



DAY CAMP!!

Every child matters to us!



THE COLCHESTER DAY CAMP DIFFERENCE 2013

Summer just wouldn't be the same without the excitement and adventure of Colchester Parks & Recreation's Day Camp, Colchester's ultimate summer program where every day we're "making memories that last a lifetime." We are excited to meet all our new friends and provide exceptional experiences which will transform them into Super Campers! Welcome back to our returning Super Campers ~ We missed you!

Great News! In response to the many requests we have received from 6th graders, Day Camp once again includes kids entering grades 1 – 7 in Fall 2013. Welcome Back 7th Graders!!

More Great News! Online Registration is NOW available for camp. Go to www.colchesterct.gov/rec to sign up and fill out forms.

Prepare to be dazzled with a dose of the unexpected, a dash of outrageous uniqueness and a splash of our traditional camp favorites. The summer of 2013 will blow you away! Along with all the laughing, playing and new friendships we are proud to continue our focus on positive character values to enrich the beautiful children of our community and the next generation.

Your child's experiences during their time at Colchester Parks & Recreation's Day Camp will help them transition into the next stage of development with confidence. Our Day Camp supports positive physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of our Super Campers! Daily activities are specifically designed to enhance their competence, connections, character, confidence and contribution to our community. Colchester Parks & Recreation Day Camp provides continuous opportunities for Super Campers to experiment in a safe environment and to develop positive social values, engaged in activities that promote self-understanding, self-worth, and a sense of belonging and resiliency. That is Colchester Day Camp Difference!

As you turn the pages in this brochure, we hope you feel the level of energy and commitment we have to making every day of summer 2013 your Super Camper's best day of the summer!

*"There are no such things as strangers,
only friends we haven't met yet."*

THE STAFF

Many of our Super staff return each summer to enrich our camp experience and be a part of the summer magic. It's the connections campers make with the entire camp community that enrich their lives. To provide that opportunity daily, the administrative team hand picks each Super specialist, Super counselor, and Super CIT. Each member of our team brings their energy, knowledge and unique passion along with their goal to make a difference in the life of each camper every day. That is Colchester Day Camp Difference! For eight weeks, the day camp world creates the feeling of a camp family community and the development of this connection remains with campers all year long and throughout their lifetime.

Our day camp administration and counselors are compiled of full-time teachers, college students, and mature high school students with several years of training and experience.

CIT PROGRAM

We invite students entering eight, ninth and tenth grade to apply to be a part of our strong 4-week Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T.) program. There is a fee of \$135 for this unique training experience. Application packets are available on our website at www.colchesterct.gov and in the WJMS & Bacon Academy Guidance Offices. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2013.

STAFF TRAINING

Our Super Camp Counselors are trained to highlight teachable moments and emphasize accomplishments and successes in all campers. All staff are required by state law and OSHA to receive Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control (HEPb/HIV) training. The Colchester Parks and Recreation Department requires all staff to attend mandated extensive Camp orientation seminars, First Aid and CPR, Epi-Pen, safety and security, emergency response, splash pad safety, record keeping, department policies and procedures, customer service, positive youth development, and character building. In addition, there are speakers brought in to train staff in areas such as how to schedule activities, games and leadership, child development and behavior, mandated reporting, and lots of hands on activities such as sports and games, arts and crafts, traditional camp games and songs. We are very committed to maintaining and developing all of our Day Camp super staff.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Day Camp is for children entering grades 1 – 7 in Fall 2013. All registration and forms for Day Camp and the CIT program are online starting Monday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. Register early for the best availability.

Registration for Day Camp and Kindercamp requires a 50% deposit. If prior to the start of camp a participant cancels their registration due to an illness or injury, they will receive a refund or credit for fees paid.

Camp Fees –Prices based on 1 week sessions:

Monday – Friday	\$140 includes trip fee
Extended Care - AM	\$25 per week (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)
Extended Care - PM	\$25 per week (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
One- time administrative fee per child	\$10
(includes a 2013 Colchester Day Camp t-shirt.)	

To find out the most current information on Parks & Recreation programs & special events please visit our website at www.colchesterct.gov/parks.

Please subscribe to our email list for up to the minute notification on rainy day changes and other important information regarding camp and other programs.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!

Early Registration Discount: On or before May 1st 5%
 Additional Sibling Discount: 10% (applied to the 2nd child)
Discounts CAN be combined!

BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SESSION YOUR CAMPER IS REGISTERED FOR.



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WEEKLY REGISTRATION

You MUST register and complete all paperwork for your child by the WEDNESDAY before the week you wish to attend. If we can accommodate a late registration after Wednesday, a \$10 late fee per child will apply. Day Camp staff is not permitted to accept payments. All payments must be made online or in our Town Hall office.

Colchester Day Camp & Kindercamp OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, April 25 from 5 – 7 p.m.
at RecPlex Pavilion.**

Meet the SUPER STAFF and introduce your SUPER CAMPER to the magic of CAMP! (Rain Location: Colchester Town Hall)

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are a limited number of scholarships available to campers in financial need. Applications are confidential and can be obtained at www.colchesterct.gov/youth by contacting Youth/Social Services at 860-537-7255.

CAMP DATES

- Week 1 June 24 – June 28
- Week 2 July 1 – July 5 (**No camp Thursday, July 4th**)
- Week 3 July 8 – July 12
- Week 4 July 15 – July 19
- Week 5 July 22 – July 26
- Week 6 July 29 – August 2
- Week 7 August 5 – August 9
- Week 8 August 12 – August 16 (**No extended Care on the last day of camp**)

CAMP DAILY HOURS

Day camp is held from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Camp is offered in 8 one-week sessions starting June 24th and ending August 16th. **There is no camp Thursday, July 4th and no extended care on the last day of camp, Friday, August 16th.**

NON-RESIDENT POLICY

Non-residents are welcome to participate if space allows at an additional \$20 fee, per-session, per-child.

LOCATION

Camp is held at the Colchester Recreation Complex (RecPlex) located on 215 Old Hebron Road, across from the golf course. The facility offers a variety of amenities to support a general daily activity schedule which includes playscapes, picnic pavilion, tennis & basketball courts, Bocce courts, various ball fields, rest rooms and the very fun water splash pad and skate park!

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

When you arrive at camp you will be asked to sign in and out your child each day. At pick up, have your identification ready to ensure a quick and easy sign out. Take this time to ask your child's counselor any questions you may have. Your feedback is encouraged and always welcome!

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Drop off is near the pavilion at the RecPlex at 9:00 a.m. Campers are grouped by grades. Your child will be greeted and signed in by their counselors each day.

If your child arrives earlier than 9:00 a.m. they will be signed in for morning Extended Care, fees will apply. Please pick up your children promptly at 4:00 p.m. at the same spot you signed them in. If your child is dropped off or has not yet been picked up within a 15 minute grace period, they will automatically be enrolled and signed into in Extended Care, fees will apply.

EXTENDED CARE

We have improved our Extended Care program to include organized activities, as well as an opportunity to unwind and relax and a healthy snack. Extended Care is available for full day campers only. Morning Extended Care is available from 7 – 9:00 a.m. for a flat weekly fee of \$25.00. Afternoon Extended Care is available from 4 – 6:00 p.m. for a flat weekly fee of \$25.00. Please pre-register online for extended care. If an emergency arises and your child utilizes the extended care program a daily rate of \$20 will be billed to you.

THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON EXTENDED CARE ON THE LAST DAY OF CAMP, AUGUST 16th, 2013.

WHAT WE DO AT CAMP

We make memories that last a lifetime in a safe and nurturing environment all day, every day! Day camp strives to expand imagination, creativity and friendships. Team building activities, enriching games, and a variety of athletics provide a perfect vehicle for building self-confidence, self-esteem, and physical fitness in all our campers through a non-competitive positive environment. Children are encouraged to reach individual goals and levels of success while having FUN! At the same time they learn to feel wonderful about their individual abilities and talents while developing the values of teamwork, friendship and good sportsmanship.

Each day at camp offers a variety of programs such as drama, nature, sports & games, archery, arts & crafts, music, journalism, and many other team building activities. Our special events are designed around our weekly themes complete with costumes and special guest performers that are a memorable part of every camper's summer. Its no wonder camp creates friendships that last a lifetime!

BIGGER & BETTER for 2013!

In our continuous efforts to create the best possible experience for our campers, we have new and fantastic themes and daily special activities. See below and also check it out on our website at www.colchesterct.gov/parks and LIKE US on Facebook

Weekly Themes:

- Week 1: Jumpstart
- Week 2: Born in the USA
- Week 3: International Week
- Week 4: Under Construction
- Week 5: Family, Cultures & Community
- Week 6: Hunger Games
- Week 7: Mysteries, Maps & Riddles
- Week 8: Last Blast

FIELD TRIPS

All campers attend enriching and fabulous weekly field trips! A great and fun way to end each week! Note: Trips are subject to change without notice.

FAMILY FUN DAYS

Parents and families are welcome to join us for our family fun day this summer on July 18th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wear sneakers & get ready to play with us!

ELECTIVE PERIODS

Each Monday, campers will sign up for a special elective which they will participate in for one hour each day for the entire week. Electives will vary from week to week! For example, our weekly Camp Newspaper is always a popular elective transforming Super Campers into Reporters. Reporters choose their own topic, collect information, conducts interviews, creates photography and/or artwork, and write and edits articles under the guidance of a counselor.

7TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross returns to Colchester Day Camp at JJIS on Wednesday, July 24. Come give the gift of life and donate! Our record breaking turnout every year for the past six years has been amazing and we are delighted to invite you back again this year! If you cannot donate, we ask that you support our blood drive by donating a baked good. A magnificent *Thank You* goes out to our super CIT's, super camp staff, community members, and all who volunteered and donated over the last five years, you are all so special!

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS:

RED ZONE DAYS

Red Zone or Extreme Heat Days are WET & WILD at camp! Many extra water activities are scheduled throughout the day. The WATER SPLASH PAD is open and running and is always a favorite for all! If the heat becomes a hazard, we will move campers to **Jack Jackter Intermediate School** located on Halls Hill Road. You may visit our website at www.colchesterct.gov/parks to confirm our location for pick up. We reserve the right to transport/bus campers locally as needed (rainy days, special events, etc.). Visit our website and subscribe to our mass email list and we will notify you of any changes or call the Day camp office 860-537-6583 for an updated recorded message.

DISCIPLINE

Our Day Camp staff adheres to a fair but strict discipline policy. Campers whose behavior interferes with a positive camp experience or safety for other campers or staff may be subject to dismissal.

NOTICES & FLYERS

If your child leaves camp before closing ceremonies or misses a day or two, check with your child's counselor for information and reminders. All flyers, reminders etc. are distributed to campers at dismissal time.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

We are unable to assume responsibility for injuries/accidents occurring at programs or on park facilities. Such insurance would make programs and user fees cost prohibitive.

PHOTO PERMISSION

Participants permit the taking of photographs and video of themselves and their children during recreation activities for publication and use by the Parks and Recreation Department for promotional purposes unless otherwise stated.

WHAT AND WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP!

- **NO PEANUT BUTTER!** We are a peanut/nut free camp; please do not send anything containing peanuts or nuts. Please check the ingredients on granola bars, chex mix, trail mix, candy bars, cracker jacks etc.
- **LABEL EVERYTHING!!** In addition to all clothing, please label lunch boxes, towels, water bottles, backpacks, sunscreen etc. If your child loses something, check the **LOST & FOUND** located outside the Day Camp Office. All unclaimed articles will be donated to charity each Monday.

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- **SANDALS ARE NOT ALLOWED!** All campers should wear sneakers. With the exception of CROC style shoes. Water shoes are required in the Water Splash Pad area. If a child does not have Croc's or water shoes, he/she will not be allowed to enter the splash pad that day.
- Bathing suits, towels, lunch, sunscreen and a water bottle should be sent daily, all labeled.
- Apply waterproof sunscreen to your child prior to their arrival at camp. Please send sunscreen daily and teach your child how to re-apply sunscreen at camp to protect them from sunburn.
- No Gameboys, PS2's, IPODS, MP3 Players, cell phones or other electronic devices. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- We have a no tolerance policy for any knives including butter knives or other dangerous objects.

LUNCH

PEANUT/NUT FREE CAMP! Send your camper with lunch and a healthy snack each day. Do not send glass containers. There is NO refrigerator available, so include an ice pack. Please send your child with a water bottle, which may be refilled as needed throughout the day at the water fountain. Re-usable containers are encouraged to reduce waste at the park. On occasion at special events we may offer a special snack as it relates to a theme.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS:

For your convenience, SUBWAY lunch orders are available to campers daily with the exception of trip days. Orders are sent at 9:30 a.m. and can be placed daily or weekly. If you are ordering lunch after 9:30 a.m. please contact SUBWAY directly at 537-8616. Order forms are available at camp, exact change or checks payable to Subway are appreciated.



**NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION
FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Go to www.colchesterct.gov/rec



2013 Day Camp Daily Schedule

Themes and activities are subject to change without notice. For information call Day Camp Office (during camp hours); 860-537-6583. Parks & Recreation Office 860-537-7297. Campers are required to wear their 2013 Camp T-Shirt on Trip Days. CAMP RAIN LOCATION JJIS

Week 1: June 24-June 28: Jumpstart

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 First Day Blowout! Ceramics! 	25 TOGA PARTY 	26 STOMP 	27 Skydog Kite Fun Fly 	28 Roger Williams Zoo 

Week 2: July 1-July 5: Born in The USA

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Dance Party 	2 Wild, Wild West 	3 Visit by CT Patriot Guard Riders 	4 NO CAMP Happy 4th of July! 	5 Double Dare USS Nautilus, Groton 

Week 3: July 8-July 12: International Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Bienvenidos al Campamento! 	9 Mini Ticket 2 Ride 	10 Walk Like an Egyptian Bring a Buddy Day! 	11 CAMPARDY! 	12 Patriot's Park, Coventry 

Week 4: July 15-July 19: Under Construction

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Ceramics!  Bring your favorite truck to camp!	16 Touch-A-Truck 	17 Construction Competition 	18 Family Fun Day 4-5pm Dancin' w/Hoops 	19 Hartford Trash Museum 

Week 5: July 22-July 26: Family, Cultures & Community

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 Kokondo Karate 	23 Annual Jello-Extravaganza 	24 7th Annual Blood Drive Camp at JJIS 	25 CAMPARDY! 	26 Old Saybrook Mini Golf & Harvey's Beach 

Week 6: July 29-August 2: Hunger Games

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Opening Ceremony Ceramics! 	30 Junkyard Games 	31 Hula Hoop Competition 	1 Skydog Sport Kite Competition 	2 Harkness State Park, Waterford 

Week 7: August 5-August 9: Mysteries, Maps & Riddles

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Camp Commando 	6 Treasure Maps Ceramics! 	7 Secret Agent CAMPARDY 	8 Scavenger Hunt 	9 TOP SECRET TRIP! 

Week 8: August 12-August 16: Last Blast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Pie Eating Contest 	13 Cerdnaskrap Awards 	14 TICKET 2 RIDE! 	15 Champion Skate Center, Cromwell 	16 Camp at JJIS today Slide Show 2pm - All campers Welcome 

Kindercamp

Kindercamp is our specially designed camp for pre-school children (must be 3 years old before 12/31/12 through entering kindergarten). Under the guidance and care of our Kindercamp Director our mature, gentle staff, give our youngest campers a special and unique summer experience.

Our program recognizes the social and motor skill level of pre-school children. It provides a warm, nurturing atmosphere where our youngest campers are encouraged to expand their horizons while feeling safe and cared for. What better way can there be to start their wonderful camp years?

This terrific group of super counselors come together to make each day at Kindercamp the best ever for our three, four, and five year old campers. With the wonderful world that has been created for them, it is no surprise that every day is magical for our youngest campers and that the Kindercamp experience establishes an enthusiasm and love of camp that will last well into adolescence while providing them with a lifetime of memories!

Kindercamp has some new changes for SUMMER 2013! We added another hour so camp is now 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday! We are also offering Full Day Kindercamp on Mon., Wed., Fri., from 12:30 p.m to 4:00pm (for those entering Kindergarten in the Fall only) You asked and we answered!

Kindercamp is offered in 8-one week session starting June 24th and ending August 16th. The staff to camper ratio for Kindercamp is 1:8. Camp Extended care is not available for Kindercampers. Please be sure to send your child with a healthy snack and drink each day for the half day program and add a lunch if they are staying for the full day program.

Please have your child wear a bathing suit to camp and apply waterproof sunscreen to your child prior to their arrival.

For the safety of all campers we are a PEANUT FREE CAMP!!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All registrations and forms for Kindercamp are online starting Monday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m. Register early for the best availability.

Registration for Kindercamp requires a 50% deposit. If prior to the start of camp a participant cancels their registration due to an illness or injury, they will receive a refund or credit for fees paid.



Camp Fees

Prices based on 1 week sessions

Plan A	Monday – Friday	9 -12:30 p.m.	\$ 75
Plan B	Mon/Wed/Friday	9 -12:30 p.m.	\$ 60
Plan C	Mon/Wed/Friday	12:30- 4 p.m.	\$75

One time administrative fee per child, which includes a 2013 Colchester Day Camp T-shirt. \$5

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THE DAILY DEAL

Kindercampers start their day with their own opening ceremonies and then the world of camp opens! Activities vary; each day includes arts & crafts, games, music, storytelling, playscape time, water activities, nature hikes, special events and more! The WATER SPLASH PAD is a favorite for all campers!

Some special guests include Kathy Flanagan’s Happy Notes, CT Audubon Society, Mystic Aquarium’s traveling touch tank, and Inflatables! Check out our website and look for the big announcement email for all the details at www.colchesterct.gov “subscribe to news” and LIKE US on Facebook!

RAINY DAYS AT KINDERCAMP

If it is raining, or if there is extreme heat we will hold Kindercamp at Jack Jackter Intermediate School. Please use the gym ramp entrance. Once your camper is signed in, if an issue arises, we will transport all campers to JJIS by bus. Kindercampers will travel as a group and will be accompanied by their counselors during the relocation process. We reserve the right to transport/bus campers locally as needed (rainy days, special events, etc.). Visit our website for drop off/pick up information and to receive our mass emails or call the Day Camp office at 537-6583 for an updated recorded message.

Week 1: June 24-June 28: Animal Planet

- 24** Macaroni Lions
- 25** Safari Backpacks
- 26** Let's Go On A Safari
- 27** Goodnight Gorilla
- 28** Elmer The Elephant

Week 2: July 1-July 5: WACKY WEEK

- 1** Crazy Hair Day
- 2** Hat Day
- 3** Backwards Day!
- 4** No Camp 4th of July!!
- 5** Pajama Day

Week 3: July 8-July 12: Tropical Paradise

- 8** Paper Bag Skirts
- 9** Making leis
- 10** Bubble Wrap Fish Prints
- 11** Fingerprint Trees
- 12** Limbo Contest

Week 4: July 15-July 19: Zoom, Zoom, Here We Go

- 15** Letter Roads
- 16** Touch-A-Truck
- 17** Rocketships
- 18** Tire Track Rollers
- 19** Popsicle Stick Airplanes

Week 5: July 22-July 26: Under The Big Top

- 22** Paper Plate Clowns
- 23** Kathy Flanagan
- 24** Animal Masks
Camp at JJIS for Blood Drive
- 25** Face Painting
- 26** Circus Balloon Painting

Week 6: July 29-August 2: We've Got To Move It, Move It!!!

- 29** Balloon Badminton
- 30** Styrofoam Bowl Maracas
- 31** Kathye Flanagan
- 1** Obstacle Courses
- 2** Paper Plate Tambourines

Week 7: August 5-August 9: Artful Antics

- 5** Finger Painting
- 6** Self Portraits
- 7** Fruit & Veggie Painting
- 8** Wet Marker Salt Art
- 9** Kathye Flanagan

Week 8: August 12-August 16: Ahoy Matey!! Week

- 12** Solo Cup Pirate Hook
- 13** Newspaper Pirate Hats
- 14** Ticket 2 Ride!
- 15** Kathye Flanagan
- 16** Where's The Treasure?