



Somerset County
Park Commission

SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION



A SUMMER DAY PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN WITH
LEARNING DISABILITIES,
ASPERGER'S SYNDROME,
HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM,
OR A MILD INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITY
(AGES 9-15)





This summer program offers six (6) one week sessions for children ages 9 - 15 from July 12 - August 20. Each week will be a different theme and consist of a variety of hands-on activities including but not limited to arts and crafts, sports and games, science, music, and theatre.

- A minimum of 10 children per week is required or the program will be cancelled.
- 20 participants maximum per week.
- Program will be held outdoors unless there is inclement weather.
- Program is structured and designed for children with a learning disability, Asperger's Syndrome, high functioning autism, or a mild/moderate Intellectual disability. All applicants are screened for appropriateness. This program is not appropriate for those with oppositional defiant behavior and/or a history of aggression or a likelihood of aggression.
- Attendees must be able to function in a group setting of 10 participants to 2 staff. All participants must be independent in all areas of personal care, able to administer their own medication, and toilet trained.
- Anyone new to the TR department will require an assessment by the TR staff and it may be required for anyone that does not regularly participate in the TR programs. Transportation is not provided.
- Proof of eligibility for Special Education Services and a copy of your child's IEP may be requested. Final acceptance into the program is at the discretion of TR staff.
- It is at the discretion of the TR staff to determine if your child is appropriate for the program in order for the experience to be fun and safe for all children and staff.
- Covid guidelines will be in place. The Therapeutic Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel or modify the program based on the Governor's Executive Orders, CDC guidelines or NJ Department of Health guidelines.

Program Fees: \$200.00 per week: TR participating municipality
\$275.00 per week: Non - TR participating municipality

REGISTRATION

Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis by phone only with a credit card. Deposit of \$200 is due at time registration. We will be accepting registration beginning on Wednesday, May 12 from 5:30 - 7:00pm and daily through Wednesday, June 9th at 12:00pm. Deposit will only be refunded if the TR staff finds your child ineligible for the program or if the program is cancelled. **RECEIPT OF THIS BROCHURE DOES NOT IMPLY ELEGIBILITY.**

Everyday is a Holiday

July 12 - July 16

Holidays happen all year long. Explore multiple holidays jammed into one week of fun! Celebrate the 4th of July, Halloween, Earth Day, and more. This week will include crafts, gardening, games, water play, and more.



Inventors Workshop

July 19 - July 23

We live in a world of wonderful inventions. Learn to think outside the box as you come explore the most important inventions and inventors and discover how they transformed the world! Think you've got what it takes to make your own invention? Test your creativity at this crafty camp! Create your own games, musical instruments, and more as you examine how everyday inventions have changed the world.



Big Top Adventures

July 26 - July 30

Step right up! The circus is a fun place for everyone. You will be amazed by all the fun we will have learning circus skills like balancing, juggling, and spinning.

Don't worry we didn't forget the animals, you will be shocked as to how many animals are in the circus. The fun continues as we participate in circus/carnival activities such as arts and crafts, spin art, and sand art.



Space is the Place

August 2 - August 6

We will blend science and space exploration. Did you ever wonder what outer space was like? Are there aliens? Here at mission control, we will learn what it takes to be an astronaut. You will create your own solar oven, moon rocks, and participate in fun space themed games. We will round out the week with making and launching our own rockets.



Game On

August 9 - August 13

Be a good sport! Pass Go and Collect \$200! Ready? Set...Go! How many games can we fit into a week? Participants will play old familiar games like noodle tag and learn new games. We will play a variety of sports such as soccer, tennis, and baseball. Let's find out how many games, matches, and tournaments we can cram into one week. You will have the opportunity to create a new game of your own while having loads of fun.



Mission Impossible

August 16 - August 20

Do you think you have what it takes to be a spy? This program features fun-filled, hands-on, secret agent themed science activities that allow kids to play detective, explore forensic science, sharpen their surveillance skills, and crack encrypted messages. Join us this week for some mysteries, fun, and games.





TR PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE

Bedminster

Bernardsville

Bernards Township

Bound Brook

Branchburg

Bridgewater

Green Brook

Hillsborough

Manville

Montgomery

North Plainfield

Raritan

Somerville

South Bound Brook

Warren

Watchung

DONATIONS

Many children are in need of assistance to enable them to attend Summer Explorations. A scholarship fund has been established by the Somerset County Park Foundation. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please contact the TR office for more information.

Please call 908 526-5650 for additional information. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment, please use the relay service @ 711.

LOCATION

Program will be held at the TR Activity Center, North Branch Park, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ.

www.somersetcountyparks.org

