



NEWINGTON SUMMER YOUTH ADVENTURES



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS Wednesday, June 10, 2015

OPEN TO STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5 THRU 9



2015



NEWINGTON SUMMER YOUTH ADVENTURES PHILOSOPHY

Newington Summer Youth Adventures is a positive youth development program designed to introduce and support the pursuit of leisure and recreational activities that combine adventurous, educational, creative and cultural aspects of the youth experience.

Our goal is to provide interesting, inclusive, safe, challenging, and fun activities that encourage young people to grow and develop within themselves and their community.



FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Youth Services Coordinator, Rik Huggard
(860) 665-8594

Or email: rhuggard@newingtonct.gov

You may also visit our website at:

<http://www.newingtonct.gov>



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Participants must sign up for the entire program block for programs that do not list a daily rate.

DEADLINE: Completed registrations and payments must be received by **Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 4:30pm.** All program registrations should be mailed or dropped off at the Human Services Department, 131 Cedar Street, Newington, CT 06111. **Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.** Complete program brochure and registration forms can also be found on our website at: <http://www.newingtonct.gov/content/78/118/132/3213.aspx>

PAYMENT: Checks or cash are accepted. Make checks payable to **Newington Human Services.**

CONFIRMATION LETTERS: After registration is closed, you will be mailed a confirmation letter with complete program information. Anyone who does not get into a program can be placed on a waiting list or receive a refund.

QUESTIONS: If you have questions before the registration deadline call Rik Huggard at 860-665-8594. Beginning on **June 3** a recorded message with updated program information will be available at **860-665-8594.** If you wish to speak to someone in person, please leave a message after the recording and your call will be returned.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

****All trips leave from and return to the front of Newington Town Hall across from Lucy Robbins Welles Library, unless otherwise specified.****

You must arrive 30 minutes prior to start of program. Program times vary, please consult your confirmation letter. Parents must arrange to have their children picked up at the scheduled time of the trip return. If a trip return time is more than 20 minutes later than expected, parents will be notified.

CANCELLATIONS: We reserve the right to cancel programs because of insufficient registrations or causes beyond our control. If alternate options are not available a refund will be issued.

WEATHER: All outdoor activities are normally held rain or shine. In the case of severe weather conditions, all efforts will be made to offer alternate indoor activities. **Call Line 860-665-8594.**

REFUNDS: No refunds will be given for cancellations made after confirmation letters are sent on **June 11, 2015** as we are required to reserve and pay for trips in advance.

EMERGENCIES: In case of a family emergency contact Human Services at 860-665-8590 between 8:30am and 4:30pm. After business hours contact Newington Police at 860-666-8445 and ask them to call Karen Futoma, Director of Human Services at 860-944-6445.

WHAT TO BRING: All participants should bring a hearty lunch and plenty of beverages (**NO GLASS**). Come appropriately prepared for the day's activity. We recommend sunscreen, sunglasses, comfortable shoes, daypack, clothing for changing weather conditions, and extra money if a program requires it. Remember to bring swimwear and a towel on days where swimming is offered.

SAFETY/BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS: All participants are expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner. Anyone displaying unsafe, disrespectful or disruptive behavior will be given a written warning. Parents/guardian's will be contacted and this may result in removal from the program with no refund, depending on the severity of the action. There is a "zero tolerance" policy regarding weapons and illegal substances. Possession or use will result in automatic suspension.

Non-Newington Residents: Are eligible for programs if there are openings prior to the start of the program. Newington residents are given preference. Non-Newington residents should call for program eligibility.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Indicate on registration forms your request for assistance, and a staff member from this department will contact you.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT: ADA addresses issues of accessibility of facilities and programs. Reasonable program modifications will be made on a case by case basis to allow people with disabilities to both participate in, and benefit from, programs. Documentation of disability is required when requesting reasonable modifications.

Read each program description carefully and retain this brochure for future reference.

PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 5 THRU 9

All programs leave promptly at designated times. Students must arrive 30 minutes earlier.

In order to promote safety, and ensure students sign up for programs within their abilities, we indicate levels of challenge for each program:

Levels are as follows:



= Easy, for all levels of adventure



= More physically active for increased adventure

Please take this information into account when signing your children up for programs.



Flippers, Fins & Fur!



Join us for a journey into the wild kingdom. Mystic Aquarium and Beardsley Zoo are great ways to explore and discover the world of nature.

WED. JUNE 24: Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, CT
TIME: 9:30AM-3:30PM
FEE: \$35

THURS. JUNE 25: Beardsley Zoo, Bridgeport, CT
TIME: 9:30AM-3:30PM
FEE: \$35

****Register both days for \$65****



Climb, Zip & Chill in the Pool!

Spend an action packed part of your day on Newington's 40 foot climbing tower and flying down the Zip Line. Then cool off from the heat of the afternoon at Mill Pond pool.

TUES. JUNE 30 & MON. JULY 20:
Newington Challenge Course & Mill Pond Pool
TIME: 9:30AM - 3:30PM
FEE: \$35ea. day

****Register both days for \$60****

Please specify dates on registration



Go Take A Hike

(and discover hidden treasures)

Take a hike and discover the international game of Geo-Caching. Using Global Position Satellite (GPS) devices we will seek out and find hidden containers throughout the woods with messages, clues and hidden treasures.



You will need to be comfortable hiking 2-3 miles.
(GPS will be provided)

FRI. JUNE 26: Bigelow Hollow, Union, CT
MON. JUNE 29: Peoples Forest, Barkhamsted, CT
TIME: 9:30AM -3:30 PM
FEE: \$35 each day

****Register both days for \$60****



Connecticut's Native Woodland People



Learn about Northeastern Native family life, as well as indigenous peoples interaction with the woodland environment. Our journey through time will be held at the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, CT. We will also be making talking sticks to bring home so you can share stories about your experiences this day.

WED. JULY 1: Institute for American Indian Studies, Washington, CT
TIME: 9:30AM - 3:30PM
FEE: \$35

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Mini-Golf & Go-Karts

Join us for go-karts, mini-golf, batting cages, phazerball, the game room, and more! This day is full of fun!

THURS. JULY 2: R & B Sports World,
Winsted, CT

TIME: 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
FEE: \$35.00



Whale Watch

Cape Ann Whale Watch in Gloucester, MA provides guaranteed whale sighting for every whale watching tour to Stellwagen Bank, a national marine preserve about 12 miles off the coast of Gloucester. According to the World Wildlife Fund it is one of the "Top 5 Whale Watching Destinations in the World" due to the wide variety of whale species that migrate to this area to feed on the abundant natural resources.



WED. JULY 15: 9:30AM-8PM
FEE: \$40

(We will stop on the way home on the Mass. Turnpike for supper.)



Beaches, Boats & Bikes



This is one of our most popular weeks of the summer that includes canoeing, water tubing,* bike riding,** a day of kayaking/canoeing, raft building and swimming!

***You must be 4 foot, 5 inches or taller for the tubing.**

****You will need to provide your own bike and helmet for the "Rail Trail Biking & Ice Cream" day.**

MON. JULY 6: *Tubing on the Farmington River
TIME: 10:00AM - 3:30PM

TUES. JULY 7: **Rail Trail Biking & Ice-Cream (Granby)
TIME: 9:30AM - 3:30PM

WED. JULY 8: Canoe/Kayak & picnic, Bigelow Hollow
TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

THUR. JULY 9: Blue Shutters Beach, Charlestown RI
TIME: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

FRI. JULY 10: Raft Building at Bigelow Hollow
TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

**FEES: 1 day = \$35; 2 days = \$65; 3 days = \$95
4 days = \$120
ALL 5 days = \$145**

(Be sure to specify dates on registration)



Bigelow Hollow Service Day!



Bigelow Hollow State Park in Union, CT is the home of Mashapaug Lake & Bigelow Pond. We spend many days throughout the year, especially during the summer, hiking, paddling, raft building, picnicking and swimming. In the last 2 years the Summer Youth Adventurer's have noticed that the park could use some TLC and have asked if we could spend a day giving back to this great place that has given us so much. **We will be swimming after lunch!**

**FRIDAY JULY 17 TIME: 9:30AM - 4:00PM
NO FEE, JUST YOUR TIME!**



Survivor Quest (3 Days)

This is our most popular summer program! We will be at the Newington Challenge Course & local parks for two days of Tribal challenges and cooling off in the pool at Mill Pond Park in the afternoon. On day 3 we will complete our challenges at Bigelow Hollow with our raft building challenge! No one is eliminated from the Island!! We guarantee fun, a little healthy competition and getting wet!



**TUES. JULY 21, WED. JULY 22 &
THURS. JULY 23**
TIME: 9:00AM-3:30PM
FEE: \$85

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Whitewater Rafting!



This beautiful 10 mile trip through **mild whitewater** is a great new way to stay cool on a hot day in July. We will be on the "Fife Brook" section of the Deerfield River in Charlemont Mass. This trip is selected for youth groups and offers a lot of fun and excitement for all ages!

FRI July 24: Crabapple Whitewater
Charlemont, MA

TIME: 8:00AM - 6:00PM

FEE: \$75



Beaches, Bikes & Boats



Three days of fun in the sun, on the bike trail and in the water!

***You must be 4 foot, 5 inches or taller for the tubing.**

****You will need to provide your own bike and helmet for the "Rail Trail Biking & Ice Cream" day.**

MON. JULY 27: Blue Shutters Beach, Charlestown RI
TIME: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

TUES. JULY 28: **Rail Trail Biking & Ice-Cream
(Farmington & Canton)
TIME: 9:30AM - 3:30PM

WED. JULY 29: *Tubing on the Farmington River
TIME: 10:00AM - 3:30PM

THUR. JULY 30: Canoe/Kayak & picnic, Colebrook Lake,
Colebrook, CT
TIME: 9:00AM- 4:00PM

**FEES: 1 day = \$35; 2 days = \$65; 3 days = \$95
4 days = \$120**

(Be sure to specify dates on registration)



Bowling, Lunch & Movie

Students will go bowling at Bowl-O-Rama on the Berlin Turnpike. Then to the Imperial Buffet for lunch. After that we will catch a movie at one of the local cinemas!

FRI. JULY 31

TIME: 10:00AM - 4:00PM

FEE: \$40



Funyaking!

This is guaranteed to excite, cool and refresh! A "Funyak" is a 9 foot long inflatable kayak. This trip will include a pre-trip safety and paddling lesson that will prepare you for the river, so even with no prior experience you can enjoy the thrills of river kayaking. Giant squirt guns and riverside snack are provided. We will stop in Greenfield, MA on the way home for supper.



THURSDAY August 6: Crab Apple Whitewater,
Charlemont, MA.

TIME: 10:00AM - 8:00PM

FEE: \$45



Final Day of Summer Youth Adventures!



As Summer Youth Adventures 2015 winds down we'd like to spend some time enjoying the outdoors at one of our favorite locations, Bigelow Hollow State Park. Join us for a canoeing, swimming & cook-out day. Hamburgers, hotdogs and veggie burgers!



FRI. AUG. 7: Bigelow Hollow State Park
Union, CT

TIME: 9:00AM - 4:00PM

FEE: \$35

ADVENTURE PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

ENTERING GRADES 6 THRU 9

All programs leave promptly at designated times. Students must arrive 30 minutes earlier.



Awesome Adventures



On Monday we'll be out at Newington Challenge Course climbing the high ropes elements and flying down the zip line! Tuesday it's rock climbing on Wolf Rock in Mansfield, CT! Then on Thursday we'll take a kayaking trip down the Farmington River.

MON. JULY 13: Newington Challenge Course
Newington, CT
TIME: 9:30AM - 3:30PM

TUES. JULY 14: Wolf Rock, Mansfield, CT
TIME: 9:00AM - 3:30PM

THURS. JULY 16: Kayaking on the Farmington River in Simsbury, CT
TIME: 9:00am - 4:00PM

FEES: 1 day = \$35; 2 days = \$65; 3 days = \$95



Canoe & Camp at American Legion Campground August 3, 4, & 5



Three days of base camping, canoeing, kayaking & swimming in northwestern Connecticut. We will be camping at the American Legion youth group camping area in Riverton, CT. Our plan is to canoe & kayak on area lakes. We supply the tents, sleeping pads, cooking gear, food and paddling gear. You bring the spirit of adventure!



Staff: Rik Huggard, Liza Bocchichio, Neal Spencer & Laura Callahan

****There will be a mandatory pre-trip meeting for participants and parent/guardians at 5:30PM on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 in the Human Services conference room.**

**Departs Town Hall at 9:00AM on Monday August 3
Returns by 3:30PM on Wednesday August 5**

Price: \$95

Summer Youth Adventure REGISTRATION FORM

****Registration Deadline Is: Wed., June 10th, 2015****

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH FULL PAYMENT TO:
NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES
131 CEDAR ST.
NEWINGTON, CT. 06111

Summer Youth Adventure-Information 860-665-8594
E-mail: rhuggard@newingtonct.gov

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

| STUDENT NAME _____ | | | GRADE COMPLETED JUNE '15 _____ SCHOOL _____ | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|---|-------------|------------|
| <u>PROGRAM SELECTION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>FEE</u> | <u>PROGRAM SELECTION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>FEE</u> |
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | 7. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | 8. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | 9. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | 10. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. _____ | _____ | _____ | 11. _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. _____ | _____ | _____ | 12. _____ | _____ | _____ |

*****Donations are appreciated to support Newington Human Services and keeping youth programs affordable
Please consider donating; circle the amount you would like to contribute: \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 Other _____***

Thank you for your consideration and support!

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHECK NUMBER _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NEWINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

***Circle the highest movie rating that you approve for your child to attend: PG PG13
(We also use the movies as a possible alternate activity during inclement weather)**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Reduced fees MAY be available to income eligible Newington families. Please indicate on the registration forms your request for assistance, and a staff member from this department will contact you.

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS ONCE CONFIRMATION LETTERS ARE SENT OUT

****Note: There is a \$25 returned check fee****

Please complete form on following page

Summer Youth Adventure 2015 PERMISSION FORM (Must be completed)

STUDENT NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL/PAGER: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(to receive updated/ongoing & future program information)

****Assumption of Liability: Participation in these activities may involve risk or injury. As a parent, guardian, or participant, I am aware of these hazards and my ability to participate. I hereby agree to release, discharge and hold harmless the Town of Newington, its employees, contracted instructors, and volunteers from the liabilities which may occur while participating in the activity. I understand that participation in any Human Services event or activity involves risk. I further understand that the Town of Newington does not provide accident/medical insurance for the program participants. In addition, I give permission for the participant to be treated by qualified medical personnel in the event that the above named parent/guardian/emergency contact cannot be reached at the phone numbers provided.**

I give my child permission to walk or bike home at the end of a SYA program. Please Circle Yes No

I give permission for my child to be videotaped and/or photographed for the purpose of community education. Yes No

EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME _____ PHONE _____

(other than parent/guardian)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

Please use the space below to apprise us of any special health concerns, accessibility issues, behavioral needs, or to request accommodation (include allergies, medications, etc):

You will be contacted for additional information, if needed.

MEDICAL INSURANCE CARRIER _____ POLICY NUMBER _____ HOSPITAL PREFERENCE _____

****This contract must be signed by BOTH participant and parent, and returned along with your registration form in order to participate in the program.****

****PARTICIPANT CONTRACT****

This contract is an agreement between parents/guardians, students and staff to help ensure that this program operates in a fun, safe and cooperative manner. It is our hope that by reviewing our expectations for conduct, that ALL students and their parents will assist us with this effort.

- I agree to stay seated & keep my limbs in the van at all times.
- I agree to speak respectfully to EVERYONE, using appropriate language and voice level.
- I agree not to swear, name call or throw things.
- I agree to be with a "buddy" and/or with an adult chaperone at all times.
- I agree to report on time to the designated meeting location for each program.
- I agree to keep my hands to myself, respect others and their property.
- I agree to follow directions and listen attentively when adults are speaking to me.
- I agree to keep the vans clean.
- I agree not to use cell phones during programs.

Unacceptable behavior will result in a verbal warning, followed by a written warning, and if considered a serious safety violation or an unresolved ongoing issue, expulsion from the program without a refund.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to make this program a success.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____