

Wallingford Summer Playground FAQ Sheet

What are the dates for the playground this summer?

Session I – July 1–July 19, 2024

Session II – July 22 – August 9, 2024

Why don't you go further into August with this program?

Unfortunately, this is out of our control. We utilize the schools and the custodial staff needs to get the building ready to open at least one week prior to teachers reporting. Some sites have multiple programs in the summer and need a longer time to be prepared for school.

What are the hours of the playground?

8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Can I drop my child off earlier or let them stay later?

Unfortunately, staff is not at the site until 8:20. We try to have them use that time to get organized for the day. Unless the weather is bad you will be asked to wait outside. Unfortunately, we are required to be out of the schools by 3:00p.m. A child will never be left alone at the school a staff member will always wait for a parent/guardian to pick them up. However, it is strongly discouraged to pick your child up after 3:00.

What should my child bring with them?

Your child should bring a lunch and snack which is non-peanut based! All sites have a snack in the morning. Depending on the weather your child should bring sun block and rain gear. (Staff is not permitted to apply the sun block on your child.) If it is a spray they will assist. Check the calendar and send appropriate clothes. Some sites sell ice pops for \$0.25 with a limit of 4 per day. Other than that and an occasional special pizza day or theme day – no money is needed for a day on site. One of the most important things to bring to camp is a refillable water bottle. Please note we do not have access to refrigeration at the sites make sure your child has a cooler lunch box with ice pack.

Can my child go for part of the day?

Yes, especially if the weather is not good. Whether it is in the morning or afternoon you must sign in and sign out. It is important to find a staff member to let them know your child is arriving or leaving.

Child absence?

If you know that your child is going to be out for an extended period of time please notify the supervisor of your site. If you have an unplanned day off please notify the Park and Rec. office at 203 294-2120.

Who is in charge of the children?

Each playground has two supervisors and staff. We have a ratio of 1 to 12 for this age group. The staff ranges in age from 16 to 40 depending on the site. We make sure our supervisors are over the age of 18.

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Registration procedure?

You may register for one or both sessions. You have the choice of the school that you would like to attend as long as we have not met full capacity at that site. Schools this year MYB, Steven's and Fritz/ Yalesville.

Epi-Pen/Medication Administration?

At least one supervisor or staff at each site is trained in Epi-Pen / Medication Administration.

What if I have a problem?

If you or your child has a problem contact the supervisor(s) first. They are on site and can probably find a solution to the problem immediately. If further assistance is needed contact Dulcey Worth or Michelle Bjorkman at the Recreation Department. (203) 294 – 2120. Please do not wait until the end of the program to let us know of a concern. Compliments are also accepted.

What if someone different is picking up my child?

You need to have a note with the person's name dropped off in the morning. The person picking up your child should have proper ID. If an emergency arises and you cannot provide a note please call the office at 203 294-2120 to give verbal permission of the person that will pick up your child.

How do I contact the playground to give them a message?

You should call the Park and Rec. main office at 203 294-2120 mention what site your child is participating at and the office will call the Supervisor of the site. We do not give out the cell phone numbers of the Supervisors.

Where does my child eat lunch?

If the weather permits outside on the grass or shaded play areas. If it is raining inside. Please be aware that children will most likely be sitting on the floor eating if they choose. They may also sit at the tables. If you would like to provide your child with a towel for sitting on inside or outside it is suggested.

How are activities scheduled?

Every child is assigned a counselor for the session. Activities take place every 30 to 45 minutes depending on the weather. The children move from activity to activity with their counselor. Sometimes there is a free choice block when children choose an activity instead of moving with their group.

How is my child grouped?

Groups are done according to age. There are at least two groups for each age range. The grouping of children by age allows the staff to modify activities so that children are having fun and are safe.