

**Brooklyn Park**   
**Recreation & Parks**  
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Brooklyn Park, MN 55443



**BROOKLYN PARK**  
**Summer Camp**

Registration for Brooklyn Park Summer Camps opens **January 2026**

[www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps](http://www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps)





## 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!

Besides, without our campers, we would have no one to play with all summer!

### Our Values

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

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## Brooklyn Park Summer Camps SAMPLE DAILY SCHEDULE

8:30–9:15 AM .....	Check In and Outdoor Exploration
9:15–9:30 AM .....	Song Circle — Belt out Camp Songs, Cheers, & Chants
9:30–9:45 AM .....	Morning Meeting — Meet with group to talk through the day
9:45–10 AM .....	Snack time
10–11 AM .....	Small Group/Specialist Activity block: Art, science, literacy, nature
11–11:30 AM .....	Big Game
11:30 AM–12:30 PM .....	Lunch
12:30–1 PM .....	Literacy Exploration
1–2 PM .....	Specialist Activity block: Art, science, literacy, nature
2–3 PM .....	Choice Time: Campers self-select 1 of 4 activity options
3–3:15 PM .....	Snack time
3:15–4:15 PM .....	Big Game
This is when the whole camp plays a game together: <i>Trench, 4 Corners, Color Run, etc.</i> (5–6 yr olds are offered an alternate activity if they prefer not to play)	
4:30–5:00 PM .....	Check Out

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

# INCLUSION SERVICES



We welcome people of all abilities to participate in our programs! Please let us know if you require an accommodation specific to a disability-related need, a behavioral support, an allergy, or other need for inclusion services. Please register early to allow adequate time to process requests.

## The inclusion process is as follows:

1. Register for the program, indicating a need on the form, online or to the person taking your registration.
2. If you are registering a new participant requesting inclusion services, you will be contacted to discuss strategies for inclusion and to gather participant information. For those who are returning to inclusion services, we will touch base with you to see if anything has changed and adjust your inclusion plan accordingly.
3. Inclusion plans will be developed based on individual need.



## Helpful Information

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

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

If you have questions, please contact [erin.bonikowske@brooklynpark.org](mailto:erin.bonikowske@brooklynpark.org)



## Important things about Summer Camp

For youth ages 5 to 12 years

**Monday–Thursday, June 15–August 6**  
(No camp July 2)

Spend your summer at one of our camps right in your neighborhood! Campers 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 23 or until program is full.**

## Additional Information:

- Children must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2026 and entering kindergarten to participate. *Please note we are active outside 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, snack, and water bottle daily.  
**Note: All camps are peanut/tree nut free.**
- Children attending in the afternoon need to bring a snack and water bottle each day.
- For more information about camp, visit us at: [www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps](http://www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps)

## How to register for Camp

### 1. Choose your location

Community Activity Center (CAC)  
Norwood Park  
Willowstone Park  
Northwoods Park

### 2. Choose your days and times

- Choose 2 or 4 full days at CAC,
- Northwoods, Willowstone, or Norwood **OR** choose 2 or 4 partial days at Norwood
- Your schedule will be the same all summer

### 3. Complete registration

Register online at:

[www.brooklynpark.org/registration](http://www.brooklynpark.org/registration)

Register by phone or in person: at the Community Activity Center (5600 85th Avenue N) or 763-493-8333.

- All campers pay a non-refundable registration fee.
- Pay camp fees in full at registration or set up a payment plan & make first payment
- Camp fees must be paid in full by June 8
- Campers will not be allowed to attend camp until all fees are paid
- Registrations canceled after May 23 will be charged a \$100 cancellation fee

## Summer Camp Fee Assistance Information

- We offer reduced fees for camp based on income and the number of people living in your household as listed on your income tax forms
- Reduced fees are available only to residents of Brooklyn Park
- You are not required to show proof of income, but your account may be audited any time
- Please call our office at 763-493-8333 to register for tiered pricing, to set up a payment plan, or for any other questions about paying for camp
- Non-resident fees are listed with each camp description

Household Size*	Tier 1 Yearly Income	Tier 2 Yearly Income	Tier 3 Yearly Income
2	More than \$39,129	\$27,496-39,128	Less than \$27,495
3	More than \$49,304	\$34,646-49,303	Less than \$34,645
4	More than \$59,479	\$41,796-59,478	Less than \$41,795
5	More than \$69,654	\$48,946-69,653	Less than \$48,945
6	More than \$79,829	\$56,096-79,828	Less than \$56,095
7	More than \$90,004	\$63,246-90,003	Less than \$63,245
8	More than \$100,179	\$70,396-100,178	Less than \$70,395
9+	Add \$10,175 for each additional family member	Add \$7,150 for each additional family member	Add \$7,150 for each additional family member
SCHEDULE	Pay 100% of fees	Pay 58% of fees	Pay 33% of fees
Registration Fee	\$39	\$23	\$13
M/W Full Day	\$624	\$362	\$206
T/Th Full Day	\$585	\$339	\$193
M-Th Full Day	\$1209	\$701	\$399
M/W Half Day (Norwood only)	\$400	\$232	\$132
T/Th Half Day (Norwood only)	\$375	\$217	\$124
M-Th Half Day (Norwood only)	\$775	\$449	\$256
M/W Teens	\$368	\$213	\$121
T/Th Teens	\$345	\$200	\$114
M-Th Teens	\$713	\$413	\$235
LIT	\$488	\$283	\$161

\*Household size as listed on the 1040A tax form



### Are all of your staff trained and background checked?

Yes! We do several days of training with both new and returning staff each summer. Training includes creative planning, communication, positive behavior support, inclusion, and more. All of our staff are background checked.

### 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.

### 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.



### VALUE: Friendships

Our staff is trained to help campers foster friendships by being respectful and kind to others.

### 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 do not allow cell phones/smart watches 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. 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.



## 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 a water bottle each day. Campers attending all day will have supervised lunch hour and will need to bring a lunch and snack daily. Campers attending in the afternoon need to bring a snack each day. A free lunch offering in partnership through Osseo Area Schools is being explored, more information to come in 2026!

### What are the staff-to-child ratios?

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade            1: 8  
3-9<sup>th</sup> 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. In addition, we will have water Wednesdays through summer. Each camp site will have a designated field trip day at the Jackson Middle School Pool. Teens go on additional field trips around the metro and in Brooklyn Park.



### 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 before the first day of camp including a Code of Conduct, Camper Information Form, and Permission Slip. An email will be sent with detailed information and a link to fill out necessary documents.

### What if the weather is bad?

We 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. In rare instances, camp may be canceled due to weather. Detailed information will be available in the handbook.

## Camp Registration

Registration for ages 5 years to 12 years, Leaders In Training (LIT) and Teens Outdoors

- Registration at each location will remain open until May 23 or until spots are full
- Cancellations through May 22 will forfeit the non-refundable registration fee
- Cancellations May 23 or later will forfeit the non-refundable registration fee and be charged a \$100 cancellation fee
- No location transfers or schedule changes will be allowed until February 27



### VALUE: Community

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

## JANUARY 2026 — REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Registration opens at each camp location on the dates listed below.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12	13	14	15	16
19	20 Registration begins for Camp CAC, and Norwood <b>RETURNING</b> resident families	21 Registration begins for Camp CAC and Norwood <b>NEW</b> resident families	22 Registration begins for Camp CAC and Norwood <b>Non-Resident</b> families	23
26	27 Registration begins for Camp Northwoods and Willowstone <b>RETURNING</b> resident families	28 Registration begins for Camp Northwoods and Willowstone <b>NEW</b> resident families	29 Registration begins for Camp Northwoods and Willowstone <b>Non-resident</b> families	30

# CAMP CAC

For ages 5–12 years  
Kids must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2026  
and entering kindergarten to participate

**LOCATION:**  
Community Activity Center  
5600 - 85TH Ave N

Camp CAC is housed on the grounds of the Community Activity Center and in the Unity Room. On-site we have a playground, a nature play area, and a fishing pond. Camp CAC is in walking distance of Central Park which staff and campers will occasionally utilize as a field trip opportunity. Camp CAC is open Mon-Thurs (June 15-August 6) from 8:30 a.m.-5 .pm.

**NOTE:** There will be construction projects happening in the Community Activity Center parking lot and at the Brooklyn Park Police Station, North Precinct for the duration of the 2026 summer. If your child is sensitive to noise and potential construction dust please consider registering at one of our other park locations.



**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.*

**Non-refundable REGISTRATION FEE:**  
Resident: \$39 Non Resident: \$47

See page 4 for information about fee assistance

All Day 8:30AM-5PM	Fee - Residents	Fee - Non-resident	Registration #
MON/WED ages 5-6 (16 camp days)	\$624	\$674	131001.41
MON/WED ages 7-12 (16 camp days)	\$624	\$674	131001.42
TUES/THURS ages 5-6 (15 camp days)	\$585	\$635	131001.44
TUES/THURS ages 7-12 (15 camp days)	\$585	\$635	131001.45
MON-THURS ages 5-6 (31 camp days)	\$1209	\$1309	131001.47
MON-THURS ages 7-12 (31 camp days)	\$1209	\$1309	131001.48

# HISTORIC EIDEM FARM SUMMER CAMPS



## NATURE PRESCHOOL CAMP

For ages 3-5

**VALUE: Learning**

*We explore the world around us and learn new things.*

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 a 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. Bring a snack and water bottle each day. All participants MUST be completely toilet trained and 3 years old by July 1, 2026 to participate. M/W and T/TH curriculum is the same each session.

Registration starts February 1 and deadline is one week prior to session start date.

**Location:** Historic Eidem Farm, 101st and Noble Ave N

SESSION 1: JULY 6-23	Fee - Residents	Fee-Non-resident	Registration #
Mon/Wed 9-11:30 AM	\$108	\$128	131007.41
Tues/Thurs 9-11:30 AM	\$108	\$128	131007.42
SESSION 2: JULY 27-AUG 13	Fee - Residents	Fee-Non-resident	Registration #
Mon/Wed 9-11:30 AM	\$108	\$128	131007.43
Tues/Thurs 9-11:30 AM	\$108	\$128	131007.44

# HISTORIC EIDEM FARM SUMMER CAMPS



## CRITTER CAMP

For ages 3–5

Fun for preschoolers down on the farm! Children will rotate through daily activity stations with their group including song circle, craft, story time, games, snack, and farm exploration. Farm activities include meeting and feeding the animals, churning butter, doing laundry 1900 style, hayrides and more! Craft activities differ each day. Critter campers will be divided into small groups with low staff -to-child ratios. Please let us know when you register if there is another child you would like your child to be with in a group. To participate, children must be 3 years old and completely toilet trained by June 1, 2026. Both sessions include the same curriculum. Registration for Critter Camp opens on February 1.

**Location:** Historic Eidem Farm, 101st and Noble Ave N

Mon-Thurs from 9-11:30AM	Fee - Residents	Fee-Non-resident	Registration #
Session 1: June 15-18	\$72	\$86	131009.41
Session 2: June 22-25	\$72	\$86	131009.42

# CAMP NORTHWOODS

For ages 5–12 years  
Kids must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2026 and entering kindergarten to participate

**LOCATION:**  
Northwoods Park Activity Building  
7600 107th Avenue N

Camp Northwoods is housed at Northwoods Park, home to the Todd C. Anderson Wheelchair Softball field and an accessible play structure. With ample wooded space, our campers also utilize the area to explore nature in an urban setting, creating forts and more. Camp is open Mon-Thurs (June 15-August 6) from 8:30 a.m.-5p.m.



**VALUE: Zest for Life** Living life with a sense of excitement, anticipation and energy. Approaching life as an adventure.

**Non- refundable REGISTRATION FEE:**  
Resident: \$39 Non Resident: \$47

See page 4 for information about fee assistance

All Day 8:30AM-5PM	Fee - Residents	Fee - Non-resident	Registration #
MON/WED ages 5-6 (16 camp days)	\$624	\$674	131003.41
MON/WED ages 7-12 (16 camp days)	\$624	\$674	131003.42
TUES/THURS ages 5-6 (15 camp days)	\$585	\$635	131003.44
TUES/THURS ages 7-12 (15 camp days)	\$585	\$635	131003.45
MON-THURS ages 5-6 (31 camp days)	\$1209	\$1309	131003.47
MON-THURS ages 7-12 (31 camp days)	\$1209	\$1309	131003.48

# CAMP NORWOOD

For ages 5–12 years  
Kids must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2026  
and entering kindergarten to participate

**LOCATION:**  
Norwood Activity Building  
8099 Newton Ave N

Camp Norwood is our site that offers both a full camp day or an extended half-day camp option, tucked into the neighborhood at the intersection of Pearson Parkway and Newton. This park includes pickle ball courts, basketball court, a nature play space, and a new playground. Campers are able to go out for nature walks through the lush and mature trees surrounding the park. Camp Norwood is open Mon-Thurs (June 15-August 6).

**Non-refundable REGISTRATION FEE:**

Resident: \$39 Non Resident: \$47

See page 4 for information about fee assistance



**VALUE: Self-Reliance** We empower campers to find their inner voice and work toward their goals

Half Day 11:30AM-5PM	Fee - Residents	Fee - Non-resident	Registration #
MON/WED ages 5-12 (16 camp days)	\$400	\$437	Age 5-6: 131002.41 Ages 7-12: 131002.42
TUES/THURS ages 5-12 (15 camp days)	\$375	\$412	Age 5-6: 131002.44 Ages 7-12: 131002.45
MON-THURS ages 5-12 (31 camp days)	\$775	\$850	1 Age 5-6: 131002.46 Ages 7-12: 131002.47
Full Day 8:30AM-5PM			
MON/WED ages 5-12 (16 camp days)	\$624	\$674	Age 5-6: 131002.51 Ages 7-12: 131002.52
TUES/THURS ages 5-12 (15 camp days)	\$585	\$635	Age 5-6: 131002.54 Ages 7-12: 131002.55
MON-THURS ages 5-12 (31 camp days)	\$1209	\$1309	Age 5-6: 131002.57 Ages 7-12: 131002.58

# TEENS OUTDOORS



**JUNE 15– AUGUST 6**

No July 2

For Teens ages 13–15 years

**LOCATION:**  
Norwood Activity Building  
8099 Newton Ave N

**Non-refundable REGISTRATION FEE:**

Resident: \$39 Non Resident: \$47

See page 4 for information about fee assistance

Afternoons 11:30AM -5PM	Fee - Residents	Fee-Non-resident	Registration #
Mon/Wed (16 camp days)	\$368	\$405	131006.41
Tues/Thurs (15 camp days)	\$345	\$382	131006.42
Mon-Thurs (31 camp days)	\$713	\$788	131006.43

**VALUE: Adventure** We go places and try new things!

The Teens Outdoors camp is a wonderful opportunity for teens to stay active, try new things, and be social this summer! Teens Outdoors meets at Camp Norwood and participates in regular camp games and activities with some enhanced experiences to include kayaking, log rolling, picnics, nature education, a beach day at Elm Creek Beach, as well as an end of summer trip to Valley Fair!

Transportation and field trip admissions are included in the fees.

# LEADERS IN TRAINING



**VALUE: Leadership**



*We learn leadership by teaching what great leaders do and say.*

For teens entering 7–9th grade

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 and assist in coordinating our traditional Penny Carnival Event. Even though LITs work hard, we also have FUN! LITs will meet at Camp CAC each day.

**\*NEW\*** this year, all LITs will be Safe Sitter Certified at the end of the summer. Safe Sitter is a course designed to prepare students to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. They learn life-saving skills such as how to rescue someone who's choking, and helpful information like what to do if there's severe weather.

Dates	Days	Time	Cost
June 15-Aug 6	Monday-Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM	\$488

*No camp July 2*

## REGISTRATION LOTTERY

Lottery will take place on Monday, March 9. Email notifications will go out on Friday, March 13. There will be a mandatory parent and camper meeting in April (date is to be determined).

## What happens after completion of Leader 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 15, they are eligible to apply for paid employment at camp.

# CAMP WILLOWSTONE

For ages 5–12 years  
Kids must be at least 5 years old by June 1, 2026 and entering kindergarten to participate

## LOCATION:

Willowstone Park Activity Building  
1909 95th Avenue N

Camp Willowstone is housed at Willowstone Park. This park is a quiet oasis close to Mississippi Gateway Regional Park. We have a nature play area, castle play structure, a tennis court, and plentiful green space to explore. Camp Willowstone is open Mon-Thurs (June 15-August 6) from 8:30 a.m.–5 .pm.



**VALUE: Learning**

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

**Non-refundable REGISTRATION FEE:**  
Resident: \$39 Non Resident: \$47

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All Day 8:30AM-5PM	Fee - Residents	Fee - Non-resident	Registration #
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## Camp Events and Traditions

Camp traditions make camp magical by creating a sense of belonging and lore. The Snow Cone Fairy visits campers on the first day of the summer that is well over 90 degrees with high humidity. Big Game and Song Circle are part of the every day fun. The songs and the games change, but our campers can trust that the memorable experience will stay the same.

### NEW: The Culture Carnival

#### **Where Fun Meets the World!**

The Culture Carnival is a vibrant celebration where camp fun meets cultural exploration! Campers will rotate through a variety of stations from classic carnival games and creative art activities to hands-on experiences that showcase cultures from around the world and right here in our community

This special day highlights two of our core values:

- Community — through camper-led games that bring everyone together
- Learning — by exploring new perspectives, traditions, and creative expressions

With traditions like the staff dunk tank and the legendary Camp Dance Off still going strong, The Culture Carnival is where camp spirit, leadership, and global curiosity come together for one unforgettable experience!

**VALUE: Gratitude** — *We are thankful to have warm days, great leaders, and lots of kids to fill our summers!*

### NEW: The Camp Cup

#### **Splash, Sprint, and Soar to Victory!**

Welcome to The Camp Cup — the ultimate day of friendly competition, teamwork, and summer fun! Campers will team up to take on classic field games, giant team challenges, and refreshing water activities in a race for the coveted Camp Cup trophy. From relay races to water balloon battles and foam-filled obstacle courses, every station is a chance to cheer, splash, and shine. This event celebrates the spirit of camp through teamwork, sportsmanship, and a whole lot of zest for life!

