



Town of Clifton Park

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CLIFTON PARK TO RESUME FULL DAY AND HALF DAY CAMP IN SUMMER 2021 *New Online Process to Streamline Enrollment*

Building upon their successful and safe day camp program during the Summer of 2020, the Town of Clifton Park announced today that full day camp in addition to half-day camp opportunities for children will resume in the Town of Clifton Park for Summer 2021.

At a time when summer programs across the region were being cancelled or shut down, the staff of the Town Department of Parks & Recreation worked diligently with New York State Department of Health and NYS Recreation and Parks Society, in addition to networking with peers across the country, to develop safety protocols for both campers and staff alike. The result was a safe and fun summer experience in 2020 for everyone involved.

Town Councilwomen Amy Standaert and Lynda Walowit, town board liaisons to the Parks and Recreation Department, have worked hand in hand with the department since then, to build upon last year's accomplishments with new initiatives in 2021 to reduce potential exposure and streamline the enrollment process for parents.

“As our country returns to normal, I am so excited by promise of what the Summer holds for Clifton Park. The Parks and Recreation staff have worked hard over the past few months to build on our successes and once again ensure that Clifton Park's children have the opportunity for a fun and safe Summer experience,” said Councilwoman Lynda Walowit.

Beginning April 15, 2021 camp registration will open and for the first time will now be completely online. Parents or guardians will no longer need to travel to Town Hall in person to fill out registration forms and make a payment in person. All registrations and payments will be made through the online registration portal found at <https://parksrec.egov.basgov.com/cliftonpark>

In addition, this year includes the elimination of a mandatory four-week enrollment for full day camp. Full day campers will now be eligible to register for as little as one week of camp up to and including the full eight weeks of camp.

Parents and guardians of half-day campers will also no longer have to come into Town Hall to purchase individual day passes for their children as needed as they did in the past. They will now be able to register their children and pay online in one week increments at any one of the two half day locations over the seven weeks

available. The change in the half day camp sign up process is to enable staff working under Covid-19 guidance to plan appropriate camp staffing and programming.

A Zoom information night about summer camp will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 29, 2021. For further information and to register, interested individuals can email summerparks@cliftonpark.org. A recording of the meeting will be placed on the Parks & Recreation website page for those who cannot attend.

“I would encourage any parent interested in learning more to join us on Monday, March 29th for the Zoom online meeting. As a board member, I have worked hard to streamline our town systems to make them efficient and more importantly easier to access and use by our residents. I think that everyone is going to be excited by what we have planned for this summer,” said Councilwoman Amy Standaert.

At camp sites, all campers and staff will continue to be screened daily upon arrival. Hand sanitizers are provided and utilized by everyone throughout the camp day. Counselors always wear masks. Campers are asked to wear masks when arriving and leaving and when near each other. Campers will be placed into pods upon registration with designated staff to reduce potential exposure should an outbreak occur.

Full Day and Half Day Camp registration is available to children residing in the Town of Clifton Park.

Full Day Camp, for children first grade through eighth grade, located at the Clifton Common, begins Monday, June 28, 2021 and runs for eight individual weeks through Friday, August 20, 2021. The weekly rate is \$125 per child with before care or after-care available for an additional fee.

Half Day Camp, for children kindergarten through sixth grade, located at the Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department and Locust Lane Clubhouse, begins Monday, June 28, 2021 and runs for seven individual weeks, in the mornings, through Friday, August 13, 2021. The weekly rate is \$50 per child.

Tiny Hands Preschool Camp, for children ages three to four, tentatively located at Historic Grooms Tavern, begins July 12, 2021 and runs for four individual weeks through August 6, 2021. The weekly rate is \$60.

The Town Department of Parks & Recreation is located at Town Hall, 1 Town Hall Plaza, Clifton Park, New York, 12065. The office may be reached at 518-371-6667. Information on Town recreation programs may also be found on the web at <https://cliftonpark.org/departments/parks-recreation-community-affairs.html> or by following the department on Facebook at @CliftonParkParksandRec

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