

Patton Park Summer Park Program 2024

Hamilton-Wenham



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REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 6th

Patton Park Summer Park Program Registration Date/Time & Information

Due to response for the Summer Park Program for the summer of 23' we are implementing some changes to our registration process as well as initial payment (deposit) and refund policies, which are all outlined below. I have also added a short F.A.Q section to address questions we have heard or you may have.

REGISTRATION DATE & TIMES

Registration will be held on the evening of **Tuesday, February 6th**. Registration for each individual group will be staggered as outlined below.

Registration is not complete until payment is processed.

The Patton Park Summer Program is available to residents of Hamilton & Wenham ONLY

<u>Opens at:</u>	<u>Camp Group:</u>	<u>Ages/Grade Entering:</u>
6:30pm	Tiny Tanks	Entering Pre-K in Sept. 2024 (must be 4 yrs. old)
6:45pm	Little Generals	Entering Kindergarten in September 2024
7:00pm	Frog Catchers	Entering Grade 1 in September 2024
7:15pm	Swamp Ducks	Entering Grade 2 in September 2024
7:30pm	Young Explorers	Entering Grade 3 in September 2024
7:45pm	Junior All Stars 4	Entering Grade 4 in September 2024
8:00pm	Junior All Stars 5	Entering Grade 5 in September 2024
8:15pm	All Stars	Entering Grade 6 & 7 in September 2024
8:30pm	C.I.T's, AM Park & PM Park	Various ages

INITIAL PAYMENT (DEPOSIT)

An initial payment (deposit) of **\$70** per participant per session is required at the time of registration.

BALANCES DUE

Balances for the program will be due by **Friday, April 5th**

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

<u>Request refund in writing:</u>	<u>Credit on HW Rec Account:</u>	<u>Check Refund:</u>
Before April 6 th	Full Credit, No Fee	Refund Less \$40
Before May 4 th	Credit, 80%	60% Refund
Before June 8 th	Credit, 70%	50% Refund
After June 8 th , but with at least 5 business days	Credit, 60%	40% Refund
Within 5 business days of the program	Credit, 50%	No Refund

MEDICAL/UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANE CANCELLATIONS

These will be handled on case by case basis. Please make sure to contact the Recreation Department in these event.

IMPORTANT PARK INFORMATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Recreation Office (prior to start of Program): 978-468-2178

Patton Park Summer Program Office: 978-626-5271

Patton Park Summer Program Email: summer.pattonpark@gmail.com

LOCATION

The Summer Park Program will be held at Patton Park in Hamilton. We will be utilizing the tennis courts, basketball courts, playground, baseball diamonds, gazebo, and the Swimming Pool.

PATTON PARK SUMMER PROGRAM OFFICE HOURS

Recreation Department Staff will be available at the pool office from 8am – 9am, during the days of the program for any summer park program office needs

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If heavy rain and/or severe weather is forecasted participants will be notified the evening before and the park program will be held at the Buker School, Recreation Center, and/or The Community House. In the instance that severe weather strikes while the program is at Patton Park, children will be escorted across the street to the Community House/Winthrop School for shelter

NUT FREE

The Patton Park Summer Park Program is completely nut free.

SWIMMING POOL ACCESS

Please review the pool rules with your camper. Our Tiny Tanks/Little Generals will have a more structured swim time with pool/camp staff in the water. All other groups will be able to have free swim. Any camper using the pool during free swim **must pass the swim test if they wish to swim in the deep end.**

Please discuss with your camper whether or not you would like them to take the deep end swim test (rules below). If you are unsure if your camper can pass, please notify our office and we can schedule you a time to stop by at the pool during public hours to test before camp starts. Campers need to pass the swim test just once in order to swim in the deep end for the duration of camp. The pool will open to the public on Saturday, June 17th.

Deep End Swim Test – Jump in deep end, tread water for 30 seconds, & swim one length of the pool on front (stomach)

Floatation devices are available at the pool for those that need them but parents/guardian are encouraged to pack their own floatation device for their camper. Bubbles and Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets including puddle jumpers are acceptable forms of floatation. No inflatable floatation devices will be allowed.

FIELD TRIPS

The All Stars and Jr. All stars will be going on weekly field trips, specific information for individual trips will be provided to participants in the week prior. PLEASE NOTE, the field trips will extend the day beyond 1:15. Some field trips have the potential to return as late as 4:30-5pm. All Field Trips are on the Thursday of each week (unless otherwise noted)

PARENT MANUAL

All Parents/Guardians will receive a parent manual prior to the start of the program. The manual will provide parent with contact information, drop off and pick up locations, daily schedules, and all other pertinent information regarding the program.

WHAT TO BRING

Participants should bring a lunch, snack, bathing suit, towel, flotation device (if needed) tennis racket, sun tan lotion and plenty of water.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration can be made online at www.hwrecreation.com.

Payment can be made in the form of credit card or check. No cash payments will be accepted. Checks can be made out to: Town of Hamilton. All card transactions are subject to Credit Card Convenience Charge (~.035%)

Patton Park Sessions

- Session 1: June 24th – June 28th
- Session 2: July 1st – July 5th (4 days/no program on 7/4)
- Session 3: July 8th – July 12th
- Session 4: July 15th – July 19th
- Session 5: July 22nd – July 26th
- Session 6: July 29th – August 2nd
- Session 7: August 5th – August 9th
- Session 8: August 12th – August 16th

Junior All Stars & All Star Field Trips*

- Session 1: LegoLand Discovery Zone (6/27)
- Session 2: Launch Trampoline Park (7/3)
- Session 3: Water Country (7/11)
- Session 4: Kimball Farms (7/18)
- Session 5: Canobie Lake Park (7/25)
- Session 6: Woo Sox Game (8/1)
- Session 7: Apex Entertainment (8/7)
- Session 8: Roller Kingdom (8/15)

*Field Trips may return later than 1:30pm to the park.

Special Entertainment

- Session 1: Curious Creatures
- Session 2: Tie-Dye
- Session 3: Water Slide
- Session 4: Foam Party
- Session 5: Carnival/Violet the Clown
- Session 6: Teddy Town
- Session 7: WildKat Hoops
- Session 8: Make Your Own Sundaes

Field Trips and special entertainment are subject to change.

PARK GROUPS

TINY TANKS

This program will be geared to our younger participants and feature arts and crafts, free play, sports, games, and movement activities. All participants will receive heavily supervised swim during their swimming time.

GRADE ENTERING:	Pre-K (must be 4 years old to attend)
TIME:	8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION:	8 weekly sessions
COST:	Sessions 1, 3-8: \$140 Session 2: \$112

LITTLE GENERALS

The Little Generals program provides supervised, safe, and fun programming for children. It is our goal for each child to create great park memories by providing an active outlet for both physical and social needs. Participants will engage in activities such as arts & crafts, swimming, tennis, sports, playground time and weekly special events and themes. Little General participants receive supervised swim during their swim time. Participants should bring a snack, lunch, tennis racket, bathing suit and plenty of water.

GRADE ENTERING:	K
TIME:	8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION:	8 weekly sessions
COST:	Sessions 1, 3-8: \$140 Session 2: \$112

FROG CATCHERS

This program incorporates sports & games, arts & crafts, swimming, tennis and more into a day of laughing, friends, and memories. Children enjoy open swim, flotation devices will be made available at the pool if needed.

GRADE ENTERING:	1 st
TIME:	8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION:	8 weekly sessions
COST:	Sessions 1, 3-8: \$140 Session 2: \$112

SWAMP DUCKS

This program incorporates sports & games, arts & crafts, swimming, tennis and more into a day of laughing, friends, and memories. Children enjoy open swim, flotation devices will be made available at the pool if needed.

GRADE ENTERING:	2 nd
TIME:	8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION:	8 weekly sessions
COST:	Sessions 1, 3-8: \$140 Session 2: \$112

YOUNG EXPLORERS

Let kids be kids! This program incorporates sports & games, arts & crafts, playground play, open swim, tennis and more into a day of laughing, friends and memories. Participants should bring a snack, lunch, tennis racket bathing suit and plenty of water.

GRADE ENTERING: 3rd
TIME: 8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions
COST: Sessions 1, 3-8: \$140 Session 2: \$112

JR. ALL STARS 4th GRADE

The Jr. All -Stars program incorporates all the fun of the regular program but adds age appropriate field trips and activities each week. Participants will get at least 30 minutes of free swim time each day; all participants must pass a swim test to swim in the deep end. Participants should bring a snack, lunch, tennis racket, bathing suit and plenty of water.

GRADE ENTERING: 4th
TIME: 8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions
COST: Sessions 1, 3-8: \$168 Session 2: \$135

JR. ALL STARS 5th GRADE

The Jr. All -Stars program incorporates all the fun of the regular program but adds age appropriate field trips and activities each week. Participants will get at least 30 minutes of free swim time each day; all participants must pass a swim test to swim in the deep end. Participants should bring a snack, lunch, tennis racket, bathing suit and plenty of water.

GRADE ENTERING: 5th
TIME: 8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions
COST: Sessions 1, 3-8: \$168 Session 2: \$135

ALL STARS

Getting too old for Patton Park? Try the Patton Park ALL-STARS program. We will be going on one field trip each session to someplace where the older kids can really have a great time! Each child gets their own Summer Park Program T-Shirt. Participants will get at least 30 minutes of free swim time each day; all participants must pass a swim test to swim in the deep end. Participants should bring a snack, lunch, tennis racket, bathing suit and plenty of water.

GRADE ENTERING: 6th & 7th
TIME: 8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions
COST: Sessions 1, 3-8: \$168 Session 2: \$135

BEFORE AND AFTER PARK PROGRAMS

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF

Staff will be available to supervise your children starting at 8am. There will be one organized activity per morning leading up to the Park Program.

AGES: 5-12
TIME: 8:00am - 8:45am
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions
COST: \$25 for sessions 1, 3-8 \$20 for Session 2

PM PARKSTERS

Looking for something to do between 1:30 and 3:30 pm this summer? Come join P.M. Parksters! Children will participate in structured and open play as well as additional swimming time in the afternoon.

AGES: 5-12
TIME: 1:15pm - 3:30pm
DURATION: 8 weekly sessions*
COST: Session 1, 3-8: \$70/full week \$15/Daily
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C.I.T.

The CIT program is an educational program, with a curriculum designed to develop the people and technical skills necessary to be an effective camp counselor.

AGE: 13 - 15
TIME: 8:45am - 1:30pm
DURATION: Two 4 week sessions
COST: \$45 per session

F.A.Q's

Q. How many children attend? Can more spots be added?

A. We have approx. 228 total openings across our groups each week, if you include staff and C.I.T's we are a 285 person per day operation. When we set these limits we take many factors into account which include but are not limited to; age level of groups, drop off/pick up procedures, swim time, group schedules, field trip & bus capacity, general camper safety, rain locations and available indoor space, severe weather location/policy, etc...

We hope that the new registration process will cause less angst during sign-up time, but in a sense we are "maxed" as to how many total participants we can safely have on site at Patton Park and in the program on a given day.

Q. Can you just add more staff? Won't that allow more children to attend?

A. Again, it's not necessarily a question of number of staff (we had close to 50 staff last year), but overall capacity of the program as a whole. We don't (and have never) set our maximum numbers based on staff, as we have consistently "overstaffed" the program to provide the most supervision of the children that we possibly can.

Q. Registration for camp is typically in March, right?

A. Yes, we have typically opened registration the first week of March but have shifted to an earlier date of February. We hope this will provide more time for those who may not get a spot to have more time to look elsewhere. We have also adjusted our “final payment due” which will start the waitlist process sooner.

Q. I was on the website right when registration opened and was still shut out, what happened? What Can I do so this does not happen again?

A. We have heard from a number of folks regarding this issue. All registrations are time stamped in our system and are processed upon payment finalization. We hope that by staggering the groups this year it will allow folks an easier registration process. Camp registration will also be independent of any of our Spring/Summer programs to allow for less “traffic” on the system. As always, please make sure to have your log-in and password information correct prior to registration opening.

Q. Why make changes to the Deposit/Cancellation/Refund Policy?

A. We feel these changes were necessary to help support an improved registration experience with the potential to create more opportunities for openings.

Q. What are my chances of getting into the program if I am on the waitlist?

A. Obviously this varies on a case by case instance but ABSOLUTELY put your name waitlist. By moving up the date for final payments as well as adjusting our refund policy we anticipate if there is movement on the waitlist, it will occur sooner rather than later.