If your child is ill, running a fever, and/or suspected to be contagious, please DO NOT bring him/her to camp. If your child is at camp and becomes sick, has a fever, etc., we will call their legal guardian and expect them to be picked up promptly.

You must notify us if your child will be absent from camp that week.

Check-In

A camp staff member will be in the lobby of the main entrance to the Recreation Center. Once checked-in, campers can go inside to the designated area. Remember that your child will stay with the same group for the remainder of the week unless approved by camp director.

Parents are required to walk their child(ren) to the check in table. Please do not drop off your child and leave before they are checked in.

If a child is being dropped off after the start of camp activities, report to the front desk at the Recreation Center to find out where their child's group is.

Weekly Groups

Each week, campers will be assigned to ageappropriate groups. Group assignments are listed at the sign in table.

Check-Out

Enter through the main entrance of the building and sign-out at the camp coast table. From there, follow the signs to your child's Group Station. A parent/guardian must sign their child out with the Camp Monitor.



General Information

What to Bring to Camp

- Comfortable clothes
- Close-toed shoes
- Snacks, Drinks & Lunch
- Reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen

What to Leave at Home

- Valuable items
- Money
- Electronic Devices
- Toys/Trading Cards

Food & Snacks

Campers should pack morning and afternoon snacks. They will have access to water during the day.

Campers should pack a cold lunch. A microwave WILL NOT be available. Campers will have a one-hour lunch break during the middle of the day.



Medication

Campers that need to take prescription medication during the day must notify the Program Manager on the first day of camp. The Parent/Legal Guardian must supply a doctor's note indicating when the medication should be taken and how much.

Staff will not administer prescription medication, but staff members can assist campers by storing prescription medication in a safe place and reminding campers to take their prescription medication at the proper time each day.

All prescription medication MUST be in the original packaging from the pharmacist.

Dress Code

Campers should dress in cool, comfortable play clothing that can get dirty. Campers must wear closed toe and closed back shoes at camp, no flip flops, sandals or crocs can be worn at camp. If a child does not have closed-toed shoes they will not be able to participate in camp activities that day and guardians will be called to bring acceptable footwear. If your child chooses to wear cleats (Outdoor Sports), please make sure that they have an extra pair of sneakers with them for indoor use.

- Tops must cover the stomach, shoulders, and back
- Clothing that promotes alcohol, drugs, or immoral behavior is not permitted
- Campers should not bring sheer or revealing clothing, strapless dresses, or skirts shorter than fingertip length

Sunscreen

Campers are encouraged to apply sunscreen before their arrival to camp and to bring extra to camp; we do not supply sunscreen to any camper. Activities will be taking place both inside and outside during most camps. WCRP Staff Members are not allowed to apply sunscreen to any camper, so it is encouraged that you teach your child how to apply sunscreen properly. The staff will supervise and provide times for campers to apply sunscreen before/during outdoor activities.

Toys

Toys should not be brought to camp. Toys can be lost or broken and can often lead to arguments between campers.

Accommodation

Camp Coast staff is not equipped to handle specific needs that require one on one attention, such as severe behavior issues or complex medical conditions.

Campers are placed into ageappropriate groups with a 1:8 ratio of staff to camper.

Phones/Electronic Devices

Cell Phones and all electronic devices are prohibited from being used during the Summer Camp program.

If a child brings a cell phone or electronic device to camp, we will ask that they be silenced and stored with their belongings.

If a cell phone or device is brought out by a child, it will be removed from their possession and placed in the WCRP safe at the Front Desk. It will be returned to the parents at the end of the day when they are picked up. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. If you, as a parent/legal guardian, need to contact your child during the day, please call the WCRP on 410-632-2144.

Water Bottles

Campers should bring their own refillable water bottle to camp every day. Please have these labeled with your child's name.

Sportsmanship Award

Each week Sportsmanship awards will be presented to campers that exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship. Every Friday we will award three campers, one from each group, during our Kona Ice snack time! The award winner is chosen by Camp Coast Staff at the end of each week.

We try to make this a very big deal, so please encourage your child to be a good sport, review with them what makes a good sport, and please congratulate them if they win that week's award.

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W - Willing to Participate
C - Courteous to Others
R - Respect your Environment
P - Play Fair

Conduct Expectations

- 1. Be respectful of others
- 2. Listen to Camp Staff -- there will be plenty of time to play/have fun. When STAFF is speaking, you should be listening.
- 3. WHISTLE RULE when you hear the whistle signal, STOP what you are doing, put down all equipment, and listen for instructions.
- 4. Participate in all activities -- we ask that all campers try to participate in each activity that is presented to them by their coaches.
- 5. Have fun!

Sportsmanship Award Criteria

- Treats everyone with integrity, fairness and honesty.
- Congratulates other participants for efforts and excellent performances.
- Shakes hands wherever it fits into a sport culture.
- Helps up other participants who have fallen or been hurt.
- Thanks instructor for their effort and work.
- Does not condone fighting or violence of any kind.
- Does not use profanity or other disrespectful language or gestures.
- Avoids taunting and trash talking.
- Avoids disrespectful, "in your face" celebrations.
- Keeps facilities clean.
- Continuously displays respect for themselves and others.
- Gives consistent effort.

Rec. Cash Program

Our Summer Camp has a Recreation Cash—Good Behavior Incentive program. Throughout the day, staff will recognize good behavior (walking in the hallway, being a good sport, helping a friend, cleaning up, etc.) and reward them with rec cash. These good behaviors are things that campers do without being asked.

The Rec Cash can be used to "purchase" different prizes.

Friday Party

Every Friday Kona Ice will be visiting our camp from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. and each child will receive a free snow cone. If you choose for your child not to partake in this, please let a staff member know prior to Friday.



Behavior Issues Policy

All campers are expected to follow basic rules of behavior, including respecting themselves, others, WCRP property, and equipment/materials. Staff members will review our behavior policies with all campers at the start of each week. We will not tolerate disrespectful behavior, bullying, foul language, or violence of any sort.

Disruptive Behavior

In the event that a child's behavior is deemed inappropriate for camp, the following action will occur:

First incident: The child will sit out for 15 minutes and then can request to rejoin the activity.

Second incident: The child will sit out for 30 minutes.

Third incident: The child will sit out the remainder of camp that day. (Parents will be notified immediately.)

* The parent will be notified of their child's inappropriate behavior upon pickup at the conclusion of camp on the day of the inappropriate behavior. If a child has a reoccurring theme of inappropriate behavior, then they will be considered for dismissal from the program.

Pushing/Shoving

In the event that a child should push or shove a staff member or another participant intentionally, the following steps will be taken:

First incident: The child will sit out of that activity during that camp.

Second incident: The child will sit out the remainder of that camp that day. (Parent will be notified immediately.)

Third incident: The child will be **suspended** from the Summer Camp Program that day and the parents will be contacted for immediate pick-up arrangements.

* If this behavior continues after the child returns, the child would be permanently dismissed from the program.

Striking/Hitting

In the event that a child should strike a staff member or another participant intentionally, the following steps will be taken:

First incident: The child will sit out of the activity for the remainder of the day. The parents/legal guardian will be contacted for pick-up arrangements and the child will also be **suspended** from the Summer Camp Program for **one day** after the day of the incident.

Second incident: The child will sit out of the activity for the remainder of the day. The parents/legal guardian will be contacted for immediate pick-up arrangements and the child will also be suspended from the Summer Camp Program for the remainder of the week.

Third incident: The child will sit out of the activity for the remainder of the day. The parents/legal guardian will be contacted for pick-up arrangements and the child will be **permanently dismissed** from participating in the remainder of our Summer Camp Programs.