



**NCC SPORTS AND ATHLETICS
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New Castle County Summer Recreation Camps Information and FAQ

Welcome

New Castle County welcomes your children to 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! We look forward to serving you and your children to make this an adventure to remember!

Financial Aid

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 March 8. You can also call the Camp Office at (302) 395-5654.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the camp hours?

Full-day recreation camps 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 Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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 prior to the camp start date to be certified by the State of Delaware. Our camps perform a regimented cleaning schedule each day and following each activity. Lastly, most 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?	What Should my Camper NOT Bring?
A Backpack with Labeled : - Swimsuit (full-day recreation, specialty and full-day sports camps only) - Towel - Sunscreen - 2 Healthy snacks - Water bottle filled with cold water - Lunch	- 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 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. Lunch may be provided at specific camps by the school district Nutritional Programs, if available.

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, depending on the site. However, in a light drizzle or rain, we still have limited **inside** activities and keep playing outdoors when possible! Dress appropriately on these days and pack an extra set of clothes.

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 keep you informed on all important camp schedule and health and safety information.

Is a field trip planned for my camper?

New Castle County summer recreation **full-day** camps offer campers a weekly swim trip and a weekly field trip to a variety of exciting places in the tri-state area. Examples of previous trips have included Roller Rinks, Museums, Bowling, Nature Centers, and more!

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 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 is asked to show picture identification. No one 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. All staff must pass a background check, child abuse registry, and drug screen prior to attending our full week of training and orientation before camp begins.

What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?

The State guidelines recommend 1 counselor to 10 campers, so there are normally three or four staff members with each camp, at any given time.

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.