



# WELCOME TO TOR SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026

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Welcome Newsletter

June 24, 2026 - First Day Of Camp

## STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### We are excited for the summer to begin!

We are so excited for another amazing summer at TOR Day Camp! Our returning Director this summer will be **Ms. Shannon Wade**. This will be Ms. Wade's twenty eighth summer as a Stamford Recreation. TOR Camp is excited to welcome back Onyx Velez as our assistant director this summer. Both directors are excited to get the summer started! Our Site Supervisor will be **Scott Kassouf, Assistant Super-**

**intendent of Recreation.** He can be reached with at Skassouf@stamfordct.gov Our staff this summer returns a mixture of veterans and first year staff that are excited to begin the summer. **Camp will start on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, and run until Friday, August 7, 2026.** This summer sign in & sign out will be done each day in the TOR School Gym. Please drive down the side to the back

of the school and park in the assigned parking area. A sign will be posted at the entrance by the gym were to enter. **Campers must be signed in and out each day from the camp.** Due to the West Hill swimming pool being closed this summer during school construction, we will not be offering swimming this summer. Please have your child/children bring their bathing suit, towel and other supplies they may need on days they are assigned to go to the splash pad or water day activities.

### General Information

All parents/guardians must sign your child in each morning, and out each afternoon. **Camp starts at 9:00am and ends at 4:00pm.** No one is to be dropped off before **9:00am unless they are registered in AM Care.** If you are late to pickup - you will be charged \$1 per minute per child. (Ex: 15 minutes late = \$15.00) **Your child will not be allowed back at camp until the fine has been paid. It can be done online at [www.stamfordrecreation.com](http://www.stamfordrecreation.com) through your household**

**account. A receipt must be shown to the director that payment was made. Your child will only be dismissed to a guardian unless otherwise documented. Identification must be shown for ALL pickups.** No exceptions! Please be mindful of applying sunscreen for your child prior to camp each morning. Camp doors will be kept locked at all times and please notify your counselors in writing if you will be picking up your child/children early on an

given day. By doing this, we can have your child/children ready for you when you arrive. Please note that our directors are not always in the camp office and it is best to communicate with them at drop of or pick up each day. **Also, parents, please do not enter the front off the school to reach the summer camp program. Please also pack extra set of clothes each day for your camper!**



## The Lunch Program will Run This Summer!

Once again this summer we are scheduled to have the food program for lunch at TOR Camp. The lunch program will be available the first day of camp June 24, 2026. A weekly menu will be available the first week of camp and passed out. If you do not want your child to participate in the food program, please pack a lunch each day in a cooler bag with an ice pack.

### Summer School Parents

If your child will be attending summer school during the month of July, please notify the camp director in writing the first day of camp. Also, parents must arrange with the Board of Education to have their child/children bussed from summer school to the TOR Camp program each day. The Stamford Recreation Department does not supply transportation to camp!

**TOR Summer Camp Sweet Vibes :** We're so excited to introduce this summer's theme at TOR... **Sweet Vibes :** This season is all about creating a fun, positive, and welcoming environment where campers can enjoy every moment, build friendships, and make lasting memories. From exciting activities and team challenges to special events and everyday camp fun, we're focusing on bringing great energy and even better experiences to each day. Each group will be named after a favorite sweet treat, adding a playful and colorful twist that campers will love. Throughout the summer, you'll see lots of creativity, team spirit, and smiles as our campers take part in everything TOR has to offer. At TOR, we believe the best summers are built on connection, confidence, and joy and this year's theme is the perfect way to bring that to life. We can't wait to welcome all of our Sweet Treats and make this the sweetest summer yet! Thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's summer adventure. We're looking forward to a season filled with laughter, friendship, fun, and memories that will last long after summer ends. **Good Vibes. Sweet Times. TOR All Summer.**

### Field Trips & Special Events:

**Tuesday, June 30, 2026** - Kona Ice Truck at 1:45pm

**Thursday, July 9, 2026** - Bowling Trip - Depart 11:15am

**Thursday, July 16, 2026**—Peabody Museum Trip - Depart 9:30am

**Friday, July 17, 2026** - Magic Show - 12:45pm

**Tuesday, July 28, 2026** - Circus Show - 12:30pm

**Thursday, July 30, 2026** - Chuck - E - Cheese - Depart 10:30am



### Attention Parents

If you need to pick up your children early from camp, please supply a note that day to the campers counselor.

When you arrive please call **the phone number that will be posted on the door to the camp entrance** & the director will bring you children to the door. Please also send a refillable water bottle each day!

### Disciplinary Action Procedure for ALL Campers

**First Offense:** Verbal Warning on paper

**Second Offense:** Written Warning in file

**Third Offense:** Meeting / Dismissal from Camp (Any camper dismissed from camp will not be eligible to register the following year.)

## **TOR Day Camp Rules**

1. Treat fellow campers and counselors with respect.
2. Listen to your counselor at all times.
3. Keep your hands to yourself. No kicking, biting, hitting, throwing objects....If you have a problem tell your counselor.
4. Stay with your group at all times. Tell your counselors if you need to leave the group for any reason.
5. Swearing and other inappropriate language (in any language) is not allowed.
6. Smoking or vaping is not allowed by anyone at camp.
7. Clean up all supplies and equipment used in camp at the end of an activity. Pick up any trash and make sure you clean up your area after lunch.
8. Respect other people's property. No taking or breaking items that belong to others.
9. Fighting is not allowed in camp. Anyone who does not follow this rule will be immediately taken to the Camp Director.
10. Shoes or sneakers must be worn at camp.
11. No going to the bathroom on your own without a staff member.
12. No cell phones or portable video game devices are permitted at camp. (If you choose to send a cell phone it can be brought to camp but must remain off and left in a child's backpack, the camp is not responsible if anything happens).
13. Campers can only call home if there is an emergency. (There is a camp phone in the office and the Directors will reach out to parents if needed.)
14. Campers must wear the camp t-shirt on all field trips.
15. Campers must wear bathing suits in the water.
16. Campers must sit in their seats on all bus trips and any child that cannot listen will sit in front of the bus with a staff member.
17. Toys from home are not permitted at camp. (If you bring them, the camp is not responsible if anything happens to them, best to leave them at home.
18. Wear sun screen at all times and bring a reusable water bottle to camp with campers name on it.

**Also, pack a snack each day for your camper!**

**No Camp July 3, 2026!**

**Weekly Themes**

- Week 1:** World Cup Week
- Week 2:** Red, White & Blue Week
- Week 3:** Wet & Wild Week
- Week 4:** Decades Week
- Week 5:** Camp - O - Ween Week
- Week 6:** Spirit Week
- Week 7:** Summer Flashback Week



**Permission Slip for Child Pick- Up 2026**

The Stamford Recreation Services Division requires all parents/guardians to fill out the following permission slip if your child will be picked up by anyone except the parents. We will not allow a child /children to be released from any playground, activity or day camp program; or preschool program this year to any one besides the parents/guardians, unless the following form is completed and turned into the DIRECTOR. **All persons given permission to pick up the child/children will be required to show a PHOTO I.D.** The department would like to thank you for your cooperation with our system and feel that this will make our summer camp programs safer for your child/children. If you have any questions, please call Scott Kassouf (Asst. Superintendent of Recreation) at 203.977.5018 or speak to the site director.

I \_\_\_\_\_ give my permission to:

Mr. / Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Entire summer: \_\_\_\_\_

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I authorize my child / children, to be picked up from Day Camp/ Playground/Activity Program/Preschool Program by one of the persons above. I realize by signing this permission slip that I am releasing the City of Stamford Recreation Services Division of all responsibilities.

LIST THE CHILD / CHILDRENS NAME:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMP DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Free Weekend Food For Your Child Available through Filling in the Blanks!

Filling in the Blanks ("FITB") is a local nonprofit agency, located in Norwalk, CT that provides food on the weekends to children between the grades of prekindergarten and 12th grade. We are teaming up with the staff at **Stamford Recreation Summer Sites** to offer a supply of nutritious meals and snacks to your child over the weekends and extended breaks, FREE OF CHARGE. The goal of the Filling in the Blanks Program is to help children thrive in school by offering additional nutrition on the weekends.

Sample bag of food can include:

- 2 Breakfast items (cereal or oatmeal packets)
- 4 snacks (Goldfish, fruit cup, apple sauce, granola bar)
- 1 individual sized beverage • 1 can of vegetables or rice and beans
- Combination of two items: Tuna, Soup, Mac & Cheese, or Canned Chicken
- Bags are distributed by your child's teacher on the second to last and/or last school day before the weekend or break. Any child enrolled at a Stamford Recreation Summer Site is able to receive these weekly bags of food.
- If you believe your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to sign them up by Registering online.
- [https://fillingintheblanks.my.site.com/FIBRegistration/s/?language=en\\_US&SelectedProgramId=a0vRQ000004tB29YAE](https://fillingintheblanks.my.site.com/FIBRegistration/s/?language=en_US&SelectedProgramId=a0vRQ000004tB29YAE). Please register each child separately enrolled at Stamford Recreation Summer Site to receive their own weekend meal bag. If you are registering siblings, there is an "add student" feature on the registration which will allow you to add each child. This information is kept confidential, and only the school and FITB will know the children's names that are signed up.
- Once your child is signed up, they will receive a bag of food each week until they leave the school or until you no longer wish to participate.
- **We encourage you to take vantage of this program for your child(ren).**
- **Questions or concerns? Please visit [www.fillingintheblanks.org](http://www.fillingintheblanks.org) for more information**
- If you have any further questions, please contact Filling in the Blanks at **203-750-0019** or email them at **info@fillingintheblanks.org** and let them know your child is attending a Stamford Recreation Summer camp

### Camp Drop off & Pick Up Reminder For Parents

This summer campers will be entering TOR camp through the doors on the right side of the building at the end of the drive for rear parking. Parents/Guardians please park in the marked parking spots in the lot and do not park in the fire lane for drop off and pick up. Once entering the building campers will be signed in at the gym.

We thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter and assisting us in keeping all of the campers and their families safe during camp.

**Newsletters:** This summer weekly Friday camp Newsletters will be emailed home by the Recreation Staff. Please let the director know if you are not receiving the mails and check your email on your household account. Also, **Please note that TOR Day Camp Family Day will be Tuesday, August 4, 2026.**