



SUMMER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER #1

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Dear Parents, welcome to the Conway Parks and Recreation Department's 2025 Summer Program! It has finally arrived and we are ready for another great summer. This is the first of many weekly newsletters that will contain schedules, updates, policies & procedures along with any information that will make your child's summer experience first rate!!! In the next few pages we will cover drop-off and pick-up procedures as they have changed slightly this summer. Then we will discuss trip sign-up policies. Day to day camp expectations and any other information for making things run smoothly. The first week of camp we will be onsite all five days here at the Rec. Field trips will start in week number two and continue right up to the last week of camp. Each week you will get the field trip information for the upcoming week and registration for each trip begins the Friday before. Information for the summer program can also be found on our website at (www.conwaynhrec.gov). Should you have any further questions you can always call us here at the Rec. at (603) 901-1139. We look forward to your child attending and giving the experience of a lifetime!!!!!!



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Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures.

This summer, due to on campus construction, drop-off will be a little different. You will now enter at the Mountainside/SAU 9 office entrance and proceed by the elementary school and loop around the propane tanks at the end of the parking lot. Mike and Todd will do daily check in at the Football Tower area each day. Once checked in you will proceed to the side entrance to drop your child off. (Same spot as last year). Please be aware that this is still a two way road and cars will be entering as well. **We recommend, if at all possible, that your child or children exit your car on the passenger side next to the sidewalk!!!** Obviously, to try and keep the entering lane clear.

Pick-up will be the same as last year, you will proceed out behind the Mountainside school where you will meet a staff member who will call for your child. Please stop and ask for your child so that we may learn names and faces of whom is getting picked up. Then you continue along the playground fence down to where your child will be dismissed off the playground. Please stay in your vehicle so that we can expedite this process. Our staff will be more than happy to help your child into the car. You will then circle the parking lot and exit at the same spot where you dropped off.

During week one we will be handing out the camp t-shirts at dismissal. Once you have your child, you will continue around the back parking lot to where you will meet Todd and receive your child's camp shirt. Remember, you will be given the size shirt you ordered on your registration form. Once your child has their shirt you can by-pass this stop for the rest of the week.

Please make every attempt to pick-up your child during the dismissal time slot. We do understand that there will be exceptions such as appointments etc. If you pick up prior to dismissal time, please contact the office. This should be done at least fifteen minutes prior to when you are picking up your child. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

On trip days, we will post the time of return on our social media pages. If you arrive before the trip has returned, please park in the lot and once the bus has returned. Please stay in your car, and we will bring your child to you.

As it happens every year, our lost and found pile grows by the day. After the first week we may spread those items out in the parking lot so please take a look after you have picked up your child. **Please label everything they bring to camp. Shirts, towels, lunch boxes, and especially water bottles and sun screen bottles.**

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with these procedures.

Trip Registrations

Each week in the newsletter we will post the destination, cost and departure time of the next week's upcoming trips. Sign-ups begin the Friday before and you must register online. Some of our trips are number sensitive so we will not take sign-ups on the day of the trips. There are different payment options, but registration is the first and most important part of this process. You may only register a week in advance for a trip, we do not accept a blanket registration for the summer. Please make sure you register for the correct trip, with the correct POD color your child is in.

Also on trip day, please note the departure time of the trip, we will not wait as our arrival at each trip location is time sensitive. Your child must wear their camp t-shirt (2025 version). This is for their safety and this is not an option. Your child's shirt remains on the camper at all time on the trips, even in the water so that we may find them at a moments notice. No shirt, no trip. We do not have extras for sale or for rent on a trip. Again, this is for your child's safety and we will hold firm on this policy!!!

Make sure your child has all the necessary items for each particular trip; swimsuit, sun screen, and towel for water trips. Also an extra dry shirt for the ride home.

Home lunch or money for lunch on every trip. Labeled lunch boxes and water bottles.

The amount of money a child should bring is up to you, however, keep this in mind. There is no need for money other than the purchase of the child's own lunch. We have a camp policy to avoid gift shops at all parks we attend. So there is no need to send money for that.

When a trip returns to the Rec. Dept. we will dismiss all the campers from the playground.

Please allow the staff to walk your child to you so they are not crossing the pick-up line of cars without supervision. We thank you in advance for this help.

If your child has any issues with car or motion sickness, please give us a heads up so that we may have them sit in the front of the bus to help ease this issue. In the event we go to a water park please let us know if your child is not a strong swimmer. We will make sure that they have a float device from either the park itself or one we bring from the Rec. Dept. We ask that you communicate anything that can help make their experience better.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 TRIP SCHEDULE

****Campers will find out which color pod they are in on the first day of Camp****

Black, Blue, Silver, Grey *(K-1st)		Teal, Green, Pink, Lavender, Navy *(2nd-4th)	
♦ Tuesday (7/1) Story Land -----	\$35	♦ Wednesday(7/2) Story Land -----	\$35
♦ Tuesday (7/8) Polar Caves & Ice Cream --	\$20	♦ Wednesday(7/9) Aquaboggan -----	\$27
♦ Tuesday (7/15) Maine Wildlife Park -----	\$15	♦ Wednesday(7/16) Rt. Williams -----	\$10
♦ Tuesday (7/22) Clark's Bears -----	\$28	♦ Wednesday (7/23) Fisher Cats-----	\$12
♦ Tuesday (7/29) Ft. Williams-----	\$10	♦ Wednesday (7/30) Ocean-----	\$10
♦ Tuesday (8/5) Storyland-----	\$35	♦ Wednesday (8/6) Aquaboggan-----	\$27

Orange, Purple, Red, Gold *(5th-7th)

♦ Thursday (7/3) Funtown-----	\$36
♦ Thursday (7/10) Aquaboggan -----	\$27
♦ Thursday (7/17) Ocean-----	\$10
♦ Thursday (7/24) Hilltop Fun Center -----	\$30
♦ Thursday (7/31) Portland Sea Dogs -----	\$10
♦ Thursday (8/7) Ocean-----	\$10

Pods are subject to change and may have variation in grade due to size and coverage.



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