

East Greenwich Recreation

Summer Camps 2024

Camper Handbook



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Dear families,

I hope you are excited for a fun-filled Summer with the East Greenwich Recreation Department! With many experienced Camp Counselors returning this Summer, and a FULL week of training the week before camp begins, our Staff will be prepared to provide campers with an amazing and safe Summer Camp experience.

Please check your RecDesk account to ensure that you have filled out the Summer Camp Registration Form for all of your children. This form provides our Staff with important information about your child like allergies, authorized pickups, and emergency contacts. While you are in your account, I would encourage you to also double-check which camp your child(ren) are enrolled in for the upcoming week.

Leading up to each week, our Summer Camp Supervisors will send out a newsletter which will include important camp information for the week ahead such as field trip information, reminders, and weekly activities.

Thank you again for choosing to spend your Summer with us at East Greenwich Recreation. Myself and all of our Camp Staff are excited to get started. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Josh Wolff, CPRP

Youth Recreation Supervisor

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First Day of Camp

What to Bring/Wear

Each day, campers should bring a bagged lunch, 2 snacks, and a re-fillable water bottle. Campers will be able to re-fill their water bottle throughout the day. Sunscreen is strongly encouraged.

Campers should wear comfortable clothes and close-toed shoes. Each camper will receive a t-shirt as part of their enrollment in camp. We ask that your child wear his camp shirt on field trip Fridays, so that Staff can easily spot them.

Every Thursday is Water Day at our Playground Camps. Campers play fun water games throughout the day. Campers who would like to participate should bring a bathing suit, towel, and a change of clothes. Please bring money if your child would like to buy an ice cream from the ice cream truck.

On certain field trip Fridays, campers can bring money to purchase a snack, drink, or collectible. This will be communicated to you via email by your Summer Camp Supervisor along with all other important information about the week ahead.

Drop-off/Pick-up

Drop-off at our Playground Camps is between 9:00am & 9:30am for full-day, and between 11:30am & 12:00pm for half-day. Pick-up is between 4:00pm & 4:30pm. If you need to pick-up your child early, please communicate this with your site's Camp Supervisor.

Eldredge Playground Camp: Please pull into School Lane and pull your car all the way up. School Lane is one-way and can only be accessed from Friendship Street.

Frenchtown Playground Camp: Please pull in and follow the road to the left of the school building. You will pass the preschool playground on your right. After you drop-off/pick-up your child, you will have to turn around at the Soccer Field's parking lot. In the event of rain, we may shift drop-off/pick-up to the front of the school (this will be communicated to you ahead of time).

Hanaford Playground Camp: Please pull into the second drop-off circle and drop-off/pick-up your child at the front of the school.

Specialty Camps @ Cole Middle School: Please park your car and walk your child to their Specialty Camp. Please follow the same procedures for pick-up. Room assignments will be communicated to families the week before your Specialty Camp. Camp Staff will be present in front of the entrance to the school to assist families with room directions.

Please note: For off-site Specialty Camps, drop-off and pick-up procedures will be communicated to you the week before your camp begins.

Enrollment Reminder: If your child is enrolled at multiple Playground campsites throughout the Summer, please double-check your enrollment BEFORE the Monday of each week. If you attempt to drop-off your child at the wrong campsite, you will be turned away by our Camp Staff.

All enrollment change requests should be submitted to Josh @ jwolff@eastgreenwichri.com. Please note: We cannot make changes to your child's enrollment the week of camp.

Authorized Pick-ups

Please bring a photo ID each time you pick-up your child; Camp Staff may ask you for it to confirm your identity. Please advise everyone on your child's authorized pick-up list to do the same.

Please ensure that anyone who picks up your child from camp is on your child's authorized pickup list on the Summer Camp Registration Form. If you are not sure, please login to your RecDesk account and view your child's Summer Camp Registration form. You can also ask Camp Staff at drop-off.

Rosters listing each camper's authorized pickup list are printed out weekly. If you need to add someone to the list mid-week, please ask Camp Staff for a *Change of Information Form*. Please fill it out and return it to the Camp Supervisor.

Contact Info

For non-urgent matters, please email your child's Camp Supervisor. For urgent and/or time-sensitive matters, please call the on-site number.

Eldredge Playground Camp

Camp Supervisor: Mary Ucci

Email: Eldredge.CampSupervisor@eastgreenwichri.com

On-site phone: 401-830-6326

Frenchtown Playground Camp

Camp Supervisor: Amy Benson

Email: Frenchtown.CampSupervisor@eastgreenwichri.com

On-site phone: 401-588-9757

Hanaford Playground Camp

Camp Supervisor: Marcus Morse

Email: Hanaford.CampSupervisor@eastgreenwichri.com

On-site phone: 401-441-0022

Camp Policies

Bullying/Teasing

The Town of East Greenwich and the East Greenwich Recreation Department have a zero tolerance policy regarding bullying.

Physical Forms of Bullying include: hitting, kicking, pushing, or any use of violence.

Social/Emotional Forms of Bullying include: slurs, demeaning comments or jokes, drawings/notes, gestures, threats, taunting, name-calling, spreading rumors, or when a camper or group of campers organize a campaign of shunning against another camper.

Campers are strongly encouraged to speak up if they see or are a victim of bullying. All reports of bullying will be investigated by the Camp Supervisor and Recreation Supervisor. After the investigation, the parents/guardians of all parties will be notified, and disciplinary action may be taken. Possible discipline will be based on the severity of the incident and may include warnings, suspension from camp, and/or expulsion from camp.

The Recreation Department places a strong emphasis on social/emotional learning and giving children the opportunity to learn from their mistakes. Follow-up discussions with the camper will focus on the importance of empathy and being kind to one another.

Fighting

This is a “No Contact” camp. All campers and staff must keep their hands and bodies to themselves at all times. No grabbing, pushing, hitting, kicking, pinching, or biting will be tolerated.

Parents will be notified immediately if their child is fighting at camp. If a camper is repeatedly putting his hands on other campers, the camper will face disciplinary action that may include being picked up early, suspension from camp, and/or expulsion from camp. If a camper poses a safety concern to the other campers or staff, the East Greenwich Recreation Department reserves the right to remove the camper from camp.

Inappropriate Language

All campers are expected to use appropriate language when attending camp. Inappropriate language includes swearing, sexual comments/jokes, toilet humor/jokes, and name-calling. Continued use of inappropriate language may result in disciplinary action.

Cell Phones

Please leave cell phones at home. In the event that your child needs to get a hold of you during the camp day, he/she should notify a Camp Staff person who will call you. If you need to get a hold of your child during the camp day, please call the camp’s on-site phone number.

It is OK to wear a smart watch to camp; however, if the camper is seen making phone calls or sending text messages, we will kindly request that the camper leaves his/her smart watch at home going forward.

The Town of East Greenwich is not responsible for any lost or stolen items that are brought to camp.

Illness

If your child is feeling ill, we encourage you to keep him home to get better. You are welcome to notify your Camp Supervisor, but this is not required. If your child is showing symptoms of a respiratory illness (such as COVID-19), stay home and away from others. You can return to camp when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:

- Your symptoms are getting better overall, **AND**
- You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication).

When you go back to camp, we kindly ask that you wear a mask at work and practice physical distancing.

Allergies

We kindly ask that you include all of your child's allergy information in the Summer Camp Registration Form, so our staff knows the allergy(s), the symptoms, and if your child carries medication. Each week, an Allergy List is created that Camp Staff keep with them at all times.

For food allergies, our policy is to seat all campers with a food allergy at a separate table during lunch and snack time to ensure that they are not exposed to their allergen.

Medications

If your child requires an EPI Pen or inhaler, the storage and administration of this medication is the sole responsibility of the child. Campers are strongly encouraged to wear a fanny pack for easy access. In the event of an emergency, all Camp Supervisors have been trained in medication administration and have been advised to assist the camper with their medication. Please note: The Town of East Greenwich and its staff are not liable for any losses, cost, or risk involved in the administering of medication.

For minor medication requests such as medication reminders, please submit a request to the Rec Office at least 7 days before your child's first day of camp. We

will let you know 3-5 days after your request submission if we are able to accommodate the request.