

Town of Manchester and Manchester Board of Education Announce Camp Opportunities for Summer 2022!

The Town of Manchester Department of Leisure, Family and Recreation and the Manchester Board of Education are excited to announce summer camp opportunities for Manchester youth for Summer 2022.

Recreation Division Offerings: New Format for Summer 2022

The Recreation Division will offer six weeks of traditional summer camp consisting of three two-week sessions. Session 1: June 27- July 8, Session 2: July 11-July 22 and Session 3: July 25- August 5. The camp day will run 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with extended care opportunities both before and after camp for an additional fee. Breakfast (for extended care campers) and lunch are included in the camp day. Summer camp is designed for youth who have completed Kindergarten through ages 15 and there are multiple camp sites to choose from including: Center Springs Park, Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center, Community Y Recreation Center, Martin School and Camp Kennedy as a teen site location. We will also offer a Recreation Leader in Training program for 15-year-olds who are interested in pursuing part-time work as a camp counselor or lifeguard.

The summer camp experience for your child will be:

1. **Dynamic:** summer camp is committed to the adaption of fun explorations and new experiences. Our summer camps will have a new adventure for every child and teen!
2. **Thriving:** Summer camp will offer enjoyable, motivating programming that engage body and mind.
3. **Connected:** This is a great time for campers to build relationships with new friends and counselors. Teamwork will be an important concept at all of our camp sites.

Extended Camp Opportunity

The Recreation Division will be offering a specialty camp during the week of August 8-12. The Sustainability Camp will be held at the Nathan Hale Activity Center. This camp will strengthen campers' understanding of STEM and sustainability concepts through engaging lessons, indoor/outdoor projects games and discussions. This camp will run 9:00 am.-3:00 p.m. with before and after care options. This camp is designed for ages 8-12.

Online and in person registration for all Leisure, Family and Recreation camps begins on April 4, 2022. Questions should be directed to Recreation Supervisors James Pryzbylski at jprzbylski@manchesterct.org or Taylor McBride at tmcbride@manchesterct.gov or call the Recreation Division at 860-647-3084.

Youth Service Bureau Offerings

The Bureau offers a variety of one week summer programs for school age- high school youth that focus on positive youth development. Details regarding these programs will be available in the summer issue of Better Manchester Magazine which will arrive in Manchester homes during the last week of April. The magazine is also available on-line at www.bettermanchester.com

Manchester Public School Offerings: New Format for Summer 2022

Manchester Public Schools (MPS) will offer four weeks of academic summer camp from July 5 – July 29 for MPS students *currently enrolled in* Kindergarten through Grade 4.

The academic portion of the camp day will run from 8:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. with extended care provided free of charge by Manchester Early Learning Center (MELC), from 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Students must attend the academic portion of camp to take part in the extended care offerings.

Busing will only be available to and from the academic portion of programming (8:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.) MELC extended care will provide students with enrichment activities, group games, visits from community partners, spirit days, field trips, swimming and more. Extended care students will be provided lunch, snack, and must be picked up by parents/guardians by 5:30 p.m.

Online registration for Manchester Public Schools academic camp and MELC extended care will open March 7, 2022 and close on April 7, 2022, late registrations will not be accepted. Space in MELC's extended care is limited, early registration is recommended. Questions should be directed to Heather Elsinger-Gates at heathere@mpspride.org or 860-647-3489.

Manchester Early Learning Center Offerings:

In addition to extended care in July with Manchester Public Schools, Manchester Early learning Center (MELC) will offer two weeks of camp August 1st – August 5th and August 8th – August 12th at one of Manchester's elementary schools for MPS students *currently enrolled in* Kindergarten through Grade 4.

The camp day will run from 8:00am – 4:30pm and the cost is \$150.00 per week. Parent / guardian drop off is required.

MELC summer camp will provide students with enrichment activities, group games, visits from community partners, spirit days, field trips, swimming and more. MELC campers will be provided a lunch and a snack. Fees will be determined by weeks of participation with some scholarships available.

Online registration for MELC Summer Camp will open March 7, 2022 – www.melearning.org.

Manchester Adult Education Offerings:

Manchester Adult & Continuing Education (MA&CE) will offer three weeks of Adventures in STEAM Summer Camp from August 1st to August 19th. The classes are for students *currently enrolled* in Kindergarten through Grade 6.

The morning class will run daily from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. The afternoon class will run from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Drop off begins at 8:45 a.m. and pick up ends at 4:00 p.m. Fees will be determined by weeks of participation with some scholarships available.

Students will be provided with lunch, but snacks must be provided by parents/guardians.

Online registration for Adventures in STEAM Summer Camp will begin in May at www.manchesteradulthood.org/ Questions should be directed to Tamara Womack-Speaks at tamaras@mpspride.org or 860-647-5075.