



## **2024 Summer Enrichment Grant for Day Camp**

We are so happy to announce that we were awarded the Summer Enrichment grant from the State of CT to allow Colchester children to attend day camp at no cost if their families meet the financial guidelines.

These funds were granted to allow every child attend camp- to ensure that there are no financial barriers that would prevent our Colchester kids from experiencing all of the benefits of a summer camp program.

### **Application Process**

To ensure that every child has an opportunity to attend camp, we will review all of the applications as they arrive in our office. Those that meet the financial criteria will receive one full week of camp at no cost. Parents will have to ensure that the camp requirements are met prior to the child's attendance, including completing all registration forms, permission slips, and providing a copy of the child's school physical.

### **Payment plans**

If you would like to register for additional weeks of camp, we are happy to set up a payment plan for you. Payment plans are available to assist in affordable participation. Payment plans require automatic payments established in advance to be withdrawn from a credit card, debit card, checking account or pre-dated checks. Any participant may request a payment plan, with or without financial assistance. Failure to pay or honor the payment plan may result in removal from the program or camp.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE WITHIN THE RECREATION OFFICE. No one at camp will know who is and who is not on a scholarship or grant.

### **PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING**

I understand that financial assistance does not cover certain fees or expenses including, but not limited to administration fees, late fees, amusement park tickets, facility rentals, required equipment, material fees, and team registrations for sports leagues or independent program fees.

Scholarship and grant funding are provided, when available, and may be capped per family, per calendar year based on availability.

While there is no deadline to apply, funds are limited and awarded on a first come, first served basis, depending on the amount available. It is suggested that you apply early.

With my signature, I authorize Colchester Recreation to use my financial information that I have provided to decide as to my qualifications regarding the financial assistance programs available through the department.

**I agree that the information that I have provided is honest, accurate and true. I understand that if the information is found to be false, my application will be considered unacceptable and will be rejected without the option of appeal.**

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Signature of Parent Applicant

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Date

## **APPLICATION**

PARENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CAMPER \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE IN FALL OF 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child receives free lunch at school

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has HUSKY healthcare

\_\_\_\_\_ My family receives SNAP or WIC

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have an extenuating financial situation that makes paying for camp difficult?

If yes, please explain:

- We will notify you of your eligibility within 2 weeks.
- We may request documents to support your qualifying information.
- Once approved, you will need to register for camp online and complete the camp forms.
- After you register for camp we will edit your invoice to reflect the camp scholarship.
- Please call the office if you have any questions at (860) 537-7297