NEW CASTLE COUNTY

SUMMER CAMP

FULL-DAY & HALF-DAY CAMPS
RECREATION, ARTS, SPORTS
SAFETY TOWN, EQUESTRIAN

VISIT NEWCASTLEDE.GOV/CAMPS OR CALL 302-395-5654.
Registration & Financial Aid Applications Available
Welcome

New Castle County welcomes your children in our camps this summer! Our summer camps offer safe and inviting environments led by highly qualified and caring staff that ensure your child has a great experience.

Our commitment to your children is to encourage their individual growth and learning through enjoyable, safe and fun recreational experiences. From sports and swimming to arts and adventure, your children are encouraged to explore their creativity and are supported in developing new skills, making new friends and having fun!

This handbook serves as your guide to all aspects of our summer camp programs. You’ll find camps designed to engage all ages - from your curious preschooler to your independent teen. We look forward to serving you and your children to make this summer an adventure to remember!

Camp Contacts

For more information or questions about any of our camps, please do not hesitate to call one of our offices below or visit us online at newcastlede.gov/camps.

Recreation Camps  Recreation Camp Office  302-395-5654
Sports Camps  Sports Office  302-395-5890
Art Camps  The Art Studio  302-995-7661
Horseback Riding Camp  Carousel Park Equestrian Center  302-995-7670
Safety Town  Garfield Park Recreation Center  302-395-3679

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Financial Aid

Limited financial assistance is available for full-day recreation camps on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible applicants. For those interested in applying, please call the Camp Office at 302-395-5654. Sports camps are also offering limited scholarships for full-day and half-day sports camps. For those interested in applying, please call the Sports Office at 302-395-5890.

Field Trips

Full-day recreation camps offer a fun-filled summer including a weekly field trip to a variety of exciting places in the tri-state area. This summer’s trips are still being planned, but check out the field trips from last year to see what fun might lie ahead for this year.

- Christiana Skating Center
- Brandywine Zoo
- Carousel Park
- Bowlerama
- Oasis Family Fun Center
- Wilmington & Western Railroad
- Delaware Museum of Nature and Science
- Rockwood Park and Museum

Summer Staff Wanted! Apply Today!

Do you love working with kids and being outside? Apply for one of our camp staff positions and spend your summer with New Castle County! Visit the links below for more information and to apply.

SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS
SAFETY TOWN POSITIONS
Our recreation camps are jam-packed with a variety of opportunities intended to ignite potential and create memories and friendships that last a lifetime. Campers will participate in weekly themes, daily outdoor time, arts and crafts, non-competitive sports, and supervised games and activities. Educational presentations and special guest visits that focus on life-skills development allow all campers to accomplish new things and acquire new skills. Both full-day and half-day options are available for your camper to discover new interests, make new friends, be active, and experience the joys of summer camp!

**FULL-DAY CAMPS**

With six sites across New Castle County, all campers will participate in activities including supervised games, non-competitive sports, arts and crafts, team building, themed activities, nature and environmental education, summer reading, along with weekly trips to the pool and field trips. **Ages 7-12**

$130 per camper per week

8 weeks, June 20-August 11

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care is available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per camper per week. Camps will be closed on New Castle County holidays, June 19 and July 4. Camps will run four days those weeks with a pro-rated fee of $115.

Glasgow Park Playground Pavilion, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark 19702

Hockessin Recreation Center (PAL), 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707

Richey Elementary School, 105 East Highland Avenue, Newport 19804

Route 9 Library and Innovation Center, 3022 New Castle Avenue, New Castle 19720

Talley Day Park at Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington 19803

Town of Whitehall, 801 Mapleton Avenue, Middletown 19709
FULL-DAY SPECIALTY CAMPS

Specialty recreation camps offer campers the chance to immerse themselves in exciting, more focused activities. Programs concentrate on a specialty area for the morning only, all of which are led by experienced staff and guest presenters. Campers still enjoy recreational activities, fresh-air time, and a weekly field trip and swimming trip.

Ages 7-12
$130 per camper per week (Financial assistance is not offered for specialty camps)
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care is available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per camper per week. Camps will be closed on New Castle County holidays, June 19 and July 4. Camps will run four days those weeks with a pro-rated fee of $115.

STEAM EXPLORERS CAMP, June 26-30
Explore the worlds of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) with hands-on activities designed to inspire and appeal to a variety of interests. Discover ecosystems, learn about the historical Rockwood Mansion, and get a chance to visit the gardens!

Rockwood Park and Mansion, 4651 Washington Street Extension, Wilmington 19809

CAMP DRAMA, July 17-21
Campers enjoy drama workshops, theater games, singing, acting/improv, as well as a sewing or art project!

The Art Studio, 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington 19804

NATURE ADVENTURES CAMP, July 31-August 4
Explore nature and science every day at Carousel Park while you try your hand at activities like fishing at the pond, hiking the trails, and more!

Carousel Park Equestrian Center, 3700 Limestone Road, Wilmington 19804
Weekly Themes and Friday Fun Days for Full-Day Camps

Each week our full-day recreation camps will have a different theme. Crafts, games, activities, and field trips may be based off of that theme. Friday Fun Days are designed for campers and counselors to dress up according to the weekly theme.

**Week 1, June 20-23:** Summer Celebration; Friday Fun Day - Beach Bash
Kick the summer off with outdoor games, crafts, sports and a variety of “get to know you” activities. End the week with a beach bash party!

**Week 2, June 26-30:** Nature Nuts; Friday Fun Day - Favorite Animal Day
How do plants grow? What do wild animals need to survive? Campers will study nature all week long and learn what it takes to live in the wild and be eco-friendly!

**Week 3, July 3-7:** Party in the USA; Friday Fun Day - Red, White, and Blue Day
Celebrate America and enjoy a short week of Red, White, and Blue. Learn about the USA and what makes us the melting pot of the world.

**Week 4, July 10-14:** Lift Off!; Friday Fun Day - Space Day
Where do shooting stars come from? Is the Moon made of cheese? Are aliens real? Find out cool space facts and stargaze with some astronauts this week!

**Week 5, July 17-21:** Color Wars; Friday Fun Day - Camp Color Day
Each camp will be assigned a color and points will be awarded for camp spirit, team challenges, wearing team colors, and more.

**Week 6, July 24-28:** Anything Goes;
Friday Fun Day - Pajama Day
It’s wacky tacky week and we’re striving to be silly and willing to be wild! Talk backwards, create ooey gooey slime, find your twin, learn a new song!

**Week 7, July 31-August 4:** Camp’s Got Talent;
Friday Fun Day - Talent Day
Who has a hidden talent they are willing to share? Find out in the Friday Fun Day Talent Show!

**Week 8, August 7-11:** Peace out Summer;
Friday Fun Day - Tie Dye Day
Let’s close out the summer with a bang! Campers get to revisit their favorite activities and games of the last seven weeks.
HALF-DAY CAMPS

With two sites in New Castle County, all campers will participate in activities including supervised games, non-competitive sports, arts and crafts, team building, themed activities, nature and environmental education, summer reading, guest presentations and life-skills development projects. **Ages 5-12**

$40 per camper per week

8 weeks, June 20-August 11

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Camps will be closed on New Castle County holidays, June 19 and July 4.

**Battery Park**, Corner of 3rd and South Streets, New Castle 19720

**Delaware City**, 250 5th Street, Delaware City 19706

**SUMMER CAMP IS FUN!**
Weekly Themes and Thursday Fun Days for Half-Day Camps

Each week our half-day recreation camps will have a different theme. Crafts, games, activities based off of that theme. Thursday Fun Days are designed for campers and counselors to dress up according to the weekly theme.

**Week 1, June 20-22:** Summer Celebration; Thursday Fun Day - Beach Bash
Kick the summer off with outdoor games, crafts, sports and a variety of “get to know you” activities. End the week with a beach bash party!

**Week 2, June 26-29:** Nature Nuts; Thursday Fun Day - Favorite Animal Day
How do plants grow? What do wild animals need to survive? Campers will study nature all week long and learn what it takes to live in the wild and be eco-friendly!

**Week 3, July 3-6:** Party in the USA; Thursday Fun Day - Red, White, and Blue Day
Celebrate America and enjoy a short week of Red, White, and Blue. Learn about the USA and what makes us the melting pot of the world.

**Week 4, July 10-13:** Lift Off!; Thursday Fun Day - Space Day
Where do shooting stars come from? Is the Moon made of cheese? Are aliens real? Find out cool space facts and stargaze with some astronauts this week!

**Week 5, July 17-20:** Color Wars; Thursday Fun Day - Camp Color Day
Each camp will be assigned a color and points will be awarded for camp spirit, team challenges, wearing team colors, and more.

**Week 6, July 24-27:** Anything Goes; Thursday Fun Day - Pajama Day
It’s wacky tacky week and we’re striving to be silly and willing to be wild! Talk backwards, create ooey gooey slime, find your twin, learn a new song!

**Week 7, July 31-August 3:** Camp’s Got Talent; Thursday Fun Day - Talent Day
Who has a hidden talent they are willing to share? Find out in the Thursday Fun Day Talent Show!

**Week 8, August 7-10:** Peace out Summer;
Thursday Fun Day - Tie Dye Day
Let’s close out the summer with a bang! Campers get to revisit their favorite activities and games of the last seven weeks.
FULL-DAY
New Castle County partners with Kirkwood Sports to offer three week-long, full-day all-sports camps. Highlighted sports activities include baseball, basketball, flag football, soccer and speed/agility training with one day each week of swimming. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. In case of questionable weather, activities may be delayed, postponed or switched to an alternative indoor site. Campers should bring personal sports equipment, as well as drinks, a towel and rain gear. Ages 8-13
$130 per camper per week
July 10-14 ■ July 24-28 ■ August 7-11
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care is available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per camper per week.
Kirkwood Sports, 1220 River Road, New Castle 19720

HALF-DAY
Half-day sports camps offer a more focused curriculum for a specific sport than the full-day sports camps. They are offered at convenient locations all across New Castle County. In case of questionable weather, activities may be delayed, postponed or switched to an alternative indoor site. Campers should bring personal sports equipment, as well as drinks, a towel and rain gear. Ages 7-18
$60 per camper per week (except tennis, which is $115)
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Delcastle Recreational Park, 968 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington 19808
Speed/Agility: June 20-23 ■ Basketball: June 26-30 ■ Baseball: June 26-30
Softball: June 26-30 ■ Football: June 26-30 ■ Soccer: July 17-21
Lacrosse: July 24-28
Hockessin PAL, 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707
Volleyball: July 10-14 ■ Basketball: July 17-21 ■ Field Hockey: July 31-August 4
Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark 19702
Skateboard: July 10-14, July 31-August 4 ■ Tennis: July 10-14, July 31-August 4

For camp details, contact the Sports Office at 302-395-5890, visit nccdesports.com or follow them on Twitter @nccdesports.
Art Camps

Discover your inner artist at one of our art camps this summer! Two locations provide endless opportunities to explore your creative side and become inspired to make something spectacular. For more information on art camps, call 302-995-7661 or visit newcastlede.gov/752/Art-Camps. Ages 6-17

Glasgow Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark 19702
The Art Studio, 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington 19804

AT THE ART STUDIO

CLAY CAMP
Create both sculptures and functional pieces out of clay with instructor Bridgette Zack.
Ages 6-9, 9-10:30 a.m.; Ages 10-17 (work on the potter's wheel), 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
June 12-23: $108 NCC Resident, $117 NR (no camp June 19)
July 10-21: $120 NCC Resident, $130 NR
Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor at first class.

DRAWING AND PAINTING CAMP
Express yourself creatively! Experiment with a variety of themes while learning to draw and paint. Create beautiful pieces of art while exploring pastels, pencils, watercolors and more with instructor Jen Hintz Eggers.
Ages 6-9, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Ages 10-17, 9-10:30 a.m.
June 12-23: $108 NCC Resident, $117 NR (no camp June 19)
July 10-21: $120 NCC Resident, $130 NR
Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor the first day of class.

FABRIC DYEING AND FIBER ART SAMPLER CAMP
Have fun exploring the many ways of using fabric to create unique art and functional or wearable pieces. Learn tie-dyeing, weaving, needle felting, sewing and more with instructor Sarah Dressler.
Ages 6-9, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Ages 10-17, 9-10:30 a.m.
June 12-23: $108 NCC Resident, $117 NR (no camp June 19)
July 10-21: $120 NCC Resident, $130 NR
Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor the first day of class.

* NR = Non-Resident
**MYTHS, LEGENDS AND FANTASY ART CAMP**

Don’t miss this whimsical week of wonder with instructor Lisa Weddell! During this week, explore all things magical and mythological working with a variety of mediums, including mixed media, canvas painting, clay hand building and more!

*Ages 6-9, 9-10:30 a.m.; Ages 10-17, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.*

*June 26-30: $80 NCC Resident, $85 NR*

*Additional $15 materials fee due to the instructor at first class.*

**MYSTERIES OF THE DEEP ART CAMP**

Join us for this journey into the depths and darkness of the uncharted oceans around the world with instructor Lisa Weddell! During this week, explore the unique creatures lurking in the ocean waters working with a variety of mediums, including mixed media, canvas painting, clay hand building and more!

*Ages 6-9, 9-10:30 a.m.; Ages 10-17, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.*

*July 24-28: $80 NCC Resident, $85 NR*

*Additional $15 materials fee due to the instructor at first class.*

**PORTFOLIO BUILDING CAMP**

Develop and prepare your portfolio in drawing and painting. Concentrate on drawing June 26-30 and July 10-14, and painting July 17-21 and July 24-28. Register for one or all weeks. Open studio time plus one-on-one advice from instructor Seong Boyce. Students will receive more information about materials after registration.

*Ages 10-17, 1:30-4 p.m.*

*June 26-30 / July 10-14, Drawing: $100 NCC Resident, $105 NR*

*July 17-21 / July 24-28, Painting: $100 NCC Resident, $105 NR*

**AT GLASGOW PARK OUTDOOR ART CAMP**

Explore all the types of art you love in a one-week session outdoors with instructors Sarah Dressler and Jen Hintz Eggers. Experiment with a variety of techniques and media, such as collage, drawing and painting.

*Ages 6-9, 9-10:30 a.m.; Ages 10-17, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.*

*June 26-30 / July 24-28: $80 NCC Resident, $85 NR*

*Additional $15 materials fee due to the instructor at first class.*

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**Horseback Riding Camp**

Horseback riding camp at Carousel Park emphasizes horse safety, education and fun! Campers are assigned an equine partner for the week. Educational activities include riding lessons, lessons in equine behavior, health and nutrition, and general equine maintenance and care. Games and craft-based activities compliment the instructional day. Call 302-995-7670 for information. **Ages 8-14**

$325 per camper  
July 17-21  
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-7 p.m.

**Carousel Park Equestrian Center, 3700 Limestone Road, Wilmington 19808**

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**Safety Town**

Safety Town is a fun program consisting of a miniature town with child-sized houses, crosswalks and streets. This popular program teaches about safety through songs, guest speakers and role-playing. **Ages 4-6**

Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:15 a.m.  
$80 NCC Residents, $100 NR per camper per week. Enrollment is limited, so register early.

**Glasgow Park Frazer House, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark 19702**  
July 17-21, 8:30-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-3:15 p.m. / July 24-28, 8:30-11:15 a.m. or 12:30-3:15 p.m.

**Hockessin Recreation Center, 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707,**
June 12-16, 8:30-11:15 a.m. / June 20-23, 8:30-11:15 a.m.
June 26-30, 8:30-11:15 a.m. / July 10-14, 8:30-11:15 a.m.

**Whitehall Recreation Center, 735 Mapleton Ave., Suite 300, Middletown 19709**  
July 31-August 4, 8:30-11:15 a.m. / August 7-11, 8:30-11:15 a.m.

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**Volunteer Opportunity**

Teens and young adults, **ages 14-24**, are needed to assist with Safety Town. Volunteers must pass a background check. **Call 302-395-3679 or apply at newcastlede.gov/safetytown.**

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FAQs

How do I register?
Register online at newcastlede.gov/camps. For assistance, call the camp offices listed on page 2.

Where is the Camp Office?
The Recreation and Sports Camp Office is located at 77 Reads Way, New Castle 19720.

What are the camp hours?
All Camp Office hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Full-day recreation camps: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with extended care available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per week.
- Full-day sports camps: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with extended care available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per week.
- Half-day recreation camps: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Half-day sports camps: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Half-day art camps: start times vary for class and camper age.
- Safety Town: Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:15 a.m., or 12:30-3:15 p.m., depending on location.

Is financial aid available?
We offer limited scholarships on a first-come first-serve basis for all full-day recreation camps. To apply, visit newcastlede.gov/camps or call the Camp Office for more information. Sports camps have limited financial aid. Call the Sports Office for more information.

What if I need to cancel my camp registration?
The camp cancellation policy is as follows: The $25 deposit required for each week of camp registration is non-refundable. Refunds on the balance will be issued with a written request submitted at least 14 days prior to the start of the activity. Refund requests received within 14 days of the activity will receive a credit to the customer’s account which is valid for one year. Refund requests received after the start of the activity will not be honored, unless due to a documented illness or injury.

What safety measures are you following to keep my child safe and healthy at camp?
NCC Summer Camps follow all regulations set by the State and Public Health Department. Our sites are inspected at least twice prior to camp start date to be certified by the State. Our camps perform a regimented cleaning schedule each day and following each activity. Lastly, the majority of our events are held outside, with limited time spent in an indoor space.
What if I need to pick up my camper early?
If your child needs to leave early, please send a note letting staff know what time and who is picking up your camper. If the person picking up your child is not listed on the camp pick-up consent form, you must make the Camp Office aware of this prior to pick up. Any person picking up a camper must be over 18 and is asked to show picture identification. Please note: There are no pick-ups allowed during field trips unless previous arrangements have been made with the Camp Office.

What happens on rainy days?
Full and half-day recreation camps are held rain or shine. If it is dangerous weather (thunder and lightning, extreme heat index, etc.), camps will move indoors. However, in a light drizzle or rain, we will keep playing outdoors! Dress appropriately (raincoat) on these days and pack an extra set of clothes. Full and half-day sports camps may be delayed, postponed or switched to an alternative indoor site in the case of inclement weather. These decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

Who are the camp staff members?
Our staff is comprised of teachers, counselors and college students. All staff must pass a background check, child abuse screening, and drug screening prior to attending our full training orientation before camp begins.

What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?
We follow State guidelines for camper-to-counselor ratio. 5-6 year old campers have an 8:1 ratio and 7-12 year old campers have a 10:1 ratio.

What should my camper wear and bring?
Campers should wear lightweight clothes that may get dirty! Shoes should be sneakers or close-toed shoes (open-toed shoes and flip flops are not allowed at camp for safety reasons). Please pack a change of clothes in your camper’s backpack in case of emergencies or rainy days. Sports camps may have additional recommendations.

What should my camper bring?
A backpack with labeled items:
- Swimsuit and towel (full-day recreation and full-day sports camps only)
- Change of clothes
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Healthy snacks (2)
- Reusable water bottle filled with water
- Packed lunch (full-day camps only, please see below)

What should my camper NOT bring?
- Cell phones, tablets or similar devices
- Money (except on field trip days)
- Handheld video games
- Skateboards/scooters, HEELYS or hoverboards
- Personal property, toys, games, jewelry, etc. (unless requested by camp counselors with theme week)

New Castle County is not responsible for the safety of items brought to camp.
What about lunch?
Send your full-day recreation and full-day sports camper with a nutritionally balanced lunch, snacks and water/drinks. There are no refrigerators or microwaves at camp. Packing lunch in an insulated bag or hard-top cooler is recommended, labeled with your camper’s name.

What if my camper loses something at camp?
We strongly encourage you to label every item your camper brings or wears to camp. Each camp has a lost and found box at the sign in/out table that all items are brought to at the end of every day.

Does my camper get a t-shirt?
Campers who attend a full-day recreation, full-day sports or half-day sports camp receive one t-shirt. Full-day recreation campers must wear their camp shirts on field trip days.

Is a field trip planned for my camper?
All full-day recreation camps participate in an off-site field trip once a week. All full-day recreation and full-day sports camps also participate in an off-site swim trip once a week (specific day and pool location determined by camp site).

How can I help prevent sunburn on my camper?
Before your camper arrives at camp each day, apply waterproof sunscreen. Camp staff is not permitted to provide, share or apply sunscreen on any camper. Parents/guardians are encouraged to show their camper how to reapply sunscreen on areas that may be exposed to the sun. Mark your camper’s sunscreen with his/her name. Sunscreen must be in original container. Consider hats, short- and/or long-sleeve shirts and an extra shirt for swimming for children who are sensitive to the sun.