

Takoma Park Recreation Department



**Summer** 2018



Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 8:30 am Monday, February 5 for Residents Monday, February 12 for Non-Residents

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# Early Bird Discount!

The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers the traditional range of summer camp activities, along with specialty camps designed to enhance your child's summer and create lasting memories.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 5 for residents and Monday, February 12 for non-residents.

Scholarship applications must be submitted 3 weeks prior to registration.

15% off from Feb 5-11 for City residents 10% off from Feb 12-18 for everyone

Discount will be applied automatically both in person and online. (Does not apply to Spring Break Camps.)



## **Summer Camp Reference Chart**

Program	Ages	June 18-22	June 25-29	July 2-6	July 9-13	July 16-20	July 23-27	July 30- Aug 3	Aug 6-10	Aug 13-17	Aug 20-24
Rookie Sports Camp	3–4		1		✓				1		
Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp	3–4					✓					
Camp Takoma	5–12		1	✓	✓	✓	1	1	1	1	✓
Dance Camp	5-13						1	1	1	1	
Dribble, Pass, Shoot Camp	5–12									1	
Girls Basketball Camp	6–13						✓				
New Ave Adventure Camp	5–12		1	1	✓	✓	1	1	1		
On Stage Camp: Back Stage	11-15			1	✓						
On Stage Camp: Center Stage	6–11					<b>√</b>					
On Stage Camp: Spotlights	10–15			✓	✓						
Sports Camp	5–12	1									
S.T.E.A.M. Camp/StarLab	5–12										✓
Visual Arts Camp	11-14		✓		✓	✓					
Wilderness Camp	8-13							1			
Impacting the World Through Video Camp	Grade 6-12							1	1		
Teens On The Move	Grade 6-12			✓	✓	✓	✓				

### **Payment Plan Option**

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due into three equal

payments: 33% of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining payments due on or before May 1 and June 1. You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates will not be changed. For example, if you register for programs in May, 66% of the fees will be due, with the remaining

installment due by June 1. Payment plans will not be available after June 1. All payment plans will be assessed a \$25 late fee if payment is received more than five days after the due date of May 1 and June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 6 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

## **Spring Break Camps**

**CAMP FACTS** 

✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch daily. ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up! ✓ Paperwork is required prior to the start of the program. ✓ Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.

### YOUTH (5-12 Years)

#### **Before Care and After Care**

Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports.

Takoma Park Community Center or Takoma Park Recreation Center 5-17 years

Monday-Friday, March 26 – March 30 **Before Care:** 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **After Care:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Resident: \$35 each /Non-resident: \$45 each

#### **Dribble, Pass, Shoot Basketball Spring Camp**

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant.

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5-12 years Monday-Friday, March 26 - March 30 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$200

#### Spring Break Camp - Board Games Come To Life

Join us for a week of fun and games, where the campers are the real life board game pieces. Campers will get to design and play games such as: Trouble, Monopoly, Sorry, Guess Who, and much more. Trips, activities and performers are subject to change.

Takoma Park Community Center Azalea Room 7500 Maple Avenue 5-12 years 1 Week Session Monday-Friday, March 26 - March 30 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

## TEENS (Grades 6-12)

#### Spring Break PREPS Week

Spring Break PREPS (Planning and Researching for Educational and Professional Success) week is about assisting teens in planning for their future. During this week, teens will be able to participate in discussions with business professionals and take a few college tours to get a sense of life after high school. Occasional break away trips such as: bowling, laser tag, or roller skating will be included. Come with questions and an open mind! Before and after care available.

Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Monday-Friday, March 26 – March 30 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

#### Spring Break Documentary Filmmaking Camp: My Story

In this one-week fun and educational day camp, participants work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about themselves, using original video footage, interviews, photographs, music, and narration. Campers will be provided access to and training with professional video cameras and Final Cut Pro editing equipment. Final projects will be shown in a mini-festival for family and friends, uploaded to YouTube, and may also be featured at the Community Stories Film Festival to be held in Fall 2018. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable lunch each day. Before Care and After Care are available for an additional fee. Instructor: Docs In **Progress** 

Takoma Park Community Center Multi Media Lab 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Monday-Friday, March 26-March 30 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$200

#### **On Stage: Spring Break** Workshop

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Avenue 9-14 years

Monday-Wednesday, March 26-March 28

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Resident: \$130 / Non-resident: \$150



TOTS (3-4 Years)

#### **Rookie Sports Camp**

Have the little ones join us for a week of unique activities including T-ball, soccer, bowling, kickball, relays and more exciting daily events. Sessions take place in a safe, structured environment and sports are played through a series of games and activities. All the sports promote hand eye coordination, motor skills, group participation and communication skills. All participants must wear sneakers and dress appropriately. Participants will meet in the Rose Room every day and be walked over to the PBES gym, by staff.

Takoma Park Community Center Rose Room 7500 Maple Avenue 3 - 4 years Monday-Friday 1 Week Sessions

**Session 1:** June 25-June 29 **Session 2:** July 9-July 13 **Session 3:** August 6-August 10
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Resident: \$80 / Non-resident \$90

#### **Teeny Tiny Chefs Camp**

Everyone knows that even the youngest participants love to create in the kitchen. In partnership with Tiny Chefs, we are bringing a program just for the preschool culinary set! In this specially designed program, we connect cooking concepts and recipes with themes and characters draw from selected children's books, songs or games. Picky eater Lola from "I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato" will help us make morning glory muffins, we will learn the chicken dance while waiting for our cheese strata to bake and sing "On Top of Spaghetti" while making pasta primavera. These are just a few of the songs, stories, and recipes that will introduce your littlest chef to the joys of cooking!

Takoma Park Community Center Lilac Room 7500 Maple Avenue 3 - 4 years Monday-Friday 1 Week Session July 16-July 20 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Resident: \$150 / Non-resident: \$170

## YOUTH (5-12 Years)

CAMP FACTS

✓ Bring a non-perishable lunch daily.
 ✓ Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

✓ Paperwork is required prior to the start of the program.
 ✓ Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.

#### **EXTENDED CARE**

#### **Maple Avenue Before Care and After Care**

Campers in the following camps may enroll: Camp Takoma, Takoma Park Recreation Specialty Camps at Maple Avenue, Teens on the Move, Takoma Sports and Soccer Camps (Partner Camps). Activities include games, outdoor play and sports. Because of the numerous camps it feeds into this program fills quickly - don't wait.

Takoma Park Community Center Azalea Room 7500 Maple Avenue 5 - 17 years Monday-Friday 1 Week Sessions

**Before Care:** 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. **After Care:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Resident: \$35 each week /Non-resident: \$45 each week \*4th of July week fee: Resident: \$28 / Non-resident: \$38

For information on Before and After Care for Visual Arts and On Stage camps see page 7.

#### **New Hampshire Avenue Before Care and After Care**

Campers in the following camps may enroll: New Ave. Adventure Camp and Dribble Pass and Shoot Basketball Camp. Available for those families who require or desire additional activities beyond the regular camp hours. Activities include games, outdoor play and sports.

Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5 - 12 years

Monday-Friday

1 Week Sessions

**Before Care:** 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **After Care:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Resident: \$35 per week \*Week of June 27 (3 days): \$21 \*Week of July 2 (4 days): \$28

### Early Bird Discount!

FACTS Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

Paperwork is required prior to the start of the program.

Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps, see pg 5.

#### **Camp Takoma**

Explore a new adventure each week! Campers will participate in activities such as games, crafts, and trips related to the theme for the week. You can choose 1 week or as many as you need. Camp sessions always fill – don't wait!

Takoma Park Community Center Azalea Room 7500 Maple Avenue 5 - 12 years

Monday-Friday

1 Week Sessions

Week 1 (June 25-29): Going Green

Week 2 (July 2-6; No Camp July 4th): National Treasure\*

Week 3 (July 9-13): Symphony of the 5 Senses Week 4 (July 16-20): Lords & Ladies of the Court Week 5 (July 23-27): Say "Yes" to the Mess Week 6 (July 30-August 3): Sports of All Sorts

Week 7 (August 6-10): H20 Fun

Week 8 (August 13-17): Rockin' Through the Ages

Week 9 (August 20-24): Color-lympics

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Resident: \$125 / Non-resident: \$145

\*4th of July week fee: Resident: \$100 / Non-resident: \$120

#### **Dance Camp**

Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop and Creative Dance Camp is geared to allow girls and boys the opportunity to enhance talents with skills and techniques taught during the session. Children will learn basic dance skills, rhythm, musicality and improvisation. Instructors will focus on building self-esteem and personal creativity; which will allow them to gain confidence in the craft of dance. Fun and excitement will be implemented into each routine. At the end of each session, campers will be given the opportunity to highlight and showcase what they have learned with a performance. Please note that each session is two weeks. Instructor: Maryland Cheer Chargers

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Avenue 5-13 years Monday-Friday 2 Week Sessions

**Session 1:** July 23-August 3 **Session 2:** August 6-17 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325

#### **Dribble Pass Shoot Basketball Camp**

Emphasizing individual improvement is one of the guiding philosophies of this camp. Campers will be provided with excellent coaching which allows each participant to develop a sense of pride and individual accomplishment. The level of instruction will be adjusted to fit the individual needs of each participant. Instructor: Joe Dobbins

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5 - 12 years 1 Week Session Monday-Friday, August 13-17 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$200

#### **Girls Basketball Camp**

Participants will learn basketball fundamentals which include but are not limited to: ball handling, shooting skills, foot work, and overall knowledge of the game. Campers will also improve communication skills and teamwork all while having fun. Campers should be dropped off and picked up at the Takoma Park Community Center, and will walk to Piney Branch Elementary School for camp. Instructor: Joe Dobbins

Takoma Park Community Center Lilac Room 7500 Maple Avenue 6-13 years Monday-Friday, July 23-27 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$200 / Non-resident: \$220

#### New Ave. Adventure Camp



Get ready for a fun-filled summer of adventure, games and activities with our New Ave Adventure Camp! Campers will go swimming, have a weekly field trip, create arts and crafts projects and play various games based on the theme of the week. You can choose 1 week or as many as you need.

Takoma Park Recreation Center 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5 - 12 years

Monday-Friday

1 Week Sessions

Week 1 (June 27-29; No Camp June 25 & 26): Me, My Family and Community\*

Week 2 (July 2-6; No Camp July 4):FUNdamental Sports\*\*

Week 3 (July 9-13): Fun and Fit Week 4 (July 16-20): Creative Campers Week 5 (July 23-27): Let's S.E.E.! (Science) Week 6 (July 30-August 3): Water Works Week 7 (August 6-10): Spirit Week

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$125 per week

\*Week 1 (June 27-29): \$75

\*\*Week 2 (July 2-6, No camp 7/4) fee: \$100

#### On Stage Camp: Back Stage - Into the Woods



On Stage: Backstage, is a great choice for participants who love art and are interested in technical theatre but just don't want to be on stage. Students will learn and employ skills related to set design/construction, costume & prop design/construction, costume/prop management and stage management and apply those skills to material from Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods." We'll join the actors with physical, vocal, imagination & focus building warm-ups, then the backstage students will work in various capacities at times beside the Spotlight students and at other times working in a small ensemble with the technical director/designer. There is a special after care for this camp that starts at 3 p.m. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center
Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
11-15 years
2 Week Sessions
Monday-Friday, July 2-13
(No camp July 4)
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Resident: \$390 / Non-resident: \$420

#### On Stage Camp: Center Stage - Peter Pan

In On Stage: Center Stage, everyone shines! Our camp is designed to allow students the opportunity to dive into performance and design/construction aspects of theatre by working on songs and scenes from Peter Pan. We'll start each day with physical, vocal, imagination & focus building warmups. Our goal is to have every student on stage, every student engaged in the creative process, every student proud of their work. Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! \$40 materials fee helps to cover set materials, props, craft supplies, some costume supplies, music tracks, cds, and lyrics. There is a special after care for this camp that starts at 3 p.m. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Avenue 6-11 years 1 Week Session Monday-Friday, July 16-20 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325 Plus \$40 materials fee

#### On Stage Camp: Spotlight - Into the Woods

In On Stage: Spotlight, everyone is a star! This year, we will be tackling material from Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods!" Our two week camp is designed to allow students the opportunity to dive into performance and design aspects of theatre by working on an abridged production. Students will perform several musical numbers with corresponding scene work from "Into the Woods." Our goal is to have every student on stage as much as possible, every student engaged in the creative process, every student proud of their work. Students will have the opportunity to audition for individual parts as well as sing in a group. Please note, the emphasis is on process, not product, though we haven't disappointed audiences yet! \$65 materials fee helps to cover set materials, props, craft supplies, costume supplies, music purchase, cds, lyrics & script. Students will be able to keep some of their costume pieces and set/prop work. There is a special after care for this camp that starts at 3 p.m. Instructor: Gretchen Weigel

Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium 7500 Maple Avenue 10-15 years 2 Week Session Monday-Friday, July 2-13 (No camp July 4) 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Resident: \$535 / Non-resident: \$565 Plus \$65 materials fee

## ON STAGE & VISUAL ARTS AFTER CARE

This special after care will begin at 3 p.m. and go until our normal 6 p.m. end time.

It's full of the same fun and games just one hour longer for our two camps that end at 3 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center

3 - 6 p.m.

Resident: \$53 per week / Non-resident: \$63 per week

\*Week of July 4- Resident: \$43 / Non-resident: \$53



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FACTS Spaces are limited, sign up before they fill up!

Paperwork is required prior to the start of the program.

Before Care & After Care are available for all youth camps.

#### S.T.E.A.M. Camp - STARLAB



This camp is an innovative planetarium system that introduces students to the scientific wonders of the night sky and beyond. This interdisciplinary teaching lab touches on a myriad of astronomy and other themes, such as: cultural and native legends, constellations, the Milky Way, star clusters and galaxies, phases of the moon, star fields and urban night sky, earth science and plate tectonics, cell biology, ocean currents, celestial voyages of explorers. Instructor: Mind Bloom

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room and Auditorium
7500 Maple Avenue
5-12 years
1 Week Session
Monday-Friday, August 20-24
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Resident; \$350 / Non-resident; \$380

#### **Sports Camp**

Want to know the secret to becoming an MVP in everyday life? It's all about teamwork, healthy competition and positivity. You can find it all right here! Participants will learn to play a variety of indoor/outdoor sports that may include soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, kickball and much more. Additional activities include arts and crafts. Instructor: Maryland Cheer Chargers

Takoma Park Recreation Center Gymnasium 7315 New Hampshire Avenue 5-12 years 1 Week Session Monday-Friday, June 18-22 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. \$225

#### **Visual Arts Camp**

Have fun and express yourself through color, shape, drawing and design! Each session includes a new art related theme and group of art processes and activities. Sharpen your drawing skills, explore new materials and exercise your imagination with inspiring art projects. Two hours of drawing in the morning using graphite, pen and ink, colored pencils, charcoal

pencils, pastels, oil pastels or conte crayon, etc. followed by two + hours of painting and/or collage and assemblage in the afternoon. Media such as watercolor painting, sumi-e, mixed media painting, texture and found - object assemblage will be explored. Art related movies, access to the game room during the day and outdoor art adventures are all included in what will certainly be a memorable summer experience. All materials included. There is a special after care for this camp that starts at 3 p.m. see page 7. Instructor: Katie Dell Kaufman

Takoma Park Community Center Art Studio 7500 Maple Avenue 11 - 14 years 1 Week Sessions Monday-Friday

**Session 1:** June 25-29 **Session 2:** July 9-13 **Session 3:** July 16-20 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Resident: \$295 / Non-resident: \$325

#### Wilderness Camp

Does your youth need to get caught up on their outside time in a big way!? The camp provides in-depth technical instruction, fascinating content and structured, scenario based curriculum at the end of which participants earn a certification in Wilderness Survival Skills. Some of the skills the participants will learn will be building shelters, fires, traps, tracking, primitive skills, orienteering, cordage, distinguishing edible and medicinal plants, gear prep, emergency first aid and more. Participants work in teams using natural materials to problem solve scenario challenges as a team in various disciplines. The instructors have a background in survival and primitive skills and balance creative problem solving opportunities with direct instruction to provide a full and transformational week. Fun games that require campers to learn stealthy movement and keen sensory awareness are a big part of each day. There is a special Before Care and After Care for this camp since it is at a separate location. Instructor: Coyle Outside

Heffner Park Community Center 42 Oswego Avenue 8-13 years 1 Week Session Monday-Friday, July 30-August 3 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$325 / Non-resident: \$355

#### **Wilderness Camp Before and After Care**

**Before Care:** 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **After Care:** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Resident: \$35/Non-resident: \$45

### Early Bird Discount!

## TEENS (Grades 6-12)

#### Counselor in Training (CIT)

Sign up for a three day training to become a CIT. Prior to volunteering for summer camp, each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During these trainings, teens will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. During the summer camp sessions, the CIT will support all planned program activities on site as well as any regularly scheduled off site activities such as swimming and field trips. This volunteer opportunity, to work with camp, involves working directly with children by helping them to enjoy and feel successful in each activity. Training dates (must attend all trainings): \*Tuesday, May 1 Intro / Camp Standards 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. \*Thursday, May 3 What it means to be a CIT 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. \*Saturday, May 5 First Aid/CPR Training 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Once training is complete, teens will sign up for a two-week session to volunteer with various camps. \*Each session is for two (2) weeks. Main camp times: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Takoma Park Community Center
Lilac Room
7500 Maple Avenue
14-16 years
Camp Training: Tuesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 3
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
CPR Training: Saturday, May 5
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Resident: \$25 / Non-resident: \$35

#### Impacting the World Through Video

In this two-week fun and educational day camp, youth will work in small teams to plan, shoot, and edit short documentary videos about an issue or cause of importance

locally. Participants will develop a call to action and create a short video which may incorporate interviews, archival materials, narration, music, and original footage. Participants will be provided access to and training with video cameras and the Final Cut Pro editing system. Final projects will be shown in a mini-festival for family and friends, uploaded to YouTube, and may also be featured at the Community Stories Film Festival to be held in Fall 2018. Before and after care are available for an additional fee, see page 5.

Takoma Park Community Center Multi Media Lab 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 2 Week Session Monday-Friday, July 30-August 10 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resident; \$300 / Non-resident; \$375

#### **Teens on the Move Camp**

This camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Register for one week or all four, but this fun camp will fill fast. \*\*Some Fridays may start as early at 7:00 a.m. and go as late as 8:00 p.m. Participants will be given prior notice. No Camp July 4th!

Takoma Park Community Center Teen Lounge 7500 Maple Avenue Grades 6-12 Monday-Friday

Week 1: July 2-July 6\* Week 2: July 9-July 13 Week 3: July 16-July 20 Week 4: July 23-July 27

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Resident: \$120 / Non-resident: \$140

\*4th of July week fee: Resident: \$100 / Non-resident \$120



## Save the Date!

### **Summer Camp for 55 Plus!**

Why should children have all the fun? We're planning our 2018 Air, Land & Sea Discovery Camp for **the week of June 4-8.** Interact with sea creatures, create beauty from fire, move with the wind in your hair.

You'll enjoy a week of activities designed to expand your skills and knowledge while having fun. Limited space so register early. See the Spring 2018 Forever Young newsletter and the Spring/Summer City Guide for details.

## Partner Camps

#### Not affiliated with the Takoma Park Recreation Department

#### **Takoma Sportscamps**

Established in 1996, Takoma Sportscamps serves boys and girls ages 6 ½ -15 of all skill levels and abilities in baseball, softball, and basketball. They offer six one week camp sessions that provide a fun, safe atmosphere for kids to develop their skills and use them in game situations. Camp co-founder and director Louis Hoelman has taught physical education and coached in Montgomery County Public Schools since 1993. Their staff is comprised of coaches and teachers from area public and private high schools, elite athletes, and high school athletes who have graduated from Takoma Sportscamps and want to give back to younger participants. Camps are offered at TPMS.

For more information: www.takomasportscamp. orq

or call 301-588-3724.

#### Baseball:

Week 1: June 18-22 Week 2: June 25-29

#### Softball:

Week 1: July 9-13

#### Basketball:

Week 1: July 2-6 (No Camp July 4th)\*

Week 2: July 9-13 Week 3: July 16-20

#### Fees:

Camps: \$240 before June 1/\$250 after June 1 \*Basketball Camp: \$200 before June 1/\$210 after June 1

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Financial assistance available.

#### **Takoma Soccer Camps**

The extremely popular Adrian Baez, the Einstein varsity coach for boys, directs all instruction, assisted by a host of Takoma Soccer graduates who serve as counselors. Takoma Soccer Commissioner Howard Kohn oversees the camp. They aim for a fun time what will also improve everyone's knowledge and skill. Camp is held at Lee Jordan Field (behind TPMS). Ages 5-13

Week 1: July 23-27 Week 2: July 30-August 3

\$185/week for full day (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) 90/week for half day (9 a.m. -12 p.m.) For more information please visit

www.takomasoccer.org.

#### MAPLE AVENUE BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Before and After Care options are available beginning June 25 (not Week 1 Baseball) through the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an additional fee (see page 5). There are limited number of spaces, so register early! After Care is available for full day participants only. Please inquire with Takoma Sportscamps or Takoma Soccer Camp for information regarding down time between camp and after care. Additional paperwork is required for this Recreation Department's program. Check out the website and join the fun this summer!

## **Annual Egg Hunt**

Get your baskets ready and join the Takoma Park Recreation Department for an "egg"citing time! There are four age categories: ages 2 and under, 3-4 years, 5-6 years, and 7-8 years. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. with games and music. The hunt begins at 11:00 a.m. sharp! **Don't miss out.** Don't forget to bring your basket! Mr. Bunny will be available to take selfies with you.

Ed Wilhelm Field (behind Piney Branch Elementary School) Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. Rain date: Monday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. Free



# Takoma Park Resident Scholarships Available

#### Scholarship program

The benefits of recreation are too numerous to list, and often lowincome families stand to gain the most. Recreation promotes physical, mental and social wellbeing. Recreation programs serve as settings in which friendships bloom and wholesome connections and community pride are forged. The Takoma Park Recreation Department is committed to making scholarships available to City residents (youth, teens, adults, seniors and people with disabilities) who cannot pay full price for recreation programs. Scholarships give Takoma Park residents an opportunity to learn, grow, and have fun.

#### Scholarship guidelines

- Applicants must be City residents.
- City Residency: Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay

taxes to and are eligible to vote in Takoma Park elections (if 16 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Takoma Park or those who have a Takoma Park mailing address but do not pay taxes to the City. When registering for a class or conducting business as a Takoma Park resident, proof is required in the form of a state issued photo ID or current lease with a valid city of Takoma Park address.

- Scholarships are for all ages. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
- If a child receives 'Free or Reduced Meals,' they are eligible for a scholarship.
- Applications must be submitted to the Recreation Department at least three (3) weeks before registration.

#### How to apply

- 1. Pick up an application from the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Administrative Office, 7500 Maple Ave.
- 2. After you have selected an activity, complete and turn in an application by the deadline along with additional forms to a staff member at the Takoma Park Recreation Department administrative office (7500 Maple Ave.).
- 3. It may take up to ten (10) business days to determine if a scholarship is approved. You will be contacted by our office with an updated status.
- 4. Scholarship applications and supplemental documentation must be submitted 3 weeks prior to registering.



#### It's Tax Season!

Extended Care programs, camps and Fun Days are eligible to be reported on your taxes.

The City of Takoma Park tax ID number is **52-6000808**. For a tax ID receipt, please email your request to recreation@takomaparkmd.gov.



**Memorial Day** May 27-28

**Independence Day** July 4

> **Labor Day** September 2-3

#### We Don't Spam

Periodically you will receive emails about upcoming registration dates, special events, weather closings, special promotions or new programs. It is important that vou have a valid email address in our database. If you change email addresses, move, etc., please let us know.



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# TAKOMAPARK

### WEATHER • EMERGENCY INFO • TRAFFIC

www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

The City of Takoma Park has a new alert system. Takoma Park Alert will deliver important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you by whichever methods you choose. The Takoma Park Alert system replaces the TP Alerts system. We encourage all residents to sign up. Learn more at www.takomaparkmd.gov/alert

## Registration Visit us online @

http://apm.activecommunities.com/takomaparkrecreation

CAMP REGISTRATION **BEGINS** Monday, Feb. 5 8:30 a.m. for TP residents



With ActiveNet® you can use a credit card to:

- Register for recreation classes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!
- · Request a park or recreation facility for an event.
- Receive class confirmation via e-mail.
- View and print class schedules.
- Purchase memberships to the gym and fitness room.

#### **Instructions for** creating an account

Contact the Recreation Department in advance if you currently have an account and need to verify your username and password.

- 1. Access apm.activecommunities. com/takomaparkrecreation
- 2. Click Create an Account.
- 3. Complete all necessary information; fields marked with an asterisk are required.
- 4. Click Create Account or enter other family members into the system at this
- 5. Click Intro and search for a course or facility.

#### Alternative registration

You can still register via mail or walk in: Takoma Park Recreation Department 7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912

Make checks or money orders payable to: City of Takoma Park. List program name and participant's name on front of check. No phone registrations.

> If you are having trouble registering or if you have questions concerning classes, please call

301-891-7290 or e-mail us at recreation@takomaparkmd.gov

#### Wait list policy

In the event that a program has more interest than available space, we will keep a waiting list. Individuals on the waiting list will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event that another class is created, individuals from the waiting list will be contacted.

#### **Registration policies**

- The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program/class due to insufficient enrollment or to substitute teachers without participant notification.
- · Classes may be canceled on school holidays, vacations, snow days or any other dates noted in the guide. If schools close midday due to a weather or other emergency, children's classes will also be canceled. Every attempt will be made to reschedule classes canceled due to weather emergencies.
- A resident of Takoma Park is any person who lives within the 2.4 square mile corporate limits. A nonresident lives outside the corporate limits. If you are not sure of your residency status, please call us and we will be happy to assist you. Or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/council and review the street listing.
- We require, for most programs, that participants are the required age as the date of the first class. All

age requirements are set to benefit the participant and allow for more consistent program instruction. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the participant's safety.

 Customers can only register individuals listed on their household account for programs.

#### **Refund policy**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/ electronic notification received seven (7) business days prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per participant/per class and may take up to 30 days to receive.
- · Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount, which may be used for another program. After that time, the credit will be forfeited. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (*no exception*). No refund after the program has ended.



#### REGISTER EARLY!

Nothing cancels a good class quicker than waiting until the last minute to register. If there aren't enough registrations by a certain date, the course may be canceled.

## **Rules & Regulations**

Welcome and thank you for registering for a City of Takoma Park City Recreation day camp. These guidelines will ensure a successful experience for you and your child/teen. Should you still have questions after reviewing this information, contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

 There will be no financial credit made for absences, illness or suspensions.

#### **CAMPERS' ATTIRE**

- Dress your camper according to the day's activities and weather.
- Closed-toe shoes are required; sandals are not permitted.
- Campers must wear camp issued t-shirt on all trips, including pool trips.

#### **EXTENDED CARE**

- Before and After Care available for day camps ending at 3:00 p.m. only.
- Supervised, non-structured playtime for campers only.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

- Day Camps operate from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. (closed July 4).
- All activities and programs are subject to change and/or cancellation on code red or orange weather days.

#### LATE POLICY

The City of Takoma Park Recreation Department implements the following late pick-up policy for all program participants. A fee of \$10 will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time for each participant up to 1 hour or for a total of \$40. Payment must be made at the time of pick-up. One hour after the scheduled pick-up time, program staff will bring your child to the Takoma Park Police Department, where parent or guardian can pick-up their child.

#### LUNCH

Campers must bring their own non-perishable lunch, snack and a drink. Healthy choices and resuable containers are encouraged. No glass containers. Note: refrigeration or microwave is not available. Lunches should be clearly marked with camper's name. Send water bottle (labled with camper's name) especially on field trip day(s).

#### PARTICIPANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

The City of Takoma Park Department of Recreation strives to maintain the highest quality programs and professional standards. Part of those standards are having accurate participant profile and medical information on every child. All forms are available at www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/ recreation. Forms must be completed and submitted prior to your child attending our programs.

#### **Participant Information Form**

This form can be downloaded from the website or picked up at

the Recreation Department office during regular business hours. Completed paper work must be submitted prior to the start of each camp session. This form has emergency and general contact, health, release information and a behavior agreement.

#### **Authorization for Medication**

If your child will be taking medications during program times, specific medical forms must be completed prior to attending. The forms may either be downloaded at www.takomaparkmd.gov/ goverment/recreation or by calling 301-891-7290. Forms must be signed by your physician even for over the counter medications.

#### **Immunizations**

If your child is not currently attending a school in the state of Maryland, you must provide a copy of proper immunizations prior to start of camp. Note: This will apply particularly to those entering Kindergarten.

#### PAYMENT PLAN OPTION

For your convenience, you may choose to pay in full at the time of registration or select the payment plan option. This payment plan option, which must be chosen at the time of registration, divides the total amount due into three equal payments: 33% of the total fees will be due at the time of registration, with the remaining payments due on or before May 1 and June 1. You must register early to take advantage of this opportunity as payment due dates will not be changed. For example, if you register for programs in May, 66% of the fees will be due, with the remaining installment due by June 1. Payment plans will not be available after June 1. All payment plans will be assessed a \$25 late fee if payment is received more than five days after the due date of May 1 and June 1. Outstanding balances as of June 6 could result in the child being withdrawn from the program.

#### **PHOTOS**

The Recreation Department reserves the right to photograph programs and participants for publicity purposes.

#### RAIN DAYS/CODE RED DAYS

All camps are held rain, shine or code red days. Outdoor programs may be moved indoors. On code red days, outdoor programs provide low-key activities, water breaks and rest periods. Please pack extra water with your child on expected code red days.

#### REFUND POLICY (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- Registrants assume the risk of changes in personal affairs or health.
- Refunds will be approved with written/electronic notification received **seven working days** prior to scheduled start of program. A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted per child, per camp.

## **Rules & Regulations**

- Registrant may choose to receive a credit for the remaining amount which may be used for another program. Credits cannot be transferred.
- Refunds after the program has begun will be considered only with medical verification (no exception). No refund after the program has ended.

#### SAFETY

- · Camp staff are certified in CPR and First Aid.
- We will notify you should your child/teen become injured or sick. If you are unavailable, we will notify the individual listed as the emergency contact on the Participant Information Form.

#### SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT POLICY

- Campers must be signed in and out each day by parent or other authorized person listed unless otherwise noted.
- ALL authorized persons will be required to show ID.

#### SUNSCREEN POLICY

Appropriate sunscreen use is important to prevent skin damage and skin cancer. If your child is able to apply his or her own sunscreen, we strongly suggest they do so. Sunscreen must be labeled with the camper's name, be in its original container and kept with the camper's belongings. Please provide SPRAY sunscreen if you would like camp staff to assist with sunscreen application. Camp staff will not be responsible for furnishing or holding sunscreen.

#### ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING

Our Department recognizes the prevalence of bullying in today's society and has therefore developed a ZERO TOLERANCE strategy to address the issue. They will address bullying immediately and disciplinary actions will be taken as warranted. Everyone has the right to expect a great experience while participating in our recreational programs, and by working as a team, we can identify and manage bullying to ensure everyone takes home lasting memories.

Bullying is intentional meanness that creates an imbalance of power. It consists of teasing, gossiping, hitting, kicking, texting, exclusion, and much more, resulting in the goal of harming others.

Our Department is dedicated to providing safe, bully free programs and wants to partner with parents on prevention. Please talk to your child/teen about our zero tolerance philosophy on bullying, let them know it will not be tolerated and that there will be consequences for bullying behavior. We encourage you to let us know if your child/teen has been involved in bullying either during or after program hours. Also, let your child/teen know they can talk to staff in confidence if they need help in managing a situation. Together we can make a difference and ensure our youth have a terrific camp experience.

### Swimming Pool Rules

- · Campers must wear bathing suits, no shorts or cut-offs.
- Campers must bring their own towel and shower before entering pool.
- Running, pushing, dunking and/or horseplay are not permitted.
- · No street shoes permitted on pool deck.
- No diving allowed off the side of the pool. Some pools may have designated areas for diving i.e. a diving board.
- No flotation devices, masks or snorkels are allowed in the pool.
   Exceptions are made for medical purposes.
- Please do not bring valuable items to the pool. Pool facilities are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- The camp will designate an area at the pool for campers to consolidate their belongings, to meet at rest breaks and in the event of an emergency.
- · A buddy system will be established for campers' safety.

Please use the following descriptions to designate your child/teen's swim skill level.

#### **NON-SWIMMER**

- Has limited or no previous experience with swimming pools or other aquatic environments.
- Is unable to independently swim 20 yards.
- Is not comfortable in water that is above their head.
- Will wear a red wrist band in all bodies of water (pools, beach, amusement park).
- Will be restricted to chest-deep water.
- Will NOT be allowed in wave pools at amusement or water parks.
- Can change designation to SWIMMER only by parent signature on Participant Information Form.

#### **SWIMMER (All levels)**

- Has experience with swimming pools or other aquatic environments.
- Can swim or play comfortably in water that is above their head.
- Required to pass a swim test on each visit to a pool. An example of a swim test may include (but is not limited to):
- 1. Enter and exit the pool unassisted.
- 2. Swim at least 20 yards in water deeper than five feet.
- 3. Continuously tread water for at least 20 seconds.
- 4. Will wear a wrist band upon passing the swim test.
- 5. Will have access to all areas and water depths at the pool.

#### SWIMMER who does not pass swim skill test:

- Will wear a red wrist band and be designated as a nonswimmer.
- 2. Will be restricted to chest-deep water.
- Will NOT be allowed in wave pools at amusement or water parks.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q: What happened to the Camp Expo?

A: Since it took over 8 hours to get through registration last year, we have decided to get rid of the Camp Expo. We are replacing it with a 2-week Early Bird Discount Registration period. City residents will get to register first beginning on February 5. Non-residents will then register the following week beginning February 12. During this time you will be able register online or in-person to receive the discount.

#### Q: When do camps fill up?

A: Unfortunately, it is hard to determine when camps fill up. Historically, they fill rather fast, so we recommend registering your child(ren) up as soon as possible so they do not miss any of the fun. Last year most camps filled the first day!

### Q: Can I enroll my child in the same camp all summer?

A: We offer 2 camps (Camp Takoma and New Ave Adventure Camp) that have the capability of enrolling for the majority of the summer. All of the specialty camps have a session by session registration.

### Q: My child is attending several sessions; what paperwork do I need to complete for my child?

A: You will only need to complete the necessary forms once prior to their first week of camp. Staff onsite need your child's most up-to-date contact, dismissal, and health information from the time your child arrives. If your child will be taking medication onsite during camp, you will also need to complete the Medication Form and get it signed by their doctor. Therefore, the forms need to arrive prior to the camp starting or with your child on the first day of camp. Specific camp information and forms will be emailed to you approximately 5 days prior to the start of your child's camp, and can also be downloaded anytime. If you were in either the Morning and/or Afternoon Addition programs or After the Bell for the current school year, you will need to check and initial the current forms on file to make sure all information is still accurate. Copies are accepted.

### Q: Who will be supervising my child during their time at camp?

A: Our camp staff is selected for their experience, enthusiasm, desire and ability to work well with children.

Staff training includes safety procedures, program planning, child development and techniques in working with children. Staff is certified in CPR and First Aid training. Reference and background checks are also part of the hiring process. We use a 1:15 ratio between counselors to campers.

### Q: What type of attire should I send my child in each day?

A: Campers should be dressed appropriately for the day and the scheduled activities. They can also have sunscreen, hats, swim wear and towels (when appropriate). They should wear closed toed shoes with a backing daily (ex: tennis shoes).

### Q: What type of food should I send with my child to camp each day?

A: You should send a non-perishable lunch (no refrigeration or heating on site) with your child every day. You should send them with snacks and a water bottle as well. Please make sure everything is properly labeled with the child's name. We also recommend that NO peanut products be sent with your child.

### Q: What type of transportation will be provided for field trips?

A: We utilize Montgomery County Public School transportation for our trips as well as our in-house vehicles.

### Q: What happens if it rains or it is extremely hot outside?

A: On days where we are placed under a code Red or Purple air quality, your child(ren) will be limited to going outside during the early morning hours or staying inside during this time. When it rains, or any other inclement weather happens, campers will be inside doing activities.

### Q: What if someone other than a parent/guardian is picking up my child after camp?

A: Not to worry. There is a space at the bottom of the Participant Information Form to add additional people. For the safety of your camper, we will not release your child to anyone not on the list unless we have a written confirmation from the parent/guardian and a copy of the person's ID prior to pick-up.

### Early Bird Discount!



### Takoma Park Recreation Department

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Program Name	Location					
	PARTICIPANT INFORMATIO	N				
(Since this information	on is current it will be used over that which wa	as given at the time of registration)				
Participants Name (print)	D.C	D.B/ Age Gender				
Address	City	State Zip				
*School Attending		Grade				
Parent/Guardian Name		Relationship				
Phone (H)	(W)	(C)				
Parent/Guardian Name		Relationship				
Phone (H)	(W)	(c)				
Emergency Contact Name (other tha	n parent authorized to pick-up your child)					
Phone (H)	(W)	(c)				
	HEALTH HISTORY					
Does your child attend a Maryland so	chool?Yes No	Please circle your child's T-shirt Size:				
If not, please provide a copy of your		YS YM YL AS AM AL XL XXL XXXL				
	nizations for religious or medical reasons?	Please circle your child's swimming ability:				
Yes No if yes, please submit		Non swimmer Beg. Inter. Adv.				
Date of Last Tetanus Shot/	<i>J</i>					
Name of Child's Physician		Phone				
Insurance Company	Policy/	Group Number				
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List any concerns which may affect y	our child's full participation in daily activities _					
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2. Name	Phone (W)	(C)				
I give permission for city staff	to allow my child to leave the program unesco	orted at: daily.				
Please list any special instructions						
Parent/Guardian Signature	Da					
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#### **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

The following expectations apply to all participants and the general enforcement of the rules is the responsibility of the staff.

- 1. Children are expected to behave in an orderly fashion. Any action that is contrary to the mission statement and values of the Takoma Park Recreation Department is unacceptable and could be cause for disciplinary action.
- 2. Children are expected to respond appropriately and respect staff's instructions and decisions. They are also expected to show respect for others.
- 3. Children will not take anything, without permission, that belongs to someone else or the program.
- 4. Please leave valuables at home: MP3 players, cameras, cell phones, game consoles, expensive athletic equipment or clothing, cameras, jewelry, or personal games. Staff will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
- 5. Children should not damage property: i.e., you may not write on walls, tables, or books.
- 6. Children will not bring objects that are dangerous to other people and/or disruptive to the program.
- 7. Children will stay in the building, playground or designated area at all times unless authorized by a staff member.

**Because every act of misbehavior cannot be anticipated, the Progracertain acts of misconduct not covered in the behavior code.  My signature reflects my understanding of the Behavioral Code and aclabove.	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
RELEASE OF LIABILITY & PARENT/GI I acknowledge, understand, and accept that there are inherent risks associated with par of Takoma Park assumes no liability for injuries or damages from the results of particip does not provide accident insurance to its program participants. I certify that, to the bes change at any time during the program I will notify the administration of the Recreation call Emergency 911 and/or to send me/my child to a hospital or emergency care face emergency treatment deemed necessary for the well-being of me/my child. I agree to administered by the Recreation staff concerning this program. I have read, understood, on behalf of my child, my heirs, and executors, agree to indemnify the Mayor and Cou from any and all claims for injuries or loss of any person or property which may arise out activity. I hereby and represent that if the participant is a minor, I am his/her parent/gua stated herein and all the information provided is accurate and complete. I hereby gir program, including transportation in approved vehicles (TPRD Vehicles, Board of Educe Takoma Park Recreation Department has a policy for conduct in recreation programs at including the disciplinary provisions. I authorize the Recreation Department to take, educational purposes.	ticipation in this program and that doing so could result in an injury. The City lation. I acknowledge the fact that the Takoma Park Recreation Department to fmy knowledge, I /my child am / is physically fit and, should this condition Department immediately. The Recreation Department has my permission to cility, and the hospital and medical staff have my authorization to provide abide by all posted, written, or verbally communicated rules and regulations and accept the terms of this participant's agreement as outlined. I do hereby notion of the City of Takoma Park and all of its agents, officers and employees, of or result from my child's participation in the above-referenced program or rdian and authorized to provide the releases, authorizations, and permissions we permission for the participant named above to participate in the TPRD's tition School Buses, or Commercial Motor Coaches). I acknowledge that the ad facilities and I hereby agree that the participant is subject to said policies,

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY CONTAINS A RELEASE OF KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMS BY YOU AND YOUR CHILD. BY SIGNING BELOW, I

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ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN BELOW:

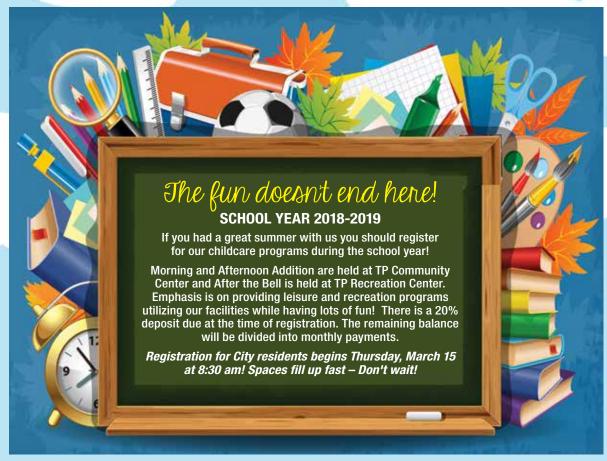
Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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# Don't miss out!

Summer Camp Registration Begins @ 8:30 am Monday, February 5 for Residents and Monday, February 12 for Non-Residents



For information on programs at each facility, check out the Spring/Summer City Guide or visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/government/recreation.



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