

Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services

Teen Adventure Camp 2020



Monday-Thursday, June 29th - August 13th

Teen Adventure Camp is available for Bristol teens ages 12-15yrs. Summer Camp is the perfect opportunity for teens to participate in a variety of activities, make new friends and create memories that last a lifetime!

Where: Camp is held at Page Park Pavilion (A-frame building across from Page Pool).

When: Camp meets rain or shine from seven week of ADVENTURE—June 29th—August 13th. Monday and Tuesday are from 9am—3pm and Wednesdays and Thursdays are extended days from 8:30am—6pm.

What: Teen Adventure Camp is the perfect way to keep your teen engaged this summer through a variety of trips and excursions.

Fee: \$155 per week.

Payment is due in full at time of registration. You may register per week or for the entire summer. Registration is accepted online at www.bristolrec.com or in person at the Parks and Recreation Office.

“Like” us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram for weekly reminders, photos from camp, & more!

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bristolparksandrecreation

Instagram: [@bristolctparksandrec](https://www.instagram.com/bristolctparksandrec)



CONTACT US

Camp Cell:

TBD

Parks & Recreation Office: 860-584-6160

Main Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-5pm

Friday 8:30-2:00pm

Website: www.bristolrec.com

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FROM THE SUPERVISOR

I'd like to take this to thank you for choosing Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department as your summer camp choice! Each year we pride ourselves on coming up with new and exciting activities, entertainment and field trips. I am confident that this summer's program will be no exception. I encourage you to take the time to look over this parent packet and familiarize yourself with FAQ's about our camp, as well as the exciting theme weeks we have in store for your campers. Be sure to print out the Theme Calendar and post it on your fridge to be reminded of all the trips and entertainment each week. If you have any questions you can reach me at 860-584-6160 or parksandrecreation@bristolct.gov. We look forward to showing you why our camp is a truly ...lifetime experience.

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department to provide a wide range of recreational and leisure opportunities in an effort to enhance the quality of life for all Bristol residents and promote positive physical, social and emotional experiences. In our effort to achieve this goal we will continue to provide safe, attractive and well maintained facilities.

CAMP MISSION

The Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department Teen Adventure Camp provides teens with the opportunity to engage in fun and informative activities, while forming new friendships with other teens and positive relationships with staff members. We encourage teens of all abilities within the camp age range to participate in activities and experiences that strive to benefit participants emotionally, physically, and socially. Teen Adventure Camp has become one of our most successful programs with a summer packed with entertainment, trips, and special guests to keep your camper engaged this summer.

GOALS

- Keep all campers safe and happy.
- Encourage campers to develop new skills and work towards improving their performance at a give task.
- Help each camper gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for his/her own skills and abilities.
 - Encourage the development of leadership skills in campers of all ages.



OUR STAFF

Our staff work hard to ensure camp is a wonderful "lifetime experience" for our campers. These individuals have been hired for their skills, talents, enthusiasm, and love of children. Teen Adventure Camp staff are a mix of professional teachers, college education majors, and young professionals that enjoy working with youth. All staff are certified in American Red Cross First Aid/CPR. They go through extensive training including policies/procedures, customer service, and emergency preparation. We have a Director and para-educators that oversee the program. We maintain an approximately 1:13 staff to camper ratio. Safety is always our top priority.

Recreation Supervisor—Jessie Caetano
Teen Director—Alicia Palmisano

Our Camp Director has a work issued cell phones in which parents can call 30 minutes before Camp begins, during camp, and 30 minutes after. Please note that if they do not answer they may be dealing with an important camp related issue so please leave a voicemail or send a text. These phones do receive text messages but please note if there is no response the Director may not have seen your message.

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THEME WEEKS:

This summer, Bristol Recreation Division is excited to take campers on a trip around the world. Each week we will be exploring a different continent. With games, crafts, music and activities related to the theme we aim to encourage an understanding and excitement for different cultures from across the globe.

The fun doesn't have to stop when camp ends, each week we will send an information home with an activity for you to do as a family to engage with your child. We also encourage families to visit the Bristol Public library to check out books related to the theme!

Week 1- 6/29 - 7/3: Africa

Week 2- 7/6 - 7/10: Antarctica

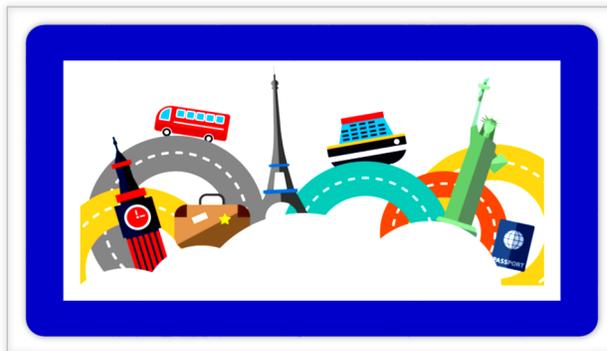
Week 3- 7/13 – 7/17: Asia

Week 4- 7/20 -7/24: North America

Week 5- 7/27-7/31: Europe

Week 6- 8/3-8/7: South America

Week 7- 8/10-8/14: Australia



CAMP POLICIES

ATTIRE:

Campers will be involved in many activities including; arts & crafts, running, playing, and water games. Sneakers are required. Please send a towel and bathing suit daily. **Please label all personal belongings.** We can not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. Any item that is brought to camp that is deemed inappropriate or is used in an inappropriate manner, will be held by the Camp Director and returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the day.

Staff is **not permitted** to apply sunscreen to campers so sending them with spray sunscreen works best. Any sunscreen sent to camp must be labeled with the child's name.

BEHAVIOR:

Campers are expected to display appropriate and safe behaviors at all time during camp. Please observe the following discipline procedures for summer camp:

Inappropriate Camp Behaviors include but not limited to: bullying, threatening, use of inappropriate language or gestures, physical altercations including rock throwing, pinching, biting, punching, pulling hair, shoving, stealing, purposeful damaging of equipment, consistently not following directions, consistently disobeying or back talking camp staff.

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Parks and Recreation reserves the right to issue discipline that may include verbal warnings, written warning to guardian, multiple day suspension from camp, and depending on severity expulsion from the program. No refunds will be issued for missed camp days due to behavioral issues. Please review our full discipline policy with your child prior to attending camp. All children and guardians are required to sign off on our behavior policy.

REFUNDS:

Our camp is very popular and fills up quickly. Also do to scheduling of field trips and bus we are unable to issue refunds. Refunds are only issued for legitimate medical reasons with proper documentation provided in a timely manner.

DROP OFF/ PICK UP:

During drop off and pick up parents are required to park in the right hand parking lot or on the street. Campers must check in with a staff upon arrival. Please bring a photo ID **every day** for pick-up. Only authorized individuals on the pick-up list with a photo ID will be allowed to take your child. This is for the safety of your camper. Please be **PROMPT** for pick-up. The program ends at 3pm sharp. Please note that if a child is not picked up after a reasonable amount of time and attempts have been made to contact the parent or guardian the Bristol Police Department will become involved.



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DAILY SCHEDULE

There is no such thing as a typical day at camp! Our program is packed with games, sports, arts & crafts, multiple trips to the pool, and field trips at least twice a week! If you plan to arrive late to camp one day or would like to pick up early please let our camp staff know so they can inform you of the schedule for that day.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP?

Please send the following with your camper daily: backpack or sling bag, packed lunch (non-perishable food on field trip day), **water bottle**, bathing suit/towel for swimming, wear sneakers daily (no sandals).

MEAL PROGRAM:

The Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department has partnered with the Bristol School System to offer breakfast and lunch to any child under the age of 18 participating in our program. A monthly meal schedule is provided on our website so your child can decide which days they would like to participate in. *Meal schedule is subject to last minute changes due to food availability.* Upon drop off, please let the counselors know that your child will be participating that day. We encourage children with allergies to bring their own food, as we cannot guarantee that all meals are allergy free. Please still provide your camper with water each day.

LUNCH & SNACKS

Despite our summer meal program, we encourage you to send all campers lunch, snacks, and water daily, particularly if your camper is a picky eater or has an allergy. Please label all lunches and juice containers.



Additionally on field trip days we ask that campers bring a brown paper bag lunch so there are less items that could be lost, as staff cannot be responsible for lost lunch boxes or water bottles.

Peanut butter items are allowed and we do set up an allergy free table.

SWIMMING

Your campers will beat the summer heat with periodic trips to our park pools (weather/schedule pending). Certified American Red Cross Lifeguards are on duty at all times as well as our camp staff to provide supervision. If your child does not want to swim, there will be additional pool side activities for them to partake in.

In order to swim in the deep end of the pool all participants must pass a swim test. All swim test are administered only on Mondays as the testing process can be extremely lengthy and requires additional staff supervision

FIELD TRIPS

Depending on the week campers will enjoy special field trips to exciting location! The schedule is available on the "Theme Week Calendar." Campers are required to wear "**Camp T-Shirts**" on ALL field trip days for safety purposes. Please note there will be no staff left behind at camp on field trip days so all children must go on scheduled trips. If you do not want your camper to attend a trip on a particular day they will need to stay home from camp. Please arrive **on time** for field trip days in order to ensure your camper will make the trip.

We do allow parents to send money for field trip days for special treats or to visit the gift shop. Please note that counselors can not hold money for participants and are not responsible if money is lost or stolen. It is also up to the counselors and camp director if time will allow for these elective activities on the trip. The camps primary objectives are safety and the main activity planned.

The department includes extra time for travel on all trips however incidents can arise including but not limited to traffic which can cause delays in returning from field trips. We ask that parents are patience if buses are late from a trip. If you have an urgent appointment or activity please notify the Director of the camp at drop-off or consider picking your child up from the field trip site instead.

RAINY DAY PROCEDURES

Camp is held rain or shine. We try and have as many outdoor activities as possible (even in marginal weather) so please dress appropriately. On severe weather days we do not have swimming and field trips may be changed.

ILLNESS OR INJURY

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home. Please report any communicable diseases promptly, i.e. Chicken pox, Head Lice, Pink eye, etc. to the director of your camp. (Refund or credits are not given for missed camp days)



If your child becomes ill or injured while at camp, the camp will first attempt to contact the parent/ guardian. If we are not able to reach contact #1, then contact #2 will be notified and so on. Please inform your emergency contacts of their responsibilities and be sure they are readily available. If a life-threatening condition is found, EMS will be contacted immediately, first, followed by your emergency contact.

MEDICATION

Staff can not administer medication to campers. However, staff can keep all medications in safekeeping, remind children to take medication and supervise self-administration. Parents must fill out the Camper Medication Authorization Form contained in this booklet in order for their child to take medication at camp. All medication must be presented in their original prescription containers. All inhalers and epi-pens must have a medication form.