

North East Westchester Special Recreation 2023 Summer Programs

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qualified, and professional, part-time staff
and volunteers.**

The North East Mission Statement

North East Westchester Special Recreation, Inc. strives to provide community-based therapeutic recreation programs that enhance the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social functioning of children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities. We provide confidence building experiences that foster and cultivate meaningful relationships.

The North East Westchester Special Recreation Consortium is a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization operating under the auspices of the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities as a certified respite provider.

The agency is led by a Board of Directors comprised of the Recreation Superintendents from the twelve participating communities located in the north east portion of Westchester County, New York. Our structure and our programs provide the specific type of support needed for success in community recreational programs

The Superintendents of Recreation of the following communities serve as the North East Board of Directors.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Town of Bedford
Village of Briarcliff Manor
Town of Lewisboro
Village of Mt. Kisco
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of New Castle
Town of North Castle
Town of North Salem
Village of Pleasantville
Town of Pound Ridge
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REGISTRATION:

Each participant in a North East program must have a current Participant Information Form on file. Participants presently enrolled in a North East program may register using the attached Program Registration Form.



Summer Dates:

June 15 - September 9, 2023

Registration for in-district residents begins immediately. Participants are enrolled in programs on a first-come, first-served basis. Many of our programs fill quickly so please register as soon as possible.

Registration for out-of-district residents begins on **June 6th**. You may send your registration to us prior to that date and we will hold it until the 10th. At that time, out-of-district residents will be accepted in the order the registrations were received by our office, as room permits.

TRANSPORTATION:

While North East is able to provide transportation for several programs, please consider car pooling and para-transit when possible.

CAR POOLING:

We will provide you with the names of co-participants in any program for which you plan to arrange car pooling. Parents wishing their name withheld from circulation must indicate this on the registration form.



LATE PICK-UPS:



North East staff have been instructed to wait with participants at pick up locations until parents/guardians arrive. When you are late it creates a problem as we have to pay staff for their time. For this reason, we will charge \$10 for every 15 minutes you are late in picking up.

PARA-TRANSIT:



Para-transit is public, curb to curb, transportation alternative for adults and young adults with differing abilities. Para-transit does provide services to and from recreation programs. Para-transit is especially available for recreation in the evenings and on weekends. Contact the Office for the Disabled at 995-2957.

NEW TO NORTH EAST

North East proudly serves children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities who reside in our consortium region: Bedford, Briarcliff, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pleasantville, Pound Ridge, Sleepy Hollow, and Somers. Each municipality helps to financially support North East. Anyone living outside of our region must be approved by the NY Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) for respite services.

Anyone new to North East must schedule an intake meeting with one of our Recreation Therapists. Please call our office as soon as you can to make sure the desired programs still have availability. During the intake meeting, you, your child, and our staff will work together to determine which programs will be best suited and of interest to your child.

North East can no longer accept new registrants who are 21 years of age or older residing outside our consortium region who are not approved by OPWDD for respite services.

The required forms for new applicants and registration can be found on our website. If you need, just call our office and we can email or mail forms to you. Please bring the completed forms to the scheduled intake meeting.





INCLUSION:

We would like to support your son/daughter's interest in participating in your local community recreation department program. We will be available to assess the appropriateness of an intended placement in a program, visit the participant at the program to ensure continued success, or consider providing a staff member to attend the program with the participant for a limited time.

FEES:

A moderate fee structure exists for most programs. These fees are a small percent of our actual program costs. All program fees must be paid in full with the enclosed registration form unless you have been approved for a payment plan. When necessary, payment schedules may be arranged, and partial scholarships are available on a limited basis to those participants in the North East district. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship or payment plan, please call our office immediately to request the necessary paperwork.

Nut Free Environment:

Peanut butter sandwiches and other nut products **should not be sent to our programs.**

We have a number of participants who are *extremely* allergic to these foods and we are interested in their safety. Since we cannot regulate the outside world, if your son/daughter is expected to be in the community and has this allergy, please send their epiPen.



RETURNED CHECKS:

Unfortunately we will have to charge you \$20.00 for any checks returned to us for insufficient funds. This is the fee we incur from the bank for this error.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If a program needs to be cancelled, we will make efforts to contact you. An announcement will be made on WHUD 100.7 radio and on their website www.whud.com. You may also access this information by calling our office. If a program is cancelled, we will attempt to reschedule, if possible.

REFUND POLICY:

Refunds will be issued when:

- * A program is cancelled before it begins due to insufficient enrollment.
- * A participant is on a waiting list.
- * Medical reasons cause the participant to stop attending the program. A physician's note is requested to verify the illness.
- * In the event that the participant attended the program prior to requesting a refund due to medical reasons, a prorated portion of the program fee will be refunded.



I m p o r t a n t I n f o r m a t i o n f o r N o r t h E a s t P a r t i c i p a n t s

North East Office Hours:

Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Program Staff Schedule:

Tuesday-Saturday

(times vary according to program responsibilities)



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Please note that current program information and directions are available on our website.

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W O N D E R F U L W E E K L Y P R O G R A M S

Monday

Nite Life Leisure

Leonard Park Pool, Mt. Kisco

Mondays, June 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In-District and/or OPWDD Approved Fee: \$60

Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved Fee: \$100

Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee: \$100



Summer time fun in the Park!

It's a great way to end the day at Leonard Park's beautiful pool, then on to some fun activities:

arts and crafts, music, nature, games, sports and more.

The program will be held rain or shine. We will bring our activities inside at this site in the event of rain.



Tuesday



Bowling

Jefferson Valley Lanes

**Tuesdays, June 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8
(no program July 4)**

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**In-District and/or OPWDD Approved Fee: \$120,
No transportation fee**

**Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved Fee: \$ 150 ,
Transportation \$70**

**Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee: \$ 150 ,
Transportation \$70**

Our Bowling Program is always a favorite. Get out of the heat and spend time with your friends! A record of each bowlers weekly progress will be maintained and averages will be distributed at the end of the session. This program is a great way to socialize with friends, have fun, and improve your bowling skills.

Transportation Arrangements:

Mt. Kisco Boys & Girls Club

Pick-up 3:00 pm, Return at 6:00 p.m.

WARC Workshop Pick-up 3:00 p.m.

Bradhurst pick-up 2:15 pm

Camp St. Theresa (Briarcliff Manor) pick-up 2:45 pm

Return: Bradhurst 6:00pm

Space is limited for transportation. If you are interested, please fill out the registration indicating your transportation preference.



Wednesday

Concerts and Pizza in the Park

New Castle Recreation Field

Concerts begin at 7:00 PM

We will have pizza before the concerts.

Rain Location: Theater at Chappaqua Crossing

Program fee:

In-District and/or OPWDD Approved Fee: \$25 each night.

Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved Fee: \$35 each night

Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee: \$35 each night



We will bring the pizza and soda,, You bring a blanket or lawn chair. We'll sit under the summer sky and enjoy some great entertainment, good food and good friends.

July 5: 1st Class Band: Top 40's cover band. 70's to present

July 12: FDR Drive : A variety of music from the 60's to present.

July 19: Without a Net: Local band. Grateful Dead tribute band

July 26: Station Agents: Classic Rock & Pop Band

All concerts will be held at the New Castle Recreation Field.

Transportation

Stop & Shop

Pick-up 6:00 p.m., Return 9:00 p.m.

Bradhurst

Pick-up 5:30 p.m., Return 9:00 p.m.



Thursday

Team Softball

Katonah Memorial Park

Thursday June 15, Wednesday June 21,

Thursdays: June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27



Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In-District and/or OPWDD Approved

Fee: \$80, No transportation fee

**Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved Fee: \$90,
Transportation \$80**

**Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee: \$90,
Transportation \$80**

Transportation available from:

Bradhurst at 5:00 p.m., Return at 8:15 p.m.

Stop & Shop at 5:30 p.m., Return 7:50 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, program will be cancelled.

Come join the North East Knights Softball Team!

Experience the benefits of team work, skill development and camaraderie. We will start with warm ups, move on to sport drills, and finish every practice with a team scrimmage. All skill levels welcome! **You should have your own softball glove.**

Equipment is available. You must wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. No shoes please!

Rules and teamwork will be reinforced as well as socialization with other players and coaches.

***Please bring water!**



SUMMER OUTINGS

Join us for a number of exciting Summer Outings!
Transportation is provided from the Mt. Kisco Stop & Shop and
Bradhurst Community Center. Registered participants must
call the office the week of the trip or pick-up and drop-off times
As well as further trip details.

**Fee with the * is the Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved
Fee and Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee,**

Catskill Mt. Railroad

Kingston, NY

Saturday, June 24

Fee: \$50/*\$65

Come join us for a fun ride on the historic Catskills
Mt. Railroad. We will also be stopping for an ice
cream treat to top off the special day.



New Canaan Summer Theater

New Canaan, Ct

Saturday, July 15

Fee: \$55/*\$70

We are off to see a professionally produced performance
of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. We all know the
story. Come see it come to life on stage at the New
Canaan Summer Theater.



Canoe Trip

Avon, CT

Saturday, July 22

Fee: \$50/*\$65

It is a perfect Summer fun adventure. Time to float down the calm,
Farmington River! Bring your picnic lunch, wear your bathing suit
and sneakers that can get wet. You will need to paddle and partici-
pate on this trip. Lifejackets are provided. The river is only waist
deep.



Summer Outings Continued

Katonah Picnic

Katonah Memorial Park

Saturday, August 12

Fee: \$30/*\$45

An all time summer favorite! A good old fashion cook-out with friends. There will be plenty to do: games, arts and crafts, water balloons, swimming and of course some great food.

Rain location: Bedford Hills Community House.



Marine Life Study Cruise

Maritime Aquarium, Norwalk CT

Saturday, August 19

Fee: \$55/*\$65

Are you interested in what lives in the Long Island Sound? Well here is your chance to get up and personal with the marine life in the Sound! Join us aboard a real life research vessel. It is sure to be educational, exciting and fun!



Renegades Baseball Game

Fishkill, NY

Fee: \$40/*\$55

Tuesday, September 5

We are heading out to the Ballfield to watch the Hudson Valley Renegades take on the Jersey Shore Blue Claws. Come cheer on your favorite team!



West Point Football Game

West Point

Saturday, September 9

Fee: \$55/*\$70

Come join us as we watch the Army Black Knights take on the Delaware State Hornets. It is always an exciting day at the Historic West Point!



VACATION WEEK

Frost Valley

Participants: 16 and older (limited space)

Dates: Sunday, August 20th through

Friday, August 25th



In-District and/or OPWDD Approved Fee: \$700

Out-of-District and Not OPWDD Approved Fee: \$800

Group Home/Apartment Residents Fee: \$800

(Includes: transportation, three meals per day, snacks, lodging and all activities)

**This trip has become a
North East tradition!**

Frost Valley is a beautiful YMCA camp located in the Catskill Mountains. This six day trip is packed with enjoyable activities such as: hiking, boating, swimming, cycling, archery, group sports, arts and crafts, hayrides, a talent show, dancing, campfires, storytelling, sing-a-longs, the cable bridge, a ropes adventure course and a visit to the planetarium. Challenging and exciting! The camp also provides nursing and medical services.

A "bring along" checklist and additional information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your registration form and payment.

If necessary, a lottery system may be put into effect. You will be contacted regarding your trip registration.

*** Previous overnight experience with North East is required for this trip.**



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