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BROOKLYN PARK

Summer Camp

Camps for Pre–K thru 8th Grade

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763-493-8333

Creativity, Teamwork and Dream Days

Jen Gillard, running the foam machine at Field Day!

Late in the fall, I spend a few days looking through all of the camp photos and reflecting on the previous summer. Each year, something different bubbles to the top of my mind. This year it was our newest camp tradition, Dream Days. We encourage our staff to come up with a crazy or interesting idea and to figure out a way to make it happen. Some dreams are simple and some are big and flashy, but each one takes creativity and teamwork to pull off.

Last summer, some big dreams were: making a foam party machine, taking a canoe trip and publishing the inaugural issue of the camp yearbook. Some of the smaller dreams were sampling crickets at the World Fair and making glurch dance on the speaker of an old radio. Each time a Dream Day comes to life, I see staff supporting each other and I see the magic of camp twinkle in the eyes of our campers.

As you look through this brochure, I hope you notice our values coming through. I see the creative use of materials, staff and campers working together on projects, friendship and belonging — and a lot of smiles. The staff and I do our best to live our values and pass them on to the campers in our care. If you have questions or don't see the info you are looking for, please email me at: jen.gillard @brooklynpark.org.

I can't wait to see what next summer brings!

Sincerely,

Jen Gillard, CTRS

Recreation Supervisor

Why are we here?

Since 1965, the Brooklyn Park Recreation and Parks Department has provided the best parks, facilities and programs for our residents. We are passionate about the impact recreation has on learning and quality of life. Summer camp is a great way to get outside, try new things and have a lot of fun!

Our Values

Community	Teamwork
Learning	Self-Reliance
Friendship	Grit
Adventure	Leadership
Zest for Life	Gratitude

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VALUE: Grit
We work hard at finishing what we start and overcoming obstacles in our path.

Important Things About Camp

For kids entering Kindergarten – 8th grade

Monday – Thursday, June 15 – August 13
(No regular camp July 1 – 7)

Spend your summer at one of our camps right in your neighborhood! At camp, kids learn great values for a great value. Take part in science, nature exploration, arts & crafts, games, clubs, active play and more. Have time to hang out with old and new friends. Weekly themes and special events add to the fun. Deadline for registration is May 29.

Additional Information:

- Kids must be 5 years old by September 1, 2020 and entering kindergarten to participate.
  Please note: we are active at camp all day and do not have a rest period for younger children.
- Campers attending all day will have supervised lunch hour and will need to bring a lunch and snack daily.
- Children attending in the afternoon need to bring a snack each day.
- For more information about Summer Camp, visit us at: www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps

How to Register

1. **Choose your location**
   - Camps are located at the Community Activity Center (CAC), Monroe School Park, Northwoods Park and Willowstone Park
2. **Choose your days and times**
   - Choose any 2, 3 or 4 day combinations from mornings, afternoons or full days at: CAC, Northwoods and Willowstone
   - Choose 2–4 extended afternoons at Monroe
   - **We require a minimum of 2 days at the same location**
   - Your schedule will be the same all summer
3. **Call 763-493-8333 or stop in at the CAC to register**
   - All campers pay a non-refundable registration fee
   - Pay camp fees in full at registration or set up a payment plan
   - Camp fees must be paid in full by June 5
   - Campers will not be allowed to attend camp until all fees are paid

Summer Camp Sliding Fee Scale

- We offer sliding fees for camp based on household income
- Reduced fees are available only to residents of Brooklyn Park
- Tier 2 pricing is available to families with active military deployment
- To qualify for Tier 2 or Tier 3 pricing, families must provide the most current 1040 tax form or record of military deployment in person at the Community Activity Center
- Please call our office at 763-493-8333 if you have questions about which Tier your family qualifies for.

Household Size (as listed on the 1040 tax form)	**Tier 1** Yearly Income	**Tier 2** Yearly income	**Tier 3** Yearly Income
2	More than $31,285	$21,984-31,284	Less than $21,983
3	More than $39,462	$27,730-39,461	Less than $27,729
4	More than $47,639	$33,476-47,638	Less than $33,475
5	More than $55,816	$39,222-55,815	Less than $39,221
6	More than $63,993	$44,968-63,992	Less than $44,967
7	More than $72,170	$50,714-72,169	Less than $50,713
8	More than $80,347	$56,460-80,346	Less than $56,459
9+	Add $8,177 for each additional family member	Add $8,177 for each additional family member	Add $5,746 for each additional family member

Camp Registration

Register for K–6, Teens Outdoors and Preschool

- Registration at each location will remain until May 29 or until spots are full
- Cancellation fee through April 15 is $15 per child + non-refundable registration fee
- Cancellation fee after April 15 is $50 per child + non-refundable registration fee
- Location and/or schedule changes are $10 per child. No location/schedule changes will be allowed until February 3.

LIT Registration *(on page 12)*

Please call to be placed on the interest list for LIT Camp through February 14. We will do an enrollment lottery on February 17.

Preschool Camp Registration — Opens January 6.

VALUE: Community

Everyone belongs here. Together we build community where each of us has a unique contribution.

JANUARY 2020 — REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 Camp CAC **RETURNING** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	7	8 Camp CAC **NEW** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	9	10 Camp CAC **NON-RESIDENT** families begin at 8:30 AM	11
12	13 Camp Willowstone **RETURNING** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	14	15 Camp Willowstone **NEW** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	16	17 Camp Willowstone **NON-RESIDENT** families begin at 8:30 AM	18
19	20 Camp Monroe **RETURNING** families begin at 8:30 AM	21	22 Camp Monroe **NEW** families begin at 8:30 AM	23	24	25
26	27 Camp Northwoods **RETURNING** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	28	29 Camp Northwoods **NEW** resident families begin at 8:30 AM	30	31 Camp Northwoods **NON-RESIDENT** families begin at 8:30 AM	

CAMP CAC

VALUE: Teamwork

Our staff works together as a team to make camp wonderful! They have character and integrity that make them great role models for our campers.

Entering K – entering 6th grade

Community Activity Center (CAC)
5600 - 85th Avenue N
Check-in is located on East end, Armory side

LOCATION

Camp CAC is housed on the grounds of the CAC and in the indoor classroom for Brooklyn Park Nature Preschool. We have a playground, a nature play area and a fishing pond. Camp CAC is in walking distance of Central Park.

EVENT:

Camp CAC hosts the World Fair on August 5

Non-refundable registration fee ..... #931001.00
Tier 1: $25 Tier 2: $15 Tier 3: $5 Non Res: $30

MORNINGS, 8 – 11:30 AM

Tier 1: $90 Tier 2: $52 Tier 3: $30 Non Res: $112

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks).....#931001.01
Tuesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.02
Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.03
Thursdays (8 weeks).....#931001.04

AFTERNOONS, 12:30 – 5 PM

Tier 1: $114 Tier 2: $66 Tier 3: $38 Non Res: $142

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks).....#931001.05
Tuesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.06
Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.07
Thursdays (8 weeks)..... #931001.08

ALL DAY, 8 AM – 5 PM

Tier 1: $208 Tier 2: $121 Tier 3: $69 Non Res: $260

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks).....#931001.09
Tuesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.10
Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931001.11
Thursdays (8 weeks).....#931001.12

CAMP MONROE

VALUE: Zest for Life

Living life with a sense of excitement, anticipation and energy. Approaching life as an adventure.

Entering K – entering 6th grade

Monroe Park Activity Building
700 Meadowwood Drive

LOCATION

Camp Monroe is housed at Monroe School Park. Our building is nestled in the shade and is surrounded by athletic fields. We have access to two playgrounds at Monroe Elementary. Camp Monroe is offered in partnership with the City of Brooklyn Center.

EVENT

Camp Monroe hosts exchange students from the St. Paul Intercultural Center each August.

Registration fee ..... #931002.00

Tier 1: $25 Tier 2: $15 Tier 3: $5 Non Res: $30

Extended Afternoon — 11:30 AM –5 PM (Includes lunchtime)

Tier 1: $140 Tier 2: $81 Tier 3: $46 Non Res: $175

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category:

Mondays (8 weeks) .....#931002.01
Tuesdays (8 weeks) .....#931002.02
Wednesdays (8 weeks) .....#931002.03
Thursdays (8 weeks) .....#931002.04

CAMP NORTHWOODS

VALUE: Self-Reliance

We empower campers to find their inner voice and work toward their goals

Entering K – entering 6th grade

Northwoods Park Activity Building
7600 - 107th Avenue N

LOCATION

Camp Northwoods is housed at Northwoods Park. Our park is home to the Todd C. Anderson Wheelchair Softball Field and an accessible play structure. Camp Northwoods is a peanut/tree nut-free camp.

EVENT:

Camp Northwoods hosts the Penny Carnival on July 9.

Non-refundable registration fee ..... #931003.00
Tier 1: $25 Tier 2: $15 Tier 3: $5 Non Res: $30

MORNINGS, 8 – 11:30 AM

Tier 1: $90 Tier 2: $52 Tier 3: $30 Non Res: $112

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.01
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.02
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.03
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.04

AFTERNOONS, 12:30 – 5 PM

Tier 1: $114 Tier 2: $66 Tier 3: $38 Non Res: $142

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.05
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.06
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.07
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.08

ALL DAY, 8 AM – 5 PM

Tier 1: $208 Tier 2: $121 Tier 3: $69 Non Res: $260

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.09
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.10
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.11
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931003.12

CAMP WILLOWSTONE

VALUE: Learning

We explore the world around us and enjoy learning new things.

Entering K – entering 6th grade

Willowstone Park Activity Building
1909 - 95th Avenue N

LOCATION

Camp Willowstone is housed at Willowstone Park. This park is a quiet oasis close to the Coon Rapids Dam and regional trails. We have a nature play area, a castle play structure, a tennis court and tons of green space.

EVENT:

Camp Willowstone hosts Field Day on July 21.

Non-refundable registration fee ..... #931004.00
Tier 1: $25 Tier 2: $15 Tier 3: $5 Non Res: $30

MORNINGS, 8 – 11:30 AM

Tier 1: $90 Tier 2: $52 Tier 3: $30 Non Res: $112

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.01
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.02
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.03
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.04

AFTERNOONS, 12:30 – 5 PM

Tier 1: $114 Tier 2: $66 Tier 3: $38 Non Res: $142

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.05
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.06
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.07
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.08

ALL DAY, 8 AM – 5 PM

Tier 1: $208 Tier 2: $121 Tier 3: $69 Non Res: $260

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

Mondays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.09
Tuesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.10
Wednesdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.11
Thursdays (8 weeks) ..... #931004.12

VALUE: Gratitude *— We are thankful to have warm*

Bonus Week

LOCATION: Camp Willowstone

Not quite done with summer yet? Join us for an extra week of fun before it's too late. We will combine our whole camp community to one location. This action-packed week will include your favorite camp activities plus a whole lot more. Remember to bring a lunch, snack and water bottle each day. Sign up for 1 to 4 days. To participate in Bonus Week, campers must be signed up for one of our other camps.

August 17 – 20, 8AM – 5PM

Monday	$26/$32	#931008.01
Tuesday	$26/$32	#931008.02
Wednesday	$26/$32	#931008.03
Thursday	$26/$32	#931008.04

Camp Events and Traditions

Penny Carnival

The Penny Carnival is the first time our Leaders In Training get to plan activities for camp! They come up with carnival games and stations for our campers to try. LITs can choose from our inventory of games or invent their own. Super Hooper was invented at the Penny Carnival several years ago. Voting staff into the dunk tank has become a tradition. Campers check the schedule and line up to see their favorite staff get wet.

days, great leaders, and lots of kids to fill our summers!

Field Day

At Field Day we mix traditional track and field events with themed games. Building giant towers with our cup stacking sets is a favorite tradition. Willowstone goes all out with the decorations and encourages imaginations to run wild. We may do human bowling on the sledding hill, practice a spider man climb on the back stop, or play life sized Angry Birds in the rink.

World Fair

The World Fair is our newest event and is host to our longest standing tradition: *The Camp Dance Off. At the World Fair.* We do stations centered around experiencing various cultures and trying hands-on art and science activities. For the last few years, Japanese and Chinese exchange students from the St. Paul Intercultural Center have been an integral part of the World Fair by sharing elements of their culture and joining in the *Camp Dance Off.*

Other Camp Traditions

Camp traditions are part of what makes camp magical. They create a sense of belonging and lore. The Root Beer Float Fairy visits on the first day of the summer that is well over 90 degrees with high humidity. Big Game and Song Circle are part of every day. The songs and the games change, but our campers can trust that the experience will stay the same.

LEADERS IN TRAINING

VALUE: Leadership
We learn leadership by teaching what great leaders do and say.

LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT) CAMP

For youth entering 7–8th grade
Do you love camp and want to be a future camp leader? Spend the summer at Leader in Training Camp developing the leadership and teamwork skills necessary for becoming one of our camp staff. Leaders in Training (LITs) will participate in regular camp activities in addition to learning to plan and lead crafts, songs, and games for younger children. LITs will have the opportunity to volunteer at camp through the summer. Even though LITs work hard, we also have FUN! LITs will meet at each camp location for two weeks. Transportation will be available to and from camp locations each day. Upon completion of a full summer of LIT camp, participants will be eligible for a Junior Staff volunteer position and for paid employment beginning at age 16 or upon completion of 1–2 summers of volunteering.

Want a full day of fun?
Register for
TEENS OUTDOORS
in the afternoon!

JUNE 15 – AUGUST 13
(No camp July 1–7)
MORNINGS: 8 – 11:30 AM
Monday – Thursday.....$375 .....#931005.xx

REGISTRATION LOTTERY
To register: please call to be placed on the interest list for LIT Camp through February 14. We will do an enrollment lottery on February 17.

Scholarships are available for LITs! Call our office at 763-493-8333 for information.

What happens after completion of Leaders in Training (LIT) Camp?

After successfully completing LIT Camp, participants are eligible for a Junior Staff volunteer position. Junior Staff volunteer up to 16 hours per week. Once our Junior Staff have completed 1–2 summers of volunteering or turn 16, they are eligible to apply for paid employment at camp.

TEENS OUTDOORS

VALUE: Adventure
We go places and try new things!

TEENS OUTDOORS

For youth entering 7–8th grade

Big changes are coming to Teens Outdoors this summer! In addition to participating in regular camp games and activities, our Teens will go on a weekly field trip and dig into daily projects and skill building. Team-building initiatives, outdoor survival skills, engineering challenges, art projects, and adventure trips are built into each weekly schedule. The summer will culminate in a teens-only engineering challenge tournament and an overnight camping trip. Field trips to Valleyfair, Bunker Beach, SkyZone, and a ropes course are all included in the registration fee. Don't sit inside this summer. Spend your days outside building friendships, trying crazy things, and challenging yourself! Be here – Be You – Belong.

Monday – Thursday

JUNE 15 – AUGUST 13 *(No camp July 1–7)*

Registration Fee: ..... $25/$31 .....#931006.00

AFTERNOONS, 12:30 – 5 PM

Tier 1: $63 Tier 2: $37 Tier 3: $21 Non Res: $79

This fee covers each day of the week chosen in this category

CAC
- Mondays (8 weeks) .....#931006.01
- Tuesdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.02
- Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931006.03
- Thursdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.04

Northwoods
- Mondays (8 weeks) .....#931006.05
- Tuesdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.06
- Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931006.07
- Thursdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.08

Willowstone
- Mondays (8 weeks) .....#931006.09
- Tuesdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.10
- Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931006.11
- Thursdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.12

Monroe (meets 11:30-5)
- Mondays (8 weeks) .....#931006.13
- Tuesdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.14
- Wednesdays (8 weeks).....#931006.15
- Thursdays (8 weeks) .....#931006.16

Fee assistance is available through our Youth Scholarship Program. Call 763-493-8333 for more information.

PRESCHOOL CAMP

Preschool Nature Camp

by Brooklyn Park Nature Preschool

Ages 3–5

Community Activity Center (CAC)
5600 - 85th Avenue N

MORNINGS, 8 –11:30 AM

Explore nature, play outside, be a Curious George scientist, get messy like Picasso, sing your heart out! Start your mornings off right with some time at Camp! Summer is meant for playing so join other preschoolers while socializing in a nurturing outdoor environment. We will use hands-on inquiry-based learning to experience the world around us. Daily activities include circle time, creative arts, story time, games, snack, and nature exploration. Learn about pond creatures and urban nature at the CAC. Each session will take a field trip to the Eidem Farm to meet the animals, explore the farm and go on a hay ride.

Bring a snack and water bottle each day. All participants MUST be completely toilet trained and 3 years old by June 1, 2020 to participate.

SESSION 1: June 15 – July 15 *(no July 1 or 6)*
Mon/Wed..... $104/$130 ..... #931007.01

SESSION 1: June 16– July 16 *(no July 2 or 7)*
Tues/Thurs..... $104/$130 ..... #931007.02

SESSION 2: July 20 – August 12
Mon/Wed..... $104/$130 ..... #931007.03

SESSION 2: July 21 – August 13
Tues/Thurs..... $104/$130 ..... #931007.04

Inclusion Services

If your child has a disability, severe allergy, diabetes, special need or other behavior concern requiring accommodations, please register early to allow adequate time for inclusion services. For more information, contact Erin Johnson, CTRS, at 763-315-8462 or email erin.johnson@brooklynpark.org.

How it works:

If you know which camp or class your child wants to participate in, please register and be sure to let the office staff know of your child's needs. Your registration will be automatically sent to our inclusion staff.

For kids new to inclusion services, we will contact you to get more information about your child's needs and get an inclusion plan in place.

For kids returning to inclusion services, we will touch base with you to see if anything has changed and make adjustments to your inclusion plan.

If you are not sure which camp or other program to sign up for and would like some help determining which program might be the best fit, please contact Erin, and we can talk through your child's needs and program options. After that, you can register for programs and then be sure to let the office know of your child's needs. We will create an inclusion plan prior to the start of camp.

We have additional forms that we use to gather more information about each disability, severe allergy, medical condition, special need or other behavior concern requiring accommodations. We can send paper or electronic forms to your family.

MEET OUR CAMP STAFF

Camp Coordinator Team

Each of our Camp Coordinators has an extensive background in summer camp and education.

Camp Staff

Our camp staff is made up of a team of people who come from a variety of backgrounds. Many of them were once campers themselves. They are future teachers, artists, engineers, medical professionals, police officers, and more. From our Junior Staff to Leaders, we share an excitement for camp and the community we create.

Brooklyn Park Summer Camps
DAILY SCHEDULE

8–8:45 AM ..... Check In and quiet games/playground

8:45–9:00 AM ..... Song Circle — All-camp sing along!

9–9:15 AM .....Morning Meeting — Meet with group to talk through the day

9:15–11:15 AM..... Activity block — Art, science, literacy, nature, games and other activities

11:15–11:30 AM .....Morning check out

11:30 AM–12:30 PM.....Lunch Bunch for full day campers

12:30–12:45 PM.....Afternoon Check in/Song Circle/Afternoon Meeting

12:45–2:15 PM.... Activity block — Art, science, literacy, nature, games and other activities

2:15–2:45 PM ..... Snack

Community – Camp clean up or community service project

Reflection — debrief/talk about the day

2:45–3:15 PM ..... Choice Time

There are 3–4 planned activities offered at this time

Kids can self-select where they want to go each day

3:15–3:30 PM ..... Reading

3:30–4:30 PM .....Big Game

This is when the whole camp plays a game

together: *Trench, 4 Corners, Quidditch*, etc.

(5–6 yr olds are offered an alternate activity if they prefer not to play)

4:30–5:00 PM .....Chill Out and Check Out

We have different themes each week that enhance our activity options!

Frequently Asked Questions

What should my child bring to Camp?

Please dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty! Everyone should have sunscreen and water each day. Campers attending all day will have supervised lunch hour and will need to bring a lunch and snack daily. Children attending in the afternoon need to bring a snack each day.

What are your staff to child ratios?

Preschool	1: 6
K–2nd grade	1: 8
3–8th grade	1:10

What field trips do you go on?

Our camp community is spread out across four locations. We plan field trips around all-camp events that allow us to gather at different camp locations. Our 7–8th graders go on several off-site field trips.

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

You drop off and pick up your child at the park building located at each camp. Our staff will direct parents to check-in/out.

What paperwork do I need to complete by the first day of camp?

Each family will receive a Handbook and packet of forms that need to be completed and returned on the first day of camp including a Code of Conduct, Camper Information Form along with immunization history, and Permission Slip.

What if the weather is bad?

We will still go outside on cold, rainy or very hot days. We adjust our daily activity schedule for inclement weather. In the case of severe weather, we shelter inside the CAC or our park buildings. We have never cancelled regular camp due to bad weather.

Are all of your staff trained and background checked?

Yes! We do several hours of training with both new and returning staff each summer. All of our staff are background checked each year.

How do you decide what groups the kids will be in?

We group kids together, based on age. If we have kids who are close to the age cut off, we will consider the preferences of the child and family when placing them in a group.

What are your daily fees for camp?

Mornings are $11.25/day
Afternoons are $14.25/day
Monroe afternoons are $17.50/day
Full days are $26/day

Since space is limited, we offer a slight discount to campers attending all day. Preschool and teens have different daily rates.

Do you have before and after care?

We are not able to offer before and after care. In order to keep our daily fees low and offer a quality program, we are not able to have camp open more than 36 hours per week. Longer hours means more staff time which would dramatically increase fees.

How will camp communicate with families during the summer?

We will send out a weekly newsletter, post on Facebook and send out information via the ***Remind*** smartphone app.

Why aren't cell phones allowed at camp?

We have phones at each of our camps. If there is an emergency and you need to communicate with your child, please call us and we will connect you. We do not allow cell phones at camp to give kids a time to explore the real world around them, build relationships with others, practice patience, and use valuable leadership skills. Cell phones and other electronics are a big distraction for everyone and disrupt daily camp life.

Brooklyn Park
Recreation & Parks

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