A NEW SUMMER BEGINS AT NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUMMER CAMP
FULL-DAY & HALF-DAY CAMPS
RECREATION - FINE ARTS - SAFETY TOWN

VISIT NEWCASTLEDE.GOV/CAMPS OR CALL (302) 395-5658
Registration & Financial Aid Applications Available Online Feb. 1

County Executive Matthew Meyer
Department of Community Services
Division of Community Resources
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 fun recreational experiences. We are committed to ensuring that all youth have an enjoyable, safe and successful recreational experience. Your children are encouraged to explore their creativity, 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. It should answer most of your questions before camps begin. We look forward to serving you and your children to make this an adventure to remember!

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Open House

An open house will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 4-7 p.m. for camp registration and information on financial aid. Call the Camp Office at (302) 395-5654 for details.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Opportunities

Limited financial assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible applicants. For those interested in applying, please attend the Open House on February 3. You can also call the Camp Office at (302) 395-5654.

Field Trips

Although field trips are not planned at this time, we do have many fun, on-site activities for our campers to enjoy. As guidelines change, our program will continue to expand for the camper’s experience.

Registration opens on February 15 at newcastlede.gov/camps
Full-Day Recreation Camps

With four sites across New Castle County, our campers get to enjoy a variety of weekly themes focusing on programs and events, such as supervised games and activities, non-competitive sports, and arts and crafts, along with educational presentations and life-skills development projects and activities. A new program, "All Camp Color Wars", has all sites competing independently with weekly challenges to earn points for their cohort(s) across all eight weeks of summer. All of these amenities are included in camp fees.

Camps meet Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 21-August 13. Fee is $130 per camper per week. Extended care is available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for an additional $35 per camper per week. Ages 7-12

Garfield Park Recreation Center (PAL), 26 Karlyn Drive, New Castle 19720
Glasgow Park Bank Barn, DE 896 and US 40, Glasgow 19702
Hockessin Recreation Center (PAL), 7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707
Talley Day at Brandywine Hundred Library, 1300 Foulk Road, North Wilmington 19803

Weekly Themes and Friday Fun Days

Friday Fun Days are designed for campers and counselors to dress up according to a weekly theme. Campers are encouraged to participate in Friday Fun Day dress-up festivities. Please don’t purchase anything for these costumes, just be creative with what is already available! These activities are for full-day recreation camps only.

Week 1, June 21-25: We Are Family; Friday Fun Day - Crazy Hat Day
Week 2, June 28-July 2: Explore the West; Friday Fun Day - Cowboys and Cowgirls Day
Week 3, July 5-9: Wild, Wild Animals; Friday Fun Day - Stone Pets Day
Week 4, July 12-16: Under the Sea; Friday Fun Day - Let’s Go “Fishing” Day
Week 5, July 19-23: We’re All Superheroes!; Friday Fun Day - Wear Your Cape Day
Week 6, July 26-30: Olympic Games; Friday Fun Day - Wear Your Medals Day
Week 7, August 2-6: Arts Alive; Friday Fun Day - Tie Dye Day
Week 8, August 9-13: Backyard Bash; Friday Fun Day - Delaware Day
Half-Day Recreation Camps

Campers explore a new outdoors educational theme each week through a variety of supervised games, crafts, fitness, nature activities and more. Other scheduled events are Water Battle Wednesdays on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Camp ends with an ice cream party every Thursday. **Camps meet Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., June 21-August 13. Fee is $40 per camper per week. Ages 5-12**

**Delaware City**, 250 5th Street, Delaware City 19706
**Battery Park**, Old New Castle 19720

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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. **Camp meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., or 2-7 p.m., July 12-16. Fee is $300 per camper. Ages 8-14**

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

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Registration opens on February 15 at newcastledelaware.gov/camps
Fine Art Camps are held at The Art Studio, 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington 19804, or at Glasgow Park. For information on fine art camps, call (302) 995-7661. Camps meet Monday-Friday. Fee is $120 per camper per session for New Castle County residents and $130 for non-residents. Combine two camps in one session to make an art-filled half day ($240 NCC residents / $260 non-residents)! Ages 6-17

**Clay Camp:** Create both sculptures and functional pieces out of clay with instructor Bridgette Zack at The Art Studio. Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor at first class. Ages 6-9, 9-10:30 a.m.; Ages 10-17 (includes instruction on potter's wheel), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
June 14-25 / July 12-23

**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 markers, pencils, watercolors and more with instructor Jen Eggers at The Art Studio. Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor at first class. Ages 6-9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Ages 10-17, 9-10:30 a.m.
June 14-25 / July 12-23

**Mixed Media Art Camp:** Explore all the types of art you love in one class! Experiment with a variety of techniques and media, such as fiber arts, collage, drawing and painting with instructor Sarah Dressler at The Art Studio. Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor at first class. Ages 6-9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Ages 10-17, 9-10:30 a.m.
June 14-25 / July 12-23

**Outdoor Mixed Media Art Camp:** Explore all the types of art you love in a one-week session outdoors! Experiment with a variety of techniques and media, such as fiber arts, collage, drawing and painting with instructor Sarah Dressler at Glasgow Park. Additional $30 materials fee due to the instructor at first class. Ages 6-9, 9-11:45 a.m.; Ages 10-17, 1:15-4 p.m.
June 28-July 2 / July 26-30

Registration opens on February 15 at newcastlede.gov/camps
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. **Camps meet Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:15 a.m. Fee is $80 for New Castle County residents and $100 for non-residents per camper per week. Enrollment is limited, so register early. Ages 4-6**

**Glasgow Park Bank Barn,**
DE 896 and US 40, Glasgow 19702,
July 12-16 / July 19-23

**Hockessin Recreation Center,**
7259 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin 19707,
August 9-13 / August 16-20

**Virtual Safety Town,**
Call (302) 395-3679 for information.

**Volunteer Opportunity**

Teens and young adults, **ages 13-24**, are needed to assist with Safety Town. Volunteers must pass a background check. **Call (302) 395-3679 or apply at newcastlede.gov/safetytown.**
What are the camp hours?
Full-day recreation run 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 run 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Half-day fine art camps start times vary from class and participant age. Please be sure to review the guide book for your specific needs.

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 all perform a regimented cleaning schedule each day and following each activity. Children are checked in through a touch-free system. Lastly, the majority of our events are held outside, with limited time spent in a confined indoor space.

What should my camper wear?
Sneakers and lightweight clothes that are okay to get dirty (open-toed shoes and flip flops are not allowed at camp for safety reasons). Bring a change of clothes on rainy days.

What should my camper bring?
A backpack with:
- Swimsuit (full-day recreation, specialty and full-day sports camps only)
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Healthy snacks (2)
- Water bottle filled with cold water
- Lunch

What should my camper not bring?
- Cell phones, tablets or similar devices
- Money
- 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 sports camper with a nutritionally-balanced lunch, snacks and water/drinks. Keep in mind 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.

Where is the Camp Office?
The Camp Office is located at 77 Reads Way, New Castle 19720 and can be reached at (302) 395-5654.

What happens on rainy days?
Recreation and specialty camps are held rain or shine. If it is dangerous weather (thunder and lightning, extreme heat index, etc.), campers move indoors. However, in a light drizzle or rain, we still have limited outside activities and keep playing! Dress appropriately on these days and pack an extra set of clothes.
Frequently Asked Questions

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.

Why do we need a parent/guardian email?
We use your email for confirmations, receipts, reconciliation of billing and email updates. The Camp Office often sends two or more emails a week to be keep you informed on all important camp schedule and health and safety information.

Does my camper get a t-shirt?
Campers who attend a full-day recreation camp receive one t-shirt. Campers must wear their camp shirts on Fridays for weekly color wars events.

Is a field trip planned for my camper?
Currently, we are limiting the camp experience to only the camp site. The Camp Office continues to evaluate the opportunities available as we march further in the summer months.

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.

What if I need to pick up my camper early?
If your child has to leave early, please send a note letting staff know what time and who is picking your camper up. 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 is asked to show picture identification. Noone under the age of 18 may pick up campers.

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

What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?
The State currently recommends limiting camp groups to cohorts of 15 of less. Therefore we plan to have three or four staff members with each cohort. These counselors stay with their originally assigned cohorts for the entire summer camp season.

What if the camp I want is full?
Your name is placed on our waiting list. You are notified no later than the Wednesday before the camp begins if a spot becomes available.
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**KEY:**  
C- Clay  
DP- Drawing & Painting  
MM- Mixed Media  
OMM- Outdoor Mixed Media (at Glasgow Park)
Register starting June 1 at nccdesports.com

NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Coming This Fall! Two Sites!

Football season runs August-October
Open to boys & girls ages 7-14; age-based divisions
Registration includes NFL FLAG team jersey, official NFL FLAG football belt & flags, USA Football membership, player insurance
Equal play time for all players; individual awards for 1st & 2nd place
Practices & games held at Delcastle Park & Newark/Bear area sites

LOOKING FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS
Volunteer coaches will be USA FLAG Football certified & pass a background check. Officials are also needed.

Visit nccdesports.com or call (302) 395-5890 for information.