

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to NTPR Summer Camp. We are so excited to have your child join us this summer and we are looking forward to an unforgettable summer filled with smiles, sun and fun!

In this packet you will find essential information regarding the 2024 Camp Season. Please carefully review all the information. This information is necessary for you and your child to understand so we can work together to create a positive and safe environment for campers and staff.

This packet includes:

- Camp Calendar
- FAOs
- Trip Itinerary
- Camp Source App User Guide: We are excited to introduce our new Camp Source app, designed to enhance communication and convenience for both parents and campers. You will receive an invitation to download the app at the beginning of June. Through this platform, you will have access to trip details, the camp calendar, photos, and receive push notifications for alerts and messages.

Please note that you must **register** for the trips your child is going to attend by **June 1**st- Trips are not included in the camp fee (with the exception of Camp Carnival Day).

Week 1 of Camp Expedition takes place at Rolling Hills Elementary School. Weeks 2 through 7 will take place at Churchville Elementary School.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child. Please rest assured that we will cherish and nurture them as if they were our own. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.



CAMP EXPEDITION



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
America Week	June 24 CAMP	25 Swimming at NVCC	Thunderbird 26 Lanes Trip	27 Swimming at NVCC	Water Ice Day Dress in Red White and Blue! Pizza Lunch
Beach Week	Swimming at NVCC July 1 Swimming at NVCC	Limbo Contest and Dress in Hawaiian Shirts Swimming at NVCC	Roller Skating 3	4th of July CLOSED	4th of July
Spirit Week	Mix it up Monday Swimming at NVCC	Crazy Hair Day Swimming at NVCC	Movie Tavern Trip	11 Swimming at NVCC	Footsie Fun (Pajama Dress Day) Pizza Lunch
Adventure Week	Picture Day 15 Swimming at NVCC	Field Day 16 Swimming at NVCC	The Game is Afoot Trip (gr.1-3)	Pirate Day 18 Swimming at NVCC	The Game is Afoot Trip (gr.4-6) ARCADE Pizza Lunch
Buddy Bash Week	Buddy Relay Races 22 Swimming at NVCC	23 Swimming at NVCC	Ultrazone Laser Z4	Camp Carnival 25 Day Swimming at NVCC	Twin Day! 26 Dress like your bestie! Pizza Lunch
Philly Sports Week	Eagles Green Monday Swimming at NVCC	Phillies Red 30 Day Swimming at NVCC	The Funplex 31 Trip	August 1	76ers Blue Day 2
Talent Week	5 Swimming at NVCC	Counselor Talent Show	Urban Air Trip 7	8 Swimming at NVCC	Last Day of 9 CAMP Camper Talent Show Pizza Lunch

NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

2024 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – CAMP EXPEDITION

Schedule/Camp Location

- Camp will be offered for 7 weeks: June 24- August 9 (no camp July 4th and 5th), Monday-Friday 8:30AM-3:30PM
- Week 1 (June 24-June 28): Camp is held inside Rolling Hills Elementary School and on the Rolling Hills grounds at 340 Middle Holland Rd, Holland, PA 18966
- Weeks 2-7: Camp will be held inside Churchville Elementary School and on the Churchville grounds at 100 New Road, Churchville, PA 18966
- Free swim will occur at the Northampton Valley Swim Club, 299 Richboro Rd, Richboro, PA 18954 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

When can I drop my child off? What is the latest I can pick my camper up? What is the procedure?

- At Rolling Hills (week 1), children are dropped off and dismissed at the doors on the side of the building. Parents may stay in the car, but while doing so, maintain the line in the order in which you arrive. The line will form a circular pattern. Traffic will enter the side parking lot off of Middle Holland Road, staying to the right and following around to the side doors. During dismissal from Rolling Hills (days where pickup is not at the pool), if you choose to park the car, you must come and get your child. No child will be permitted to enter the parking area alone. If you are in the car line, please do not leave your vehicle, as this is a safety hazard. Please be patient. Please have your child's name placard hanging from the rearview mirror. Green shirts will call for your child over the walkie-talkie for dismissal.
- At Churchville (weeks 2-7), children are dropped off and dismissed at the gym doors on the side of the building. Parents may stay in the car, but while doing so, maintain the line in the order in which you arrive. The line will form a circular pattern. Traffic will enter the side parking lot off of New Road, staying to the right and following around to the gym doors. During dismissal from Churchville (days where pickup is not at the pool), if you choose to park the car, you must come and get your child. No child will be permitted to enter the parking area alone. If you are in the car line, please do not leave your vehicle, as this is a safety hazard. Please be patient. Please have your child's name placard hanging from the rearview mirror.
- Campers CANNOT BE dropped off earlier than 8:25 AM or picked up any later than 3:30 PM. A late fee will be charged if late.
- At the pool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, parents are asked to form a car line beginning at the white gate past the main entrance. Your children will be in groups with their counselors waiting for you! If you choose to pick up your child from the gated area, please park your car and walk up to the white gate. Please use caution when entering and exiting the parking lot, it is a tight space and children and families are entering and exiting the pool in addition to being picked up from camp. Pickup officially starts at 3:30, but please don't feel pressured to arrive immediately, as this can lead to traffic congestion. We recommend arriving **between** 3:30 and 4 to avoid everyone arriving at 4 PM, which could also result in traffic buildup.
- Please be patient during the first week as we find our footing and adjust where necessary.

What will camp look like for my child on a regular camp day?

- Campers are divided into smaller groups according to the grade they are entering in September. These groups will remain together with 3 4 staff members throughout the summer. Each group of campers enjoys indoor and outdoor intramural sports such as kickball, tennis baseball, dodgeball and so many more appropriate games for each age level, special activities, themed days and special guests, swimming and LOTS and LOTS of FUN!
- Camp Carnival Day will be Thursday, July 25th at the Civic Center Basin. This camp favorite will bring all of campers of Camps Adventure, Explore and Expedition together at the Civic Center Basin to enjoy inflatable rides, games, face painting, karaoke, food and refreshments, the famous Camp Counselor Talent Show and more. Let the FUN begin!! Details to follow.
- Campers will have the opportunity to swim on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting. If it rains on a pool day, every effort will be made to make up for the swim day. Pickup is at the pool on swim days!

How do trips work?

- A trip is scheduled approximately once/week. YOUR CHILD MUST BE REGISTERED FOR ALL TRIPS THEY WISH TO ATTEND NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST to be eligible to attend. NO EXCEPTIONS! This is due to the reservation requirements of the establishments we are travelling to and to ensure we have ordered enough buses. There are no refunds for camp trips as many of the trips are already paid for.
- If your child is scheduled to go on the trip, a set time to report to camp is in your trip itinerary and will have been announced several times leading up to the trip day. Your child must arrive at camp by that time, or they risk missing the bus. **The bus will not wait for your child.**
- For his/her safety, your child is given a camp T-shirt, which is to be worn, without exception, on all trips. If your child comes to camp on a day he/she is registered for a trip without their camp T-shirt, we will have extra shirts available, but a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for the cost of the shirt.
- Some children may choose to remain at the camp during trips, (with the exception of Camp Carnival Day) It is ultimately your decision whether you would like to send your child on the trip or have them stay back at camp. We promise, there is still lots of fun happening back at camp!*

What are your staff requirements? What kind of training do they have?

- Our staff is amazing! We will have 2 site leaders this year: both who have been with NPTR for many years. Each group of campers will be led by one experienced Group Leader who has significant experience with our camp program, working with children and either have a degree or are seeking a degree in Education. We also have a few new counselors who we are excited to welcome to the camp family. They are all super enthusiastic and very caring!
- Our counselors are at camp to make a difference in the lives of your child. We are fortunate to have many returning staff
 members each summer. Our staff is cleared through a national criminal and child abuse clearance and are required to have
 CPR/First Aid certification.

What happens if someone else is picking up my child?

- If your child is going home with a friend, or someone other than you will be picking your child up on a given day, please send a note in with your child indicating who will be picking him/her up. That person MUST be ready to show the proper identification to the camp leader in order for us to release your child. Prior written notification is preferred.
- In the event of an emergency or last-minute change, the parent must call the Camp Leader or the Camp Director and give verbal consent. The staff member on the phone will take the information given and record it on a "Verbal Consent for Release of Child" form. The person picking up will be asked to show proper identification in order for the child to be released.
- YOUR CHILD WILL NEVER BE RELEASED TO ANYONE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT

What should my child bring to camp everyday and where do they keep their belongings?

- Please have your child wear their bathing suits under their clothes on swim days and bring a change of clothes for after their swim time. This saves us TONS of time and prevents crowding in our bathrooms.
- Campers should bring a refillable water bottle, towel and sunscreen with their names CLEARLY MARKED on each item. Goggles are allowed at the pool.
- Campers can bring money to purchase a snack at the pool. Snack Bar menu will be provided as soon as it is available, so you have an idea of pricing.
- Your child should bring their lunch every day except Friday. Friday's campers will enjoy a pizza lunch. Lunches cannot be refrigerated and should be packed in an insulated lunch bag with an ice pack. A drink for lunch is needed every day if your child would like something different than water. Lunch will be eaten at the pool on pool days, weather permitting. Please do not rely on the snack bar for lunch/snack as this may not be available and we do not want any child to be without.
- Campers' belongings will be kept in their classroom/gym. Please leave toys, games, trading cards, and other personal extras
 at home and refrain from bringing these items to camp- we are not responsible for these items and they cause a distraction to
 the camp day.

^{*}a minimum number of children must be in attendance for at least 2 staff members to stay back from a trip, if that minimum is not met, camp cannot be held for children not registered for the trip on that particular day

• All campers and staff must wear SNEAKERS in order to participate. Flip flops can be worn at the pool. Campers should wear well-fitting, comfortable clothing to move and play in.

Where does my child swim? How often do they swim?

- Your child will swim on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, weather permitting, at the Northampton Valley Swim Club next to the Northampton Valley Country Club.
- All children who are interested or feel ready to swim in the deep water, must pass a deep-water test to earn a swim band. Once earned, children will be responsible for their own bands for the duration of the summer. If lost, additional bands are available at the front desk of the swim club for \$1.00.
- During the summer, many campers opt to stay in the shallow end of the pool. While we encourage all campers to take their swim test and become stronger swimmers, those who choose to remain in the shallow end will have company and supervision.
- Campers will be bussed from Churchville to Northampton Valley Swim Club.

What if my child is taking prescription medication that is required during the camp day?

- Any camper requiring medication during the camp day must have a signed "Medication Log" form on file.
- All medication must be clearly marked with dosage requirements in the original bottle provided by the pharmacist.
- The Camp Directors or Group Leaders dispense and record the medicine daily when it is given to the camper.

What if I wish to speak to my child during camp? Are children allowed to carry cell phones?

- Cell phones are not permitted at camp by staff or campers. We take the safety and well-being of our campers, your children, very seriously. Cell phones at camp present a multitude of safety hazards, not to mention they are expensive and can easily be misplaced or lost. Different parents have different rules regarding what is appropriate for their children to view, whether they want their child's picture taken, posted on social media, etc. It is impossible to navigate all of this at camp. Camp is an environment where children and staff laugh, communicate, and enjoy physical exercise. They make connections. There is simply no room for a cell phone. If your child is seen with a cell phone, we will place it at the front desk. If your child needs a cell phone for a reason outside of camp, they can check it in at the front desk in the morning and retrieve it before they leave for the day.
- In the event you need to reach your child or the camp staff, please do not hesitate to contact the Site Leader (green shirt) and they will help you. This phone number is provided in the paper newsletter distributed on the morning of the first day of camp. You may, of course, contact the Camp directly with any concerns or questions at 215-357-5396 or you may call the Parks and Recreation Office at 215-357-6800 and someone from the department will do their best to help you.

What should my child do on a trip day?

- If your child is scheduled to go on the trip, a set time to report to camp is designated in the trip itinerary and will be announced several times before the day of the trip. Your child must arrive at camp by that time, or they will miss the bus. **The bus will not wait for your child**.
- For his/her safety, your child is given one camp T-shirt to be worn, without exception, on all trips. If your child comes to camp on a day he/she is registered for a trip without their camp T-shirt, we may have extra shirts available, but a \$10.00 fee will be assessed for the cost of the shirt. (Extra shirts are not guaranteed)
- All trip information with dates, times of departure, destination, what to bring and pick-up time are listed on the trip itinerary in this packet and in the Camp Source App.

How will I know what my child is doing during the camp day?

- A weekly newsletter will be distributed via email and CAMP SOURCE APP reporting on the week that has passed and what events are coming up the following week. We also encourage you to have THE BEST dinner table conversations EVER!! Your child's day will be jam packed with fun and there will be plenty to share!
- The **CAMP SOURCE APP**-You will receive an email to download the CAMP SOURCE APP. In the email, you will find your username and password. The Camp Source App is a tool where you will find our camp newsfeed, pictures, push notifications, camp trips and events, and any important documents you may need.
- This is our first year using the Camp Source App, please bear with us as we are learning the app as well.

What is expected of my child at camp?

- Camp participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times while at camp. In order to provide all campers and staff with a positive camp experience that is safe and enjoyable for EACH child, the following guidelines have been developed.
- A caring approach will be taken regarding discipline. Camp staff will foster appropriate behavior through positive reinforcement, firm statements and redirection of activity. Your children are coming to camp with the expectation that they will:
 - o Talk in a pleasant manner. Foul language, putdowns and bullying will not be accepted.
 - o Be safe! Always follow camp and pool rules, bus rules and respect staff.
 - o Treat all equipment and supplies with proper care and respect.
 - O Show respect for the Parks and Recreation staff, bus drivers and fellow campers.
 - Aggressive behavior that is threatening to the child, staff or others will not be permitted at camp.
 - Have a positive attitude and have fun!
- Please review these guidelines with your child.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING THE SUMMER WITH YOUR CHILD!

Northampton Township Parks and Recreation

Camp Expedition (Week 1 Rolling Hills- Weeks 2 thru 7 Churchville)

2024 Trip Itinerary

June 24- August 9

The following document will give you all of the information you will need to prepare your child for his/her trips. Grades referenced are the grades children are entering in the Fall. Please keep this information as a reference throughout the summer. Updates/changes will be made in the weekly newsletter. Please note campers MUST be registered to attend trips by June 1st. If your child is not registered for the trip, they cannot attend. No refunds will be given for trips.

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Glow Bowling, Warminster

Campers will need to arrive at ROLLING HILLS by 9:15 AM if they are registered for this trip. The participants will be divided into groups of 6 and a counselor to form a lane. Campers will bowl under the neon lights! They will enjoy a pizza lunch with a drink. Fee includes bowling shoes. Children will need extra money if they wish to purchase an additional snack or drink. The bus will return to Rolling Hills by 1:00pm.

Trip Fee:\$35.00

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Philly Skate Plex, Philadelphia

Campers registered for this trip will arrive to Churchville by 8:45 AM. The children will be able to skate until 12:30 PM. (Skate rental is included in our contract; however, those who wish to bring their own rollerblades may do so.) Campers will receive pizza and a soda for lunch. Campers who are ages 10 and under will also enjoy the Playzone activity area! Extra pocket money is required for snacks and/or video games (14 game credits are included). If your child would like to rent a cone/walker to help them skate, please bring extra money to do so as they are not included in the fee. The bus will return to Churchville at approximately 1:15PM.

Trip Fee:\$40.00

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Movie Tavern, Flourtown

Campers registered for this trip will need to arrive at camp by 9:15 AM. Campers will choose between the movies: **Inside Out 2**, where campers will follow Riley, in her teenage years encounters new emotions or **Despicable Me 4**, where Gru welcomes a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who's intent on tormenting his dad. However, their peaceful existence soon comes crashing down when criminal mastermind Maxime Le Mal escapes from prison and vows revenge against Gru. The campers will enjoy lunch right at their seat (choice of chicken tenders, mac and cheese, cheeseburger or cheese pizza) while they watch their chosen movie. Food selection must be chosen at time of registration for trip. Campers will arrive back at Churchville by 2:00 PM.

Trip Fee:\$38.00

Monday, July 15th is Camp Picture Day-wear your camp t-shirt! Order forms will be sent home. Please return BEFORE picture day.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

(grades 1, 2 and 3 ONLY)

The Game is Afoot, Warrington

Campers registered for this trip should arrive at Churchville no later than 9:15 AM. Campers will enjoy a 1980's arcade all to themselves! Every game is available and no extra tokens are necessary! From Centipede to Donkey Kong to Pinball and everything in between! Campers will arrive back at the Churchville by 12:45 PM. Lunch is NOT included with this trip. Please pack your child's lunch.

Trip Fee:\$35.00

Friday, July 19, 2024

(grades 4, 5 and 6 ONLY)

The Game is Afoot, Warrington

Campers registered for this trip should arrive at Churchville no later than 9:15 AM. Campers will enjoy a 1980's arcade all to themselves! Every game is available, and no extra tokens are necessary! From Centipede to Donkey Kong to Pinball and everything in between! Campers will arrive back at Churchville by 12:45 PM. Children will enjoy pizza when they return as Friday is scheduled for pizza lunch.

Trip Fee:\$35.00

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Ultrazone Laser Tag, Bensalem

Campers will need to arrive at Churchville by 9:45 AM if they are registered for this trip. The participants will be divided into teams of 15 and sent into a briefing room where they will learn the rules of the game. After two teams have been briefed, they will be sent into a supervised Combat Room where they will be "under attack" for twenty minutes and groups will rotate in and out of play. Campers will enjoy an included pizza lunch. The facility also hosts video games, air hockey, and vending machines. Campers can bring extra pocket money so they can play while not engaged in a laser tag game. Camp Expedition has exclusive use of Ultrazone during our time there. The bus will return to Churchville by 2:00pm.

Trip Fee:\$42.00

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Camp Carnival Day, Civic Center Basin

This camp favorite will bring all of the campers from Camps Adventure, Explore and Expedition together at the Civic Center Basin to enjoy inflatable rides, games, face painting, karaoke, food and refreshments, the famous Camp Counselor Talent Show and more. Let the FUN begin!! If you are not attending Camp Carnival Day, there will be NO CAMP as all the staff will be involved in Carnival Day. Campers will be going to the pool. **Details to follow.**

Trip Fee: included in camp fee

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

FunPlex, Mt. Laurel

Campers registered for this trip should arrive at Churchville no later than 8:45 AM. Campers will enjoy 25 acres of indoor and outdoor fun. Campers have access to the outdoor water park with slides and pools. The rides are endless in their indoor and outdoor amusement parks. There is so much fun to experience at The Funplex that the campers will have to stop and enjoy their chicken tenders and fries. Campers will leave Funplex at 2:00pm and return to Churchville by 3:00PM. All participants should wear their bathing suits, wear and bring sunscreen and their towel.

Trip Fee:\$70.00

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Urban Air, Willow Grove

Campers registered for this trip will need to arrive at Churchville no later than 9:15AM. Urban Air is way more than a trampoline park! It's the ultimate adventure park where kids of all ages can explore all of the trampoline fun plus thrilling attractions such as Warrior Course, Sky Rider, Drop Zone, climbing walls and more! Socks are included! Lunch is provided and includes pizza and a drink. The campers will arrive back at Churchville by 1:45 PM. A waiver is required for this trip: please see attached for waiver, the waiver is a "hard copy" NOT online.

Trip Fee: \$56.00

Welcome to the Camp App!



Welcome to the Camp App! NTPR is taking communication to the next level by using the Camp App to improve interaction and engage with parents directly through the App. Camp parents can now connect to as many camps with as many of your kids as you need to. Have one kid in Camp Quest and another in Camp Explore? No problem! Make sure to review this User Guide in full before getting started and use all the App features to enhance your camp experience!

Joining Your Camp

New Camp App users will receive an automated email from our system when your information is uploaded into our system. The email will include login credentials and a link to the App in the Apple Store for iPhones or Google Play store for Android devices. The default login is the email provided at registration, along with password 123456. The password should be changed to something more personal after logging in the first time. Once logged in, a **My Camps** screen will appear with all the camps your children are enrolled in. Click it to view the camp information and join the camp. If your camp is not listed there, please contact Parks and Recreation at 215-357-5396 to get enrolled on the App. Each email address will allow two logins on separate devices so both parents or other family members can have access to the App. **All system emails including those with login credentials come from noreply@thesummercampsource.com. If you do not see these emails, please search your system for them. Make sure to add this email to your address book so it does not get caught in spam.

App Menu Items

Once you have joined, the app will start on the "Newsfeed" screen. The Camp App menu is located at the three small lines in the top right of the App. When you click those lines, a menu will pop out to show: "My Profile", "Calendar" and "My Camps".

My Profile: *Updating Your Account Information*

Access profile information in the Camp App Menu. Click on "My Profile" in the menu to see or change account details, child's details, add a picture of your child, and see which camp you are currently viewing in the App. Emails cannot be updated since they are attached to login credentials. If changing emails, please notify your camp to create a new account for you.

View "My Camps "

Access "My Camps" information in the Camp App Menu. Click on "My Camps" in the menu to see all the camps you have enrolled in. Once a camp has completed it will stay in "My Camps" for you to look back on. Camps can also send information after camp ends to alert you of upcoming registrations or events.

Family Members Access

The Camp App will allow TWO users to be logged in using the same login credentials on different devices. This will allow for a maximum of two parents/guardians to use the app at one time. If different family members wish to view the app, someone has to log out in order to allow someone else to login using the same email and password.

Tracking Notifications

One of the best features of the Camp App is that it will send a notification anytime something is posted, uploaded or shared on the App so you never miss a thing! If there are multiple kids attending multiple camps, this could still be a lot to keep track of. In the top right of the App you will notice a **bell icon** which is your Notification Tracker. Anytime a notification is sent from any camps you are enrolled in, it will be listed in the tracker. Click on any notification listed in the tracker and it will go directly to the screen in the App where it was posted. All notifications for all kids in all camps are listed in order in the tracker.

App Features

The Camp App has many features to enhance your camp experience! When in the app, it will always start on your Camp Newsfeed. All camp features are listed in the bottom of the app to include: "News", "Documents", "Trips and Events" and "Gallery".

You will receive a notification anytime something new is posted in the App so you are always in the loop on camp updates, reminders, and activities. If enrolled in multiple camps at the same time, you may have to toggle between camps to see which camp the notification came from. You can do this in the Notification Tracker or by going to your "My Camps" list in the menu.

Here is an overview on what each feature provides

<u>Camp Newsfeed:</u> View any updates and reminders from your camp. Camps may also post fun and engaging content to let you see some of the things they are doing throughout the day!

<u>Pictures:</u> Both these features are listed in the Gallery menu item and separated by a tab on that screen. Camps can upload picture galleries with all the great pictures they took at camp or on a trip. Pictures can be viewed and downloaded directly to your mobile device.

<u>Camp Calendar:</u> Located in the top right of the App, click the Calendar to see all your child's trips, events, and activities. Check with your camp first to make sure that they are using the Calendar in the App. If you do not see your schedules here, your camp may have put them in the Document Center.

<u>Camp Documents:</u> Camps can upload all their schedules, manuals, handouts, supplemental material, and other important information they want to get to you in this section. You can view or download them directly to your mobile device.

<u>Trips and Events:</u> Camps will post detailed information about your camp field trips or camp events. You can toggle between both camp trips and camp events when you view this section and see times, descriptions, and what campers need to bring.

Thank you again for joining the Camp App family! We hope you enjoy the Camp App and it enhances your camp experience! If you have any questions on the App please contact your Parks and Recreation directly or visit the Support page on the app website.