



Frequently Asked Questions:

Edward P. Morris, Commissioner

Summer Fun Day Camp

Come join us this summer!

Centereach Day Camp: located at 286 Hawkins Rd. Centereach, NY. 11720

Mastic Day Camp: At William Floyd High School, 240 Mastic Beach Road Mastic Beach NY 11951

Holtsville Day Camp: At the Ecology Site, 249 Buckley Road Holtsville, NY 11742

Town of Brookhaven Recreation Office
286 Hawkins Road, Centereach, NY 11720
Office numbers: 631-451-6113/631-451-6106
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What are the dates for camp?

The dates for camp are Tuesday, July 6, 2021-Friday August 20, 2021. All camps will be closed July 4th, fee for the week will not be adjusted and it is \$180.00. If you register for all 7 weeks **prior to June 28, 2021**, there will be a **discounted rate** totaling \$1,185.00.

How does registration work?

Registration is all online. To receive updates for registration, please email us at summerfun@brookhavenny.gov. You will be placed on our email list. We will send out an email blast to notify participants when our online site becomes available and a direct link to our registration website. You may register for whatever weeks you need or for all available weeks. **We suggest registering early to secure your place.** All fees are due at the time of registration. Registration is not accepted without payment. **Please be advised that centers are subject to close and registration is based on a first come, first served basis.** To uphold a safe ratio of counselors per number of children, all sites have limited enrollment. To maintain the success of the program, no accommodations can be made to register children once a center is closed. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but once a center is closed registration will not be accepted! There can be no exceptions!

How can I register my child for the program?

Please complete the online form with payment, include a copy of your child's immunization records and a copy of their birth certificate. Be sure to complete forms with accurate information. Also please verify that the medical history and information for your child is correct. By giving false or misleading information you place your child's safety and care at risk, as well as the safety of our staff and other campers. Children cannot attend camp without a copy of their immunization records and birth certificates. ***NOTE: According to NYS law, all vaccinations must be current.*** These records need to be submitted within two weeks of submitting your online form. The information on the online form is the only contact information we will have so please make sure to give a valid email address, mailing address and phone numbers. Also, by clicking submit multiple times could lead to multiple charges, be sure to hit the submit button **ONLY ONCE** to avoid any additional charges.

How will I know my child is registered?

You will receive an email with a receipt showing that you have been registered at your chosen location. Please be sure to give a valid email address on your online form. The email that you enter on this form will be the email your receipt will be sent to. Also please be sure to obtain a receipt at the time of payment as this will be your only record of enrollment. **Please retain your receipts for tax purposes!** We ask that you hold on to your receipt or obtain a receipt for your records during the summer. We are a seasonal program so our staff is not available during the winter months/tax season to obtain these documents.

How do I submit copies of my child's immunization records and birth certificate?

- You may attach the immunization record to the online form, by clicking "select" under "Attach Immunization Files." If you have them saved on your computer or USB drive you can attach it to the online form.
- You may attach the birth certificate by clicking "select" under "Attach Birth Certificate or Proof of Age." If you have them saved on your computer or USB drive you can attach it to the online form.
- You can also submit your immunization records/birth certificate by **emailing it to: summerfun@brookhavenny.gov**

Does my child need to be 6 to attend the program?

Yes. Children need to be 6 on or before July 1, 2021 to attend the program.

My child will turn 12 over the summer? Can my child attend?

No, Children must be 11 years old through August 20, 2021 to attend camp.

Are there daily/hourly rates? Can my child attend half days or partial weeks?

You do not need to send your child for the full week or day. However, there are no daily or hourly rates for either registration or early/late pick-up or drop off. We cannot pro-rate days or weeks. Registration is based on the full week regardless of how many hours or days your child attends.

Do you offer scholarships or payment plans?

No, we do not offer payment plans, or any funding or scholarships. The only forms of payment that are accepted are e-check and credit card payments made through our registration website. Payment needs to be submitted at the time of registration.

Is my child allowed to change groups to be with his/her friends?

Children are grouped by gender and by the grade level they just completed. Usually their friends are automatically in their group based on these groupings. We need to uphold safe staff/camper ratios therefore group changes may not be possible if it affects our staff/camper ratios.

Is food provided for campers?

We do not provide food. We have water fountains available to refill water bottles. Campers should bring lunch and a snack and beverage to camp. Please note that there is no microwave or refrigeration available. A refillable water bottle is recommended as well. In recent summers it has come to our attention there are a number of allergies to all kinds of nuts (not just peanuts). These allergies can range from mild to life threatening. No amount is safe. In order to prevent an emergency situation we would appreciate your cooperation in not packing any nut products in your child's lunch or snack. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

How do I know if my child is a good fit for this program?

You know your child best. All instruction is full group instruction. A variety of age-appropriate indoor and outdoor activities will be scheduled every day including arts and crafts, swimming, quiet & active games and sports. Our groups are made up of approximately 10-15 children. We are required to have a camper to counselor ratio of at least 12:1. In order to maintain safe staff/counselor ratios our counselors do not provide individualized or small group instruction. Campers need to stay within their group during all activities of the daily rotation. Our counselors do not have the training to carry out individualized plans. Group instruction requires each child to have a level of independence to participate in all activities. Our program has the structure and behavior expectations of school, yet does not have school related professionals such as nurses, school psychologists, behavior specialists, 1:1 aides, etc. Campers are under the direction of their camp counselors and site supervisors and need to follow instructions from the counselors and follow behavior guidelines. In a group atmosphere they need to be able to change themselves to go in the pool. Campers also need to be able to advocate for themselves if they are hurt or not feeling well. For the safety and welfare of your child and all children attending the camp we have guidelines for behavior. If for any reason your child's behavior interferes with the safety of themselves, or others he/she will be asked to leave the program. Once the fee is paid and registration is accepted, NO REFUNDS will be granted. NO EXCEPTIONS!

What is a typical day like at camp?

Each child is assigned to a different group. Each group has a color i.e.: blue group, green group, etc. Each group follows a different rotation. They rotate to different areas within the locations, for example the fields, playground area, pool and different classroom(s). A schedule of activities will be implemented each week. A variety of age-appropriate indoor and outdoor activities will be scheduled every day including arts and crafts, swimming, quiet & active games and sports. Each child is encouraged to participate in every activity. For the children's safety, **sneakers must be worn** during active games and sports. Children can bring a change of shoes for the pool and other water activities. The first day of camp you will receive an activities calendar. On the activities calendar, it will have different spirit days and special events, such as Wacky Wednesday, Carnival Day, Field Day, Ice Cream Day, Magic Show, etc. We also have a fitness program that comes to each location 1 time a week to teach the children a variety of fitness/sports related activities. All activities are on-site. There are no field trips to other locations. ***Please see our covid section at the end of this packet for a more detailed explanation about camp rules.**

Are swimming lessons available during camp?

Swimming instruction is not given at the Summer Fun Day Camp program. However, swimming lessons are available through the Town of Brookhaven Parks and Recreation Department, which occur in an alternate location and must be purchased separately. Please contact 631-281-2866 to find out more information about swimming lessons.

How is pool time structured?

The children swim every day weather permitting. Our swimming time is a free swim time. Swimming instruction is not given at the Summer Fun Day Camp program. Children are assessed by a water safety instructor on the first day the child attends. All children must demonstrate skills to swim in “deep” areas of the pools. Upon completion of the test the child will receive either a blue (deep swimmer) or a red (shallow swimmer) colored wrist band. This wrist band must be worn at all times while swimming. The wrist bands provide the counselors with an immediate visual reference to a child’s swimming ability. These tests are meant to prevent a water related emergency. “Deep Swimmers” are allowed to enter water greater than chest deep. “Shallow swimmers” are restricted to water less than chest deep. These classifications are a Department of Health regulation and maintain the safety of our participants during pool time. Additionally, buddy checks are completed every 15 minutes to keep track of the children’s location in the pool.

What is the swim test?

Children are assessed by a water safety instructor on the first day the child attends. All children must pass a swim test in order to swim in “deep” areas of the pools. The swim test varies on ability/age/height but some things they may be asked to do are, put their face in or under water without holding their nose, front float, and back float. They are asked to swim using basic strokes (doggie paddle is not acceptable) to swim at least 25 yards. By seeing how children swim at 25 yards it tests children’s endurance. This endurance and stamina is necessary for children to be considered “deep swimmers.” The goal of the swim test is to provide safety in the pool and prevent children from tiring and having a water related emergency. Children who wish to retake the swim test can repeat the swim test. Parents will need to ask the site supervisor and can schedule retests for when a water safety instructor is available.

If my child is injured? Can they still participate in the program?

Please notify the camp supervisor upon arrival if your child has an injury that will keep your child from participating in particular activities. We will require a doctor’s note explaining their limitations. We will also need medical clearance from a doctor after their limitations are lifted. This will ensure they are receiving proper care while at camp.

We also ask you to notify us of any medical conditions and diagnoses that we should be aware of. One example is a concussion. If your child has been diagnosed with a concussion, we require a doctor’s note clearing the child to attend camp/participate in all activities. We cannot let them participate/attend camp until we have a doctor’s note giving medical clearance to return to play. Failure to notify us of such a condition puts your child’s safety at risk.

What if my child is sick? Can they still participate in the program?

- **Please refer to the New York State Guidance Rules and Regulations for sick children at the end of this packet.**

What should the children bring to camp every day?

Summer Fun Day Camp is an activity/recreation camp so children should dress accordingly. The children will be participating in indoor/outdoor activities, sports, playground activities and a fitness program 1 time per week. This means sneakers and comfortable clothing in which they can participate in a wide variety of activities. Please generously apply sunscreen on your child before they arrive at camp.

➤ **Each child should bring the following items to camp daily:**

- Lunch
- Snack(s)- nut free (due to allergies)
- Bathing suit & Towel (We suggest that they wear their bathing suit to camp and change out of it after pool time)
- Spray sunscreen and sunscreen stick for face
- Change of clothes
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Backpack to carry everything in
- Two (2) Masks

***Items brought to camp by the children should be clearly marked with the child's name.** Please encourage your child to leave valuable items at home. Staff is not responsible for your child's toys or personal possessions. Don't send any valuable items that you don't want your child to lose or break. Campers must not bring radios, cell phones, video games or other expensive items to camp. Parents/campers must acknowledge that the Town of Brookhaven Department of Parks and Recreation will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property.

What if my child has allergies/requires medication?

In accordance with the New York State Department of Health, Summer Fun has adopted the following policy regarding the administration of medication.

- Our summer program limits medication usage to camper self-administration of medication. This means medication will be self-administered by the camper, but under close supervision by a staff member.
- To keep in accordance with New York State Department of Health we need to have proper documentation of these medications. Therefore, medications must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name, name of medication, directions for medical administration with the date of the prescription.
- In addition, we also need the authorized prescriber's order (physician, dentist, physician assistant, etc.) for all medications (including over-the-counter). This can be obtained from the doctor and is the same form used by many school districts.
- If your child brings to camp an EpiPen, inhaler or other prescribed oral or topical medication, or a non-prescribed (over-the-counter) oral or topical medication that may need to be provided, the camper must be able to self-administer. Of course our First Aid/CPR/ EpiPen trained staff or EMT will provide assistance if necessary.
- Considering that children need to be able to self-administer medication, we cannot allow any medications on site that are a controlled substance.
- Any doctor's orders/medication can be given to the site supervisor on the first day of camp.

Can my child sit out of an activity if he/she doesn't want to participate?

Summer Fun Day Camp prides itself in being an action packed program. Allowing children to continually sit out activities is not allowed. Of course exceptions can be made in the case of injury or illness but parents will be informed if the request to not participate becomes an issue for counselors.

What is the Tax ID# for camp?

116001925. We ask that you hold on to your receipt or obtain a receipt for your records during the summer. We are a seasonal program so our staff is not available during the winter months/tax season to obtain these documents.

How do I contact camp?

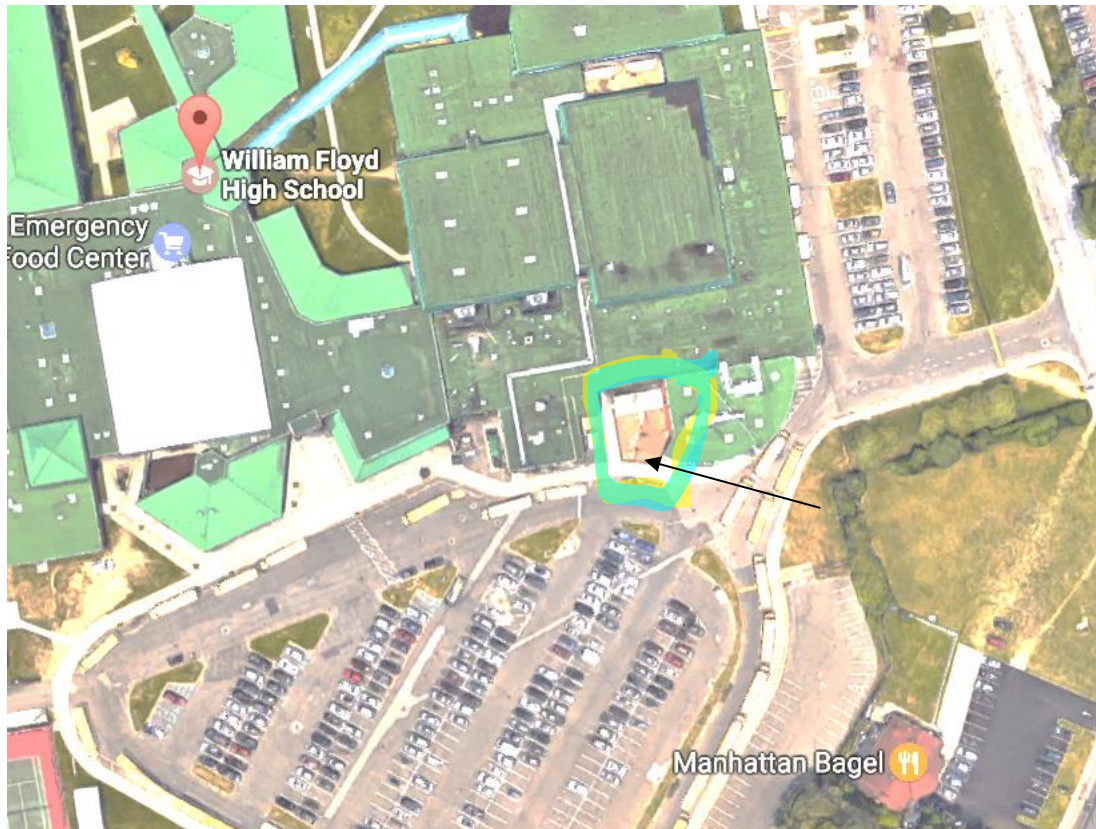
For registration questions before, during or after summer, email summerfun@brookhavenny.gov or call our recreation office at 631-451-6113. Phone numbers will be provided on the first day of camp to speak to the camp location directly.

Where do I drop off and pick up my child? Do I have to pay to park?

- Our drop offs and pick-ups vary by location (please see designation maps within this packet for specifics). There is no fee to park at Mastic and Centereach. However, Holtsville Ecology site has a fee to park at the facility. The fee will be waived for Summer Fun drop off and pick up at Holtsville. You will receive a cardstock drop off/pick-up pass in the mail after registering.
- No parent and/or guardian are allowed in our buildings to pick up their child(ren). Each designated pick-up/drop-off person(s) will receive a cardstock to place in their passenger window with the child(s) name on it. Our staff will escort the child to you at the end of camp. The same procedure to resume for drop off in the morning.

- **MASTIC DAY CAMP:**
William Floyd High School
240 Mastic Beach Road
Mastic Beach, NY 11951

Drop off is by the east entrance. This is the entrance off Mastic Beach Road. Parents can use the parking lot facing Manhattan Bagel. The arrow points to where you will drop off/pickup your children. There will be staff and a sign in/sign out sheet for you to sign.



- **CENTEREACH DAY CAMP:**

286 Hawkins Road, Centereach NY 11720

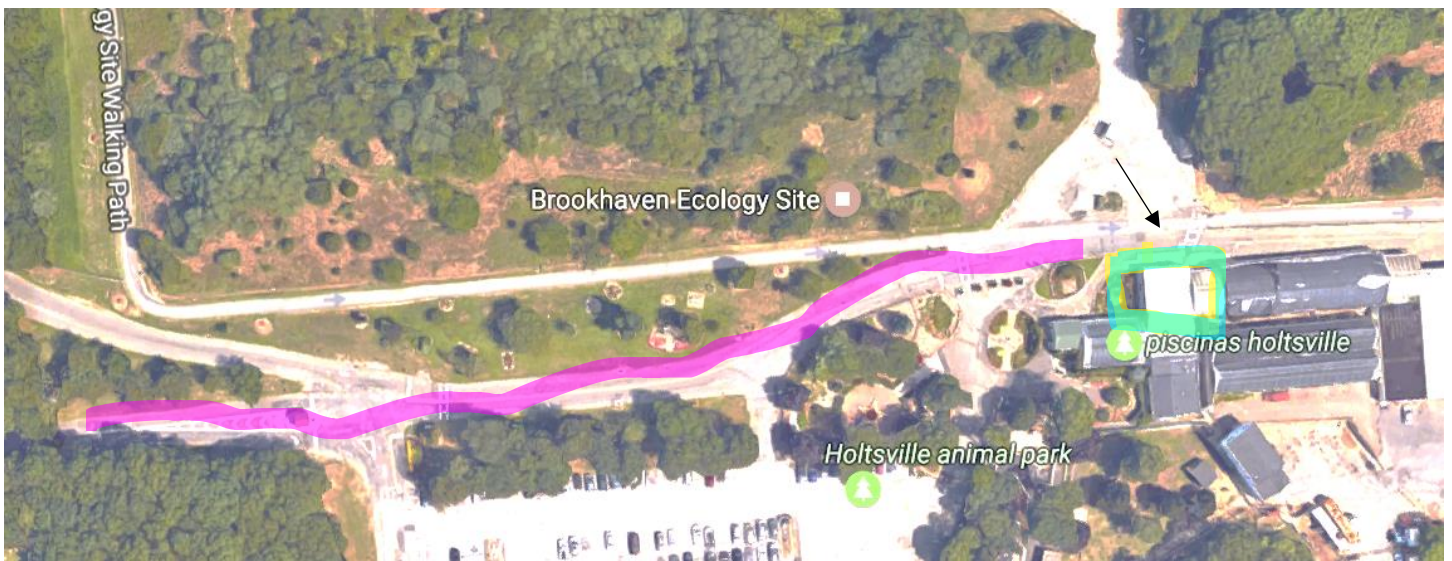
Drop off is on the side of the administration building by the double doors next to the playground (facing Centereach pool.) The arrow points to where you will drop off/pick up your children. There will be staff and a sign in/sign out sheet for you to sign.



- **HOLTSVILLE DAY CAMP:**
249 Buckley Road, Holtsville, NY 11742

Fee waived for drop off and pick up

Drop off is by the ecology center greenhouse. When you arrive at Holtsville Ecology Site you will arrive at the front booth. Please present your drop off/pick up pass and then proceed straight, heading towards the compost/greenhouse. This is represented by the magenta line. Students will arrive in the greenhouse area and be walked over to their groups. The arrow points to where you will drop off/pick up your children. There will be staff and a sign in/sign out sheet for you to sign.



FAQ regarding COVID-19:

Please note, as the summer approaches, some of these guidelines may be subject to change

Will my child be required to wear a mask?

Yes, your child will be required to wear a mask during the day at camp. The only time your child will not have to wear a mask will be in the pool and eating snack/lunch.

Will I be required to fill out a health survey for my child?

You will have to fill out a health survey every morning before your child arrives at camp. All questions must be answered before your child enters. If for some reason the form is not filled out at drop off, you will have to complete the health survey at that time.

How will Summer Fun monitor camper's health?

Summer Fun will be taking temperatures and requiring a health survey to be completed before entering camp. Any child or staff member who is feeling ill, or has a temperature of 100.0 or greater, will be required to visit the camp nurse immediately. Our nurses will operate under a standard procedure for addressing situations in which an individual is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. The individual in question will remain in the alternate location and will be sent home right away.

How will Summer Fun ensure physical distancing take place at our camps?

We are implementing a number of measures to ensure campers distance from each other appropriately, as much of the camp day as possible, including arrows placed on the floors to direct camper traffic, individual spots where the groups meet in the morning and afternoon for arrival and dismissal, and practicing social distancing when walking in lines from one activity to the next.

How will Summer Fun handle confirmed cases of COVID-19? For campers and staff?

Anyone who comes into close contact for more than 15 minutes with a positive person must quarantine for 10 days.

Will Summer Fun supply face coverings/masks for campers?

No, however, if a child forgets their mask or if their mask gets dirty, the Town will provide them with one.

Do campers have to maintain a six-foot distance from others?

Pursuant to the NYSDOH guidance, camps must ensure that social distancing is maintained between groups at camp.

What should I do if my child starts to exhibit flu-like symptoms?

Parents of campers exhibiting flu-like symptoms, as well as staff exhibiting flu-like symptoms, are asked to contact the camp supervisors. Any individual experiencing these symptoms should not come to camp and will need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test before being able to return to camp/work.

How will the camps clean the buildings, bathrooms, surfaces, toys, etc., to ensure a safe camp environment?

The staff members of the camp will do daily cleaning as well as clean when going from one location to the next. Staff will be provided with PPE and cleaning supplies to ensure they are cleaning frequently. There will also be sanitizing stations located throughout the sites to allow for frequent cleaning and washing of hands.

Will the campers be allowed to have mask breaks?

Yes, campers can have mask breaks.

Who do I call to report my child has tested positive for COVID-19?

If your child test positive for COVID-19, please contact your site supervisors immediately.

How many children will be in my child's group?

10-15 children per group.

How will indoor activities be conducted?

Indoor activities will have an occupancy of 50% capacity. In order to ensure the safety of our campers, we will have adequate air flow precautions. Each group will remain 6 feet apart from other groups and everyone will wear a mask.

Will the children still engage in sports, art class, swimming, etc.?

Yes, all these activities will still take place following all CDC safety guidelines. Sports will be non-contact.