



Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Summer CARE 2020

Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic the City of Bristol Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services has remained committed to providing essential services to Bristol families. Our professional team has been adhering to federal, state, and local guidelines pertaining to parks, programs and services. Aligned with guidance from the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC), Bristol-Burlington Health District and in partnership with the Bristol Board of Education, our department is pleased to announce that we will be offering *summer camps beginning June 29, 2020*.

Registration

Registration for Summer Care 2020 is scheduled to begin Wednesday May 27, 2020 for Bristol residents. Non-residents may be accommodated 1 week prior to the start of camp if spaces are available. The preferred registration method will be online with a credit card through www.bristolrec.com starting at midnight on May 27th. In person registration with cash or check will be available from 8:30am-5:00pm May 27th, 28th and 29th at the North entrance (police department side) of Bristol City Hall (111 North Main Street). Starting May 27th you may also register over the phone with a credit card from 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday.

Program Changes and Safety Modifications

Summer Care (not Summer Camp)

Following the guidelines from the OEC and local health officials, our summer camps will look different than in years past but as always we are committed to ensuring the programs are safe and fun for all participants. Because summer camp is an essential service for families returning to work we are changing our camp name to Summer Care. This is due to anticipated restrictions surrounding our ability to offer field trips, guest entertainment, and daily visits to the pool.

Program Details

Summer Care will be available for camper's ages 5-13 years old. The program runs Monday-Friday 8:00am-4pm. Due to our program modifications, we have reduced the price of the program to \$95.00 per week. Participants are able to sign up for a single week or the entire summer. In order to provide the safest care possible our department has invested in additional staff, personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, thermometers and more.

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Program Locations

At this time we are planning on offering several sites across the city including Rockwell Park, Page Park, Bristol Central High School, and Bristol Eastern High School. Registration will be offered for those sites on Wednesday but we are also working with the Board of Education to add additional sites for summer care. Our department and the Bristol Public Schools are committed to accommodating as many kids on our waitlist as possible to meet the needs of the community.

Safety Protocols and Modifications

Our professional leadership team is developing comprehensive safety protocols and modifications in conjunction with the OEC, Bristol-Burlington Health District and the Board of Education to ensure our Summer Care program is as safe as possible. Some of those changes include:

- Partnering with the Bristol-Burlington Health District to secure certified nurses to be involved in the program and provide medical expertise and guidance throughout the summer.
- Reducing group sizes to 10 campers with 2 staff members
- Reducing the amount of campers allowed at each site
- Increased staffing levels to enhance safety measures and supervision
- Required PPE for all staff members
- Drop-off and pick-up will be handled outside the site and will require temperature checks for both participants and staff prior to either being admitted into the site.

A detailed policy document will be made available in the coming weeks for parents to review and make the determination if Summer Care is the right fit for their family's needs.

Financial Assistance

Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services recognizes families may be experiencing financial hardships in light of Covid-19 and other life events. If you are in need of financial aid please contact our Youth and Community Services Supervisor, Stephen Bynum at stephenbynum@bristolct.gov or 860-314-4690 for more information on the financial aid/scholarship request process. The Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services Department is committed to serving as many families in need as funding allows. Requests are processed on a first come first served basis.

Sincerely,

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