

The logo is a semi-circle with a white background. The left half contains a solid orange sun, and the right half contains a rainbow with blue, green, and yellow bands. Ten orange lines radiate from the top edge of the semi-circle. The text "Brooklyn Park Summer Camp" is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font, following the curve of the top of the semi-circle.

Brooklyn Park Summer Camp

2024

CAC

Northwoods

Norwood

Willowstone



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

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



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Important things about Summer Camp

For youth ages 5 to 12 years

Monday–Thursday, June 17–August 8

(No camp June 19-20, July 3-4)

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 20 or until program is full.**

Additional Information:

- Children must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 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 and snack daily.
- Children attending in the afternoon need to bring a snack each day.
- For more information about camp, visit us at: www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps

How to register for Camp

- 1. Choose your location**
Camps are located at the Community Activity Center (CAC), Norwood Park, Northwoods Park, and Willowstone Park
 - 2. Choose your days and times**
 - Choose your days and times
(Please note the start time has changed to 8:30 AM at CAC, Northwoods and Willowstone; 11:30 AM at Norwood)
 - Choose 2 or 4 full days at CAC, Northwoods and Willowstone, or choose 2 or 4 partial days at Norwood
 - **We require a minimum of 2 days at the same location**
 - Your schedule will be the same all summer
 - 3. Register online at:**
www.brooklynpark.org/registration
- Or Register by phone or in person:**
- Over the phone at: 763-493-8333**
or in person at the Community Activity Center (5600 85th Avenue N)
- 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 7
 - 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 regardless of income
- Please call our office at 763-493-8333 to register for tiered pricing or if you have questions about which Tier your family qualifies for.



Household Size* (as listed on the 1040 tax form)	Tier 1 (100%) Yearly Income	Tier 2 (52%) Yearly income	Tier 3 (33%) Yearly Income
2	More than \$ 36,483	\$25,637-36,482	Less than \$25,636
3	More than \$45,992	\$32,319-45,991	Less than \$32,318
4	More than \$55,501	\$39,001-55,500	Less than \$39,000
5	More than \$65,010	\$45,683-65,009	Less than \$45,682
6	More than \$74,519	\$52,365-74,518	Less than \$52,364
7	More than \$84,028	\$59,047-84,027	Less than \$59,046
8	More than \$93,537	\$65,729-93,536	Less than \$65,728
9+	Add \$9,509 for each additional family member	Add \$9,509 for each additional family member	Add \$6,682 for each additional family member
SCHEDULE	↓	↓	↓
Registration Fee%	\$30	\$17	\$10
M/W Full Day	\$537	\$279	\$177
T/Th Full Day	\$537	\$279	\$177
M–Th Full Day	\$1073	\$558	\$354
M/W Half Day (Norwood only)	\$347	\$181	\$115
T/Th Half Day (Norwood only)	\$347	\$181	\$115
M–Th Half Day (Norwood only)	\$695	\$362	\$230
M/W Teens	\$316	\$165	\$105
T/Th Teens	\$316	\$165	\$105
M–Th Teens	\$631	\$328	\$208
LIT	\$378	\$197	\$125

*Household size as listed on the 1040A tax form

%Non-resident registration fee is \$35

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 20 or until spots are full
- Cancellation fee through April 13 is \$15 per child + Non-refundable registration fee
- Location and/or schedule changes are \$10 per child. No location/schedule changes will be allowed until February 26.



VALUE: Community

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

JANUARY 2024 — REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Registration begins for Camps CAC and Norwood RETURNING resident families	17 Registration begins for Camps CAC and Norwood NEW resident families	18 Registration begins for Camps CAC and Norwood NON-RESIDENT families	19	20
21	22	23 Registration begins for Camps Northwoods and Willowstone RETURNING resident families	24 Registration begins for Camps Northwoods and Willowstone NEW resident families	25 Registration begins for Camps Northwoods and Willowstone NON-RESIDENT families	26	27
28	29	30	31			

CAMP CAC

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 8:30 AM – 5 PM

NO CAMP JUNE 19-20, JULY 3-4

(Youth ages 5–12 years; youth must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten)

Community Activity Center
5600 - 85th Ave N

(Check-in is located on the east side of the CAC, by the Armory)

LOCATION:

Camp CAC is housed on the grounds of the Community Activity Center and in the Unity Room, formerly Nature Preschool. 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.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Tier 1: \$30 Tier 2: \$17 Tier 3: \$10 Non Res: \$35

ALL DAY 8:30AM – 5 PM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Mon/Wed (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131001.41
Mon/Wed (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131001.42
Mon/Wed (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131001.43
Tues/Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131001.44
Tues/Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131001.45
Tues/Thurs (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131001.46
Mon-Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$1073	\$1123	131001.47
Mon-Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$1073	\$1123	131001.48
Mon-Thurs (ages 11–12)	\$1073	\$1123	131001.49



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.

CAMP NORTHWOODS

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 8:30 AM – 5 PM

NO CAMP JUNE 19-20, JULY 3-4

(Youth ages 5–12 years; youth must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten)

Northwoods Park Activity Building
7600 107th Avenue N

LOCATION:

Camp Northwoods is housed at Northwoods Park, home to the Todd C. Anderson Wheelchair Softball field and an accessible play structure. With the ample wooded space, our campers also utilize the space to explore nature in an urban setting, creating forts and more. Camp Northwoods is a peanut/tree nut free camp.

EVENTS:

Camp Northwoods hosts the Penny Carnival

REGISTRATION FEE:

Tier 1: \$30 Tier 2: \$17 Tier 3: \$10 Non Res:\$35

ALL DAY 8:30AM – 5 PM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Mon/Wed (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131003.41
Mon/Wed (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131003.42
Mon/Wed (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131003.43
Tues/Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131003.44
Tues/Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131003.45
Tues/Thurs (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131003.46
Mon-Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$1073	\$1123	131003.47
Mon-Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$1073	\$1123	131003.48
Mon-Thurs (ages 11–12)	\$1073	\$1123	131003.49



VALUE: Zest for Life

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

CAMP NORWOOD

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 11:30 AM – 5 PM
NO CAMP JUNE 19-20, JULY 3-4

(Youth ages 5–12 years; youth must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten)

Norwood Activity Building
8099 Newton Ave N

LOCATION:
Camp Norwood is our extended half-day camp, tucked into the neighborhood at the intersection of Pearson Parkway and Newton. Our location here has newly renovated pickle ball courts, basketball court, a nature play space, and a playground. Campers are able to go out for nature walks through the lush and mature trees surrounding the park.

EVENTS:
Camp Norwood will host our Arts and Multi-Culture Fair . Campers from all sites will perform their choreographed dance off routine at this event.

REGISTRATION FEE:
Tier 1: \$30 Tier 2: \$17 Tier 3: \$10 Non Res: \$35



VALUE: Self-Reliance

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

HALF DAY 11:30AM – 5 PM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Mon/Wed (age 5-6)	\$347	\$397	131002.41
Mon/Wed (age 7-10)	\$347	\$397	131002.42
Mon-Wed (age 11-12)	\$347	\$397	131002.43
Tues/Thurs (age 5-6)	\$347	\$397	131002.44
Tues/Thurs (ages 7-10)	\$347	\$397	131002.45
Tues/Thurs (age 11-12)	\$347	\$397	131002.46
Mon-Thurs (age 5-6)	\$695	\$745	131002.47
Mon-Thurs (ages 7-10)	\$695	\$745	131002.48
Mon-Thurs (age 11-12)	\$695	\$745	131002.49

CAMP WILLOWSTONE

MONDAY – THURSDAY, 8:30 AM – 5 PM
NO CAMP JUNE 19-20, JULY 3-4

(Youth ages 5–12 years; youth must be 5 years old by June 1, 2024 and entering kindergarten)

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, castle play structure, a tennis court, and plentiful green space.

EVENTS:
Camp Willowstone hosts Field Day

REGISTRATION FEE:
Tier 1: \$30 Tier 2: \$17 Tier 3: \$10 Non Res: \$35



VALUE: Learning

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

ALL DAY 8:30AM – 5 PM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Mon/Wed (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131004.41
Mon/Wed (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131004.42
Mon-Wed (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131004.43
Tues/Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$537	\$587	131004.44
Tues/Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$537	\$587	131004.45
Tues/Thurs (ages 11–12)	\$537	\$587	131004.46
Mon-Thurs (ages 5–6)	\$1073	\$1123	131004.47
Mon-Thurs (ages 7–10)	\$1073	\$1123	131004.48



BONUS WEEK

Monday–Thursday, 8:30AM–5PM — August 12-15 at Camp CAC, youth ages 6–12
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.

DAY	DATE	TIME	AGES	Fee-BP Res/Fee-NR	Register #
Monday	Aug 12	8:30 AM – 5 PM	6–12	\$37 / \$42	131008.41
Tuesday	Aug 13	8:30 AM – 5 PM	6–12	\$37 / \$42	131008.42
Wednesday	Aug 14	8:30 AM – 5 PM	6–12	\$37 / \$42	131008.43
Thursday	Aug 15	8:30 AM – 5 PM	6–12	\$37 / \$42	131008.44

Camp Events and Traditions

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. New this year will be human-size games such as Hungry Hungry Hippo and Human Foosball. Be sure to join us as there will be a surprise attraction in addition to the many activities campers wouldn't want to miss.

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

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. Voting staff into the dunk tank has become a tradition. Campers check the schedule and line up to see their favorite staff get wet.

Arts and Multi-Culture Fair

The Arts and Multi-Culture Fair is at Camp Norwood and is host to our longest standing tradition: *The Camp Dance Off*. At the 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 Arts and Multi-Culture 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



LEADER IN TRAINING (LIT) CAMP

For teens entering 7–8th 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. 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.

JUNE 17– AUGUST 8

(No camp June 19-20, July 3-4)

MORNINGS: 8:30 –11:30 AM

Monday – Thursday \$378

VALUE: Leadership

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

REGISTRATION LOTTERY

Lottery will take place on Monday, February 26. Email notifications will go out on Friday, March 1. 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 16, they are eligible to apply for paid employment at camp.

TEENS OUTDOORS



VALUE: Adventure

We go places and try new things!

TEENS OUTDOORS

MONDAY – THURSDAY

JUNE 17 – AUGUST 8

(No camp June 19-20, July 3-4)

Teens ages 13–15 years

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30-Res/\$35-NR

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

In addition to participating in regular camp games and activities, our Teens will explore daily projects and skill building using teambuilding initiatives, outdoor survival skills, engineering challenges, art projects, and science projects. There will be a variety of field trips including walking trips to Central Park or a local ice cream shop throughout the summer. Don't sit inside this summer. Spend your days outside enhancing 21st Century Skills and building friendships.

AFTERNOONS 12 – 5 PM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Age by June 1	Register#
Mon/Wed (ages 13–15)	\$316	\$366	13–14.9	131006.41
Tue/Thurs (ages 13–15)	\$316	\$366	13–14.9	131006.42
Mon–Thurs (age 13–15)	\$631	\$731	13–14.9	131006.43

PRESCHOOL CAMP



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 10, 2024. Both sessions include the same curriculum.

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

MON.-THUR. 9-11:30 AM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Age by June 12	Register#
Session 1: June 17-20	\$70	\$84	3	131009.41
Session 2: June 24-27	\$70	\$84	3	131009.42

HISTORIC EIDEM FARM SUMMER CAMPS



NATURE PRESCHOOL CAMP

For ages 3-5

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, 2024 to participate. M/W and T/TH curriculum is the same each session. Registration deadline one week prior to session start date.

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

SESSION 1: JULY 8-25: 9-11:30 AM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Monday & Wednesday	\$105	\$125	131007.41
Tuesday & Thursday	\$105	\$125	131007.42

SESSION 1: JULY 29-AUG 15: 9-11:30 AM	Fee—Resident	Fee—NonRes	Register#
Monday & Wednesday	\$105	\$125	131007.43
Tuesday & Thursday	\$105	\$125	131007.44

VALUE: Learning

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



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 the staff-to-child ratios?

Preschool	1:6
K–2 nd grade	1: 8
3–9 th 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 week throughout July 17-20. Each camp site will have a designated field trip day at the Jackson Middle School Pool.



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 (along with immunization history) 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. We have never canceled regular camp due to bad weather.



Are all of your staff trained and background checked?

Yes! We do several days 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.

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 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 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.

INCLUSION SERVICES



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. For more information, contact Erin Bonikowske, CTRS, Adaptive Recreation Specialist, at 763-315-8462 or email erin.bonikowske@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. The registration will be automatically sent to our Adaptive Recreation Specialist.

- For children 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 those who are 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-related need, severe allergy, medical condition or other support need requiring accommodations. We can send paper or electronic forms to your family.

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, & Charts
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	Circle Games and Check Out

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

Brooklyn Park Recreation & Parks

Patia Thao
Community Activity Center
5600 85th Avenue N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Registration for Brooklyn Park
Summer Camps opens January 2024



www.brooklynpark.org/summercamps