

Summerscape

Day Camp

Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation

PARENT HANDBOOK

Summer 2026



Welcome to Summerscape Day Camp!

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the Summerscape Day Camp 2026! On behalf of the Summerscape staff and the Town of Rocky Hill, we would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you for choosing Summerscape for your child's summer vacation needs. We are very excited that your child is joining us for a fun filled summer!

Summerscape Day Camp has been designed to provide campers the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of age appropriate activities with safety as our top priority. We have a highly trained staff composed of Camp Counselors, Activity Specialists, Camp Nurse and Camp Directors.

The Parent Handbook has been created to provide you with more detailed information about this summer's camp experience. Included in this packet, you will find information on:

- **Summerscape Pre-Registration Checklist**
- **Weekly Themes/Spirit Days**
- **Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Camper Health Information**
- **Camper Drop-Off/ Pick-Up Information**
- **Camp Operations**

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our experienced office staff at the Parks & Recreation office (860) 258-2772.

Thank you in advance,



Summerscape Registration Checklist

Below you will find the 2026 Registration Checklist that outlines all the content that is **REQUIRED** to be reviewed and/or completed prior to your child(ren)'s camp registration for this summer.

○ Before Registering:

- **Review:** Summerscape Day Camp Parent Handbook 2026
- **Complete Online Camper Forms (Required - For EACH Child):**
 - **Camper Health Assessment Questionnaire** (*Provide all health information for your child's safety.*)
 - **Camper Pick-Up Authorization/Emergency Contact Form** (*Specify authorized and unauthorized individuals for pick-up.*)
 - **Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form** (*Confirm you have read and understand the Summerscape Parent Handbook and policies.*)

○ During Registration:

- **Access Online Registration:** Visit the Rocky Hill Parks & Recreation website: <https://rockyhillct.myrec.com/info/>.
- **Enroll Your Child(ren):** Based on program availability.
- **Submit Full Payment:** Required at the time of online registration.
 - **Note:** *Completing the online forms beforehand is strongly recommended, as they are required before you can finalize registration.*

○ After Registration (If Applicable):

- **Contact the Office (860-258-2772):** If your child requires medical accommodations (e.g., medication management for diabetes, Epi-pens, inhalers).
- **Complete Additional Medical Paperwork:** Obtain required forms from the office; these must be completed by your child's physician prior to camp.
- **Arrange to Speak with the Camp Nurse:** To discuss any other necessary medical accommodations.
 - **Important:** *Failure to provide required medical documentation before your child's arrival may result in them being unable to attend camp. Refer to the "Summerscape Health Information" section for more details.*

Summerscape Weekly Themes/Spirit Days

Week	Theme	Spirit Day
Week 1 (6/22 - 6/26)	Rocking & Rolling into Camp	Decades / Rockstar Attire
Week 2 (6/29 - 7/3)	America's Birthday Bash	Red, White and Blue Attire
Week 3 (7/6 - 7/10)	Sun, Sand & Summer	Tropical Attire
Week 4 (7/13 - 7/17)	Mixed-Up Madness	Mismatch / Silly Attire
Week 5 (7/20 - 7/24)	Summerscape Superheroes Save the Day	Dress in Superhero Attire
Week 6 (7/27 - 7/31)	Let's Get Ready to Rumble	Dress in Team Color
Week 7 (8/3 - 8/7)	Summerscape's Got Talent	Daytime-Camper Talent Show

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FAQ's

Who can attend Summerscape Day Camp?

Participants who are at least 4 years of age as of June, 22 2026 and entering Grades Pre-K through 5 for the 2026-27 School Year (Residents & Non-Residents)

Where is Summerscape Day Camp Located?

Camp is located at Rocky Hill High School (50 Chapin Ave, Rocky Hill, CT 06067)

What are the hours of Summerscape?

- **Early Program:** 7:30am – 8:30am (*Additional Cost*)
- **Regular Hours:** 8:30am – 4:00pm
 - Drop off - 8:30am - 9:00 am
 - Pick up - 3:30pm - 4:00pm
- **Late Program:** 4:00pm – 6:00pm (*Additional Cost*)

What should my child bring to camp?

- **Bathing Suit & Towel** (*For water based activities, including swimming*)
- **Sunscreen** (*See Sunscreen Policy- found on the online Parent/ Guardian Acknowledgement Form*)
- **Bagged Snack & Lunch** (*Food is not provided*)
- **Bottled Water or Refillable Water Bottle**
- **Sneakers** (*No Flip Flops, Crocs, etc.*)
- **Any necessary medication and appropriate paperwork** (*See Summerscape Health Information*)

Does my child need to be toilet trained?

Yes, all campers **MUST** be properly toilet trained. While we understand accidents may happen, those campers who develop a history or have proven **incidents may be removed from camp.**

Can my child bring medication to camp?

Campers need to have a current Authorization for Medication Form filled out, signed, and dated by the licensed health care provider (See Summerscape Health Information).

Does Summerscape Day Camp run any safety drills?

Yes, Summerscape will be conducting various safety drills at random during the summer. Please discuss this with your child(ren) to help prepare them. They should already be accustomed to them through their schools.

Do I need identification when I pick-up my child?

Yes, per our policy, anyone listed who is **authorized** to pick-up your child(ren), including yourself, must present a physical photo ID to Summerscape staff at the time of camper pick-up. **Please see Summerscape Drop-Off/Pick-Up Below.**

What if I am late to pick-up my child?

Any child picked-up **after 4:00pm** and not registered for late program will be **charged at \$50 late fee** per day. In addition, this fee applies to any child picked-up after 6:00pm who is enrolled in Late Program. **Please see Summerscape Drop-Off/Pick-Up Below.**

Am I allowed to venture into the camp grounds?

No. We typically do not allow parent/guardians beyond the sign-in/out stations as we take security measures very seriously at camp. In the event a parent/guardian is granted permission to go onto the camp grounds, they will either be escorted by a Camp Director and/or other designated Camp Staff.

Does Summerscape go on any field trips?

No, Summerscape Day Camp will remain on-site for the summer. Only the Summerscape Teen Camp will be participating in off-site field trips.

Will my child swim at Summerscape?

- Campers in the Pre-K through K grade range **WILL NOT** participate in swimming. However, water based activities will be facilitated instead (weather pending.)
- Summerscape Day Camp Grades 1- 5, campers **WILL** have the opportunity to participate in swimming at the Rocky Hill High School indoor pool, which is fully staffed with certified Lifeguard staff to ensure safety.

Do you allow campers to wear life jackets for swim times?

- While we discourage the use of lifejackets, we will allow them on a case-by-case basis with specific guidelines:
 - The lifejacket must be Coast Guard approved. Many lifejackets sold in stores are Coast Guard approved. The label is typically on the inside.
 - Parent/ Guardians must supply their own lifejacket with the child's name labeled on it.
- At the discretion of the Lifeguards, any camper whose lifejackets does not meet the above criteria and/or arrives with a lifejackets that is deemed unsafe will not be allowed to utilize that lifejacket for the safety of the camper.

⊕ Summerscape ⊕ Health Information

Camper Health Assessment Questionnaire

All campers are required to have a completed Camper Health Assessment Questionnaire on file with Parks & Recreation while attending camp. It is the parent/ guardian's responsibility to make sure the camper's current health assessment questionnaire is completed as accurately as possible prior to registration. In the event of any changes related to the camper's health after submitting this form, you will be required to provide an updated form. **Campers without a current information on file will not be permitted at camp.**

Medication

If your child will need medication while at Summerscape, the **Authorization for Administration of Medicine by Camp Personnel** form must be filled out and on file, **including the signature of a licensed health care provider**. Regardless of whether your child will self-administer or the medication will be administered by the camp nurse, this form must be completed in its entirety; this applies to both prescription and over-the-counter medications. **Please use a separate form for each medication.** Our camp nurse may follow-up with you to develop an individualized care plan and assist with special accommodations which may result in additional paperwork as needed.

Medication may not be stored at camp overnight. Medication must be sent to camp in its original container, with the pharmacy label with the camper's name, the medication type, dose, and time that it needs to be taken. This container should be given to the camp nurse, or director at check-in. **Failure to comply will result in your child not being able to stay at camp until the issue is resolved.**

Permission to Treat

By checking you acknowledge the "Permission to Treat" section on the acknowledgment page, you agree to permit any trained professional, doctor or medical facility to administer an anesthetic and perform emergency procedures. If you opt not to sign this form, you must state in writing to the camp nurse that you do not wish to have this kind of care for your child prior to registration.

Summerscape Drop-Off/ Pick-Up

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Your child should arrive at camp daily between 8:30am and 9:00am (**Doors WILL NOT open and camp staff are not responsible for children prior to 8:30am – except for those campers enrolled in Early Program**). Afternoon pick up is from 3:30pm to 4:00pm.

Camper drop-off/ pick-up will take place in the **gymnasium**, unless otherwise specified. Parent/Guardians must enter the gym from the softball field side entrance to the building. Entry through the front and rear doors will be strictly prohibited. A staff member will be able to assist you with the sign-in/sign-out process.

Parents/guardians are required to entire the building with their camper(s) for drop-off.

Your child will only be released to someone you have listed with us on the camper pick-up form, unless you send in a written note signed and dated by you in advance.

Please note, if your child is picked-up after 4:00pm there will be a \$50 late fee. In addition, this fee applies to any child picked-up after 6:00pm who is enrolled in Late Program. This fee must be paid to the Parks and Recreation Office the next business day in order for your child to remain at camp.

Camper Pick-Up Form

This mandatory form authorizes the camp staff to release children to selected individuals such as parents, caretakers, neighbors, etc. One form should be submitted for each camper. If you are not on the list, you will not be permitted to pick up your child so be sure to include yourself when filling out the paperwork. Please ensure to include yourself on the form as well.

Camper Early Dismissal

If you will be picking up your child early, someone is always present in the gym to assist you. Please do not walk school grounds looking for your child.

Early and Late Program

You must be pre-registered for these weekly programs. The early program hours are from 7:30am-8:30am. The late program hours are from 4:00pm-6:00pm. For these programs, you must drop off and sign out your child. Please review arrival/pick-up policy above.

Summerscape Camp Operations

Discipline Policy

At Summerscape, inappropriate behaviors, even of a minor nature, will be addressed as soon as the behavior is observed and/ or reported to prevent escalation. Serious violations will be addressed by the Directors. The Directors will work with the staff and the parent/guardian to support appropriate camper conduct. Campers who exhibit repeated behavioral problems or do something of a more grievous nature may be suspended or expelled from camp. All disciplinary actions are at the discretion of the Camp Directors and/or Recreation Supervisor. Corporal punishment will NEVER be used in any circumstances. If you know ahead of time that your child may need behavioral assistance at camp, please ask to speak with one of our Camp Directors.

Sid's Slow Down

Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation provides an enhancement to the Summerscape program – Sid's Slow Down. Sid's Slow Down is a space designed to provide an environment conducive to relaxation and is a calming space to all campers, if needed.

If it is determined that your child may be in need of utilizing this space, a parent will be contacted for verbal permission and will be asked to sign a written consent form upon parent pick-up the same day. Rocky Hill Human, Youth, and Senior Services may be contacted for support.

Electives (ONLY Grades 3-5)

Campers in grades 3-5 will **choose an elective each week** to participate in **once daily**. Electives will **vary week to week**. In this block only, campers will be able to **interact with others from different groups**.

Clothing

Please make sure your child is dressed for active, outdoor play each day – **we STRONGLY discourage open-toed footwear**. Campers who arrive wearing open-toe footwear and/or footwear deemed unsafe will not be able to participate in certain activities. **Your child should bring a bathing suit and towel every day**, both for use in the pool and/or water games. In addition, attire and hygiene are the responsibility of the campers and their parents.

Campers whose attire is judged by the staff to be distracting, disruptive, or dangerous to personal safety will be subject to disciplinary action. Furthermore, the following are specifically prohibited:

- Black soled, lug-type shoes which can leave black marks on the floors or walls
- All clothing, jewelry and tattoos shall be free of the following: profanity, violent images or weapons, sexually suggestive phrases or images, gang related symbols or colors, alcohol, drugs or advertisements of such products.

Snack/Lunch

Please send your child with a water bottle, snack **separate from lunch**, and lunch with his/her name on it. Lunches will be refrigerated. **There are no facilities available for heating food.** Also, if your child has a specific food allergy, please ensure it is listed on registration forms.

Rainy Days/Hot Days

Camp is held regardless of weather. On extremely hot days we make every effort to keep our campers cool and hydrated.

Personal Belongings at Camp

Camp is an active fun place where we plan many activities. We ask that **ALL** personal belongings stay at home as they are considered a distraction to the camp environment. Items such as but not limited to that should stay home include:

- **Sporting equipment** (baseball bats, bicycles, gloves, cleats, etc...)
- **Trading cards** (Such as Pokémon...)
- **Electronics** (Video Games, Cell Phones, Computers, Tablets, etc...)
- **Toys** (Beyblades, action figures, dolls, etc...)
- **Stuffed Animals**
- **Art Supplies**
- **Valuables** (Jewelry, Money, etc...)

In the event any of these items are found at camp, staff will ask campers to immediately place them in their backpack and ask to not take them out or have them return to camp. Should this request be violated, items will be confiscated by the Camp Directors and returned at pick-up time. We will not be held responsible for lost, stolen and/or damaged items.

Lost and Found

Children often misplace/lose their items at camp. We do have a Lost and Found at camp, so please be sure to check it often for items that may belong to you. If items are not claimed by the end of the camp season, they will be disposed of.

Publicity

By registering for our program you give us permission to take and publish photos of your child participating. If you do not wish to have your child photographed you must put this in writing prior to the start of camp.

Disclaimer

It is important to note that the content in this document is subject to change at any given time. In the event of any changes, our department will make all reasonable efforts to share these updates in a timely manner.