



WELCOME TO THE 2026 STILLMEADOW DAY CAMP

Welcome Newsletter June 24, 2026 - First Day Of Camp

STAMFORD PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to have you as a part of the 2026 Stamford Parks & Recreation Summer Camp!

RECREATION STAFF:

Director: Carla Williams

Assistant Director: Chris Nugent

Director of Parks and Recreation

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Recreation Supervisor

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Victoria Jourdain, Counselor

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Lizmary Nunez, Counselor

We are so excited for another summer of Stillmeadow Day Camp. Returning for her fourth summer will be Carla Williams our camp director. Carla brings several years of experience working with youth. She currently works for the Stamford BOE during the school year with students. Our assistant director will once again be Chris Nugent. This will be his 7th year as an assistant director on our summer staff. Chris brings a lot of energy and leadership with him to the Stillmeadow Day Camp. **Our Site Supervisor will be**

Dante Dawkins, Recreation Leader. He can be reached with any questions or concerns at **203-977-4644**. Our directors have been working hard all spring planning creative, challenging and fun activities. We would like to welcome back our veteran staff members and also the new staff members joining our Stillmeadow team. Together they will be working hard to give your children an exciting, safe and fun summer camp experience. **Camp will begin on Wednesday, June 24, and run until August 7, 2026.** When entering

Stillmeadow School Parking lot drive straight down the side of the building and park in the back lot. The camp entrance each day will be in the rear of the school near the café. **Campers will be signed in and out of their groups each day in the gym. Anyone arriving late to camp will need to call the camp office and the phone number will be posted on the door.**

Thank you!

Stamford Parks & Rec!



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 is paid through your household account online at www.stamfordrecreation.com and a receipt is showed of payment.** 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. If you have questions about the information listed above, please speak with one of our directors.

All campers should bring a water bottle each day to camp that can be refilled with their name clearly marked on the bottle.

No Camp On July 3, 2026!

The Lunch Program will Run This Summer!

Once again this summer we are scheduled to have the food program for lunch at the Stillmeadow Camp. The Lunch Program will run from June 24 - August 7, 2026. A menu for each upcoming week will be sent home in the weekly newsletter and posted on the camp information board each day during sign in. 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. **If you have any further questions about the lunch program, please see the camp directors on the first day of camp. Lunch will be from 12:00pm - 12:30pm this summer!**

Splash Pad & Water Activity Days

Due to the Westhill swimming pool being closed this summer during school construction, we will not be offering swimming this year. **Please have your child bring his or her bathing suit, towel and other supplies they may need on days that there are assigned to go to the splash pad or have water day activities. A weekly schedule will be set for your child's age group and posted on the camp information board.**

Ice Cream Truck

Once again this summer the ice cream truck will stop at the Camp after lunch on selected days! See our staff for more details!



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 one of our directors will have your child ready to bring outside and meet you.

Any child that is having behavior problems in camp or fails to follow the above rules will receive a verbal warning first, a written warning second and the third strike will be a suspension or dismissal from camp. Any camper dismissed from camp will not be permitted to register the following year.

Stillmeadow 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.)

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.)

Weekly Camp 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:** Spirt Week
- Week 7:** Summer Flashback Week



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.

Stillmeadow Day Camp Daily Drop Off & Pick Up Location

Stillmeadow Day Camp will be held at Stillmeadow Elementary School at 800 Stillwater Ave in Stamford. **Please note that camp drop off and pick up will be in the gym** Parents/Guardians are required to park in the assigned parking spaces in the rear of the building and will enter through the back doors by the café. The front doors of the school, will be locked and no one will be permitted to enter that way. When arriving campers will do sign in and sign out each day with their assigned groups in the gym. When you arrive the first day of camp, there will be a table set up inside the school when you enter the building that you will report to and find out what group your camper is assigned too. We thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions, please check with our camp director on the **first day of camp on June 24, 2026**.

***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 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 for more information**

Field Trips:

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 - Nutmeg Bowling Trip - Depart 11:30AM
 Tuesday, July 14, 2026 - Peabody Museum Trip - Depart 9:30AM
 Tuesday, July 28, 2026 - Chuck E Cheese Trip - Depart 10:45AM

Special Events:

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - Kona Ice Truck - 12:30PM
 Thursday, July 23, 2026 - Circus Show—10:00AM
 Friday, July 16th, 2026 - Family Day



STAMFORD RECREATION CAMP PROCEDURES

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: _____

