

Hello Parents, Guardians, and Families!

My name is James Lucchesi and I will be overseeing Parks & Recreation summer camps this year. Welcome to North Stratfield playground camp! Your site director will be Jessica Plude. This is her first year in Fairfield Community Services Playground camps and is so excited to be a site director. This session is filled with so many fun on-site activities, themed days, and field trips. Something for everyone! Below will be all the information you need to know regarding all field trips (waivers, timing, etc), on-site activities, and some information to help you feel more comfortable with what's to come for North Stratfield Playground Camp 2026!

1. Make sure to remind your children that all electronic devices should be away at all times. If they're being used, camp won't be as much fun! Your children are responsible for anything they bring to camp.
2. Please always send your children with a water bottle (or multiple). There are water fountains located all throughout the building.
3. Send your child with both a lunch and a snack. Every day we will eat both snack and lunch outside if the weather permits.
4. Please write names and label personal items (water bottle, lunch box, etc.). We have lots of children at camp this year, and we ask you to do this to prevent items getting mixed up or lost.
5. Please make sure that your children always wear socks and sneakers! We have so many fun activities at camp that involve lots of movement and running around, meaning shoes other than sneakers could end up being uncomfortable by the end of the day.
6. Our field trip shirts will be Violet with a Fairfield Community Services logo on the front. The shirts will be handed to the kids on their first day of the session. **Please make sure they wear them on every field trip!**
7. If you need to pick your child up early or drop them off late, my phone number will be posted on the main door. Give me a call and I will grab them for you! If they aren't coming in at all, no need to contact anyone! Similarly if you need to drop anything off, such as a water bottle or a lunch box, give me a call and I will get the item to your child.
8. Always remember, our number one rule at camp is HAVE FUN!!!

The First Day:

- **Please be patient with our counselors at drop-off.** Each one is meeting 30+ new parents and 30+ new children at once and will have a lot of questions being thrown their way.
- If you find that your child is not on the counselor's list, don't worry! Please come see me (I will be wearing the polo) and I will be happy to work things out with you.
- **Please bring the necessary forms:** emergency contact info, pick-up/drop-off forms, and any special medical information that the counselors need to know. Those forms can be found on the [Fairfield Community Services website](#).

- Campers will receive their camp field trip shirts at the end of the day!

Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures:

- Morning drop-off will take place at the large parking lot near the field/main entrance!
- There is no parking in the bus loop, or exiting your vehicle, so if you would like to walk your child to their group you will have to park in the parking lot.
- **Drop off begins at 9:00 am and ends at 9:15 am. Pick up begins at 2:45 pm and promptly ends at 3:00 pm.**
- Early Care and After Care will take place inside the gym. Go to the gym doors and you will drop off or pick up your child there. Doors open for Early Care at 7:30 am and After Care ends promptly at 5:00pm.
- Pick Up will take place at the bus loop, same spot as morning drop-off. We expect to touch base with every parent during Pick-Up. You will need to go to your child's group when picking up. We will never let a child walk to their car alone.
- Please touch base with your child's counselors each day to let them know who will be picking up that day, or if there are any changes in your schedule.
- Hand in the Pick up/Drop-off form to your child's counselor with everyone that you think may be responsible with picking up your child. If we do not have a form saying your child can go home with their aunt and their aunt comes to pick them up, we will not let your child go home with them.

Session 2 Schedule Breakdown

Monday, July 6th - First Day of Camp!!!!!!

Remember to bring in all forms and give them to your child's counselor. Make sure to pack a lunch and a snack along with a water bottle. We will be outside and running around having fun all day so please send your child to camp with comfortable footwear and apply sunscreen before the camp day begins. Counselors are not allowed to apply sunscreen to any campers so make sure it is applied before camp starts. Camp shirts will be given to each camper before pick up at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, July 7th - Pizza Day!

At lunch your child will be given two slices of cheese pizza! We still have snack on Pizza Day so make sure to pack a snack. We can only give each child two slices so if that is not enough food then feel free to pack them an extra lunch. If your child has any allergies please reach out to me (contact info at the bottom of the Parent Letter) so accommodations can be made.

Wednesday, July 8th- Inflatables!

Giant inflatables will be set up on the field where the kids will be able to race and jump around with their friends on different types of fun inflatables! This is an onsite activity!

Thursday, July 9th - Water Day!

Please send your child with a bathing suit, a towel, a change of clothes, and shoes they are comfortable getting wet in. They are permitted to bring water toys, but please make sure they're labeled with the child's name and stored somewhere they won't be lost.

Friday, July 10th - The Cave!

Please make sure your child is wearing their camp shirt! The Cave is an indoor minigolf attraction center and arcade! We will leave at 9:30 am and return at 2:00 pm. We will eat lunch at The Cave. The time on the bus is about 45 minutes.

Monday, July 13th - World Cup Day!

World Cup Dress Up Day! Send your children to camp wearing a costume of a country they support in the World Cup! We will have fun World Cup themed games to play on site throughout the day! On the playground calendar, we were supposed to have Campardy, which unfortunately fell through.

Tuesday, July 14th - Tie Dye Day!

Please remember to send your child to camp with a plain white article of clothing so that they can participate in our tie-dye extravaganza! **Please** write your child's name with a sharpie on the back label of the shirt and send it in a zip lock bag.

Wednesday, July 15th - Roller Magic!

Please make sure your children wear their camp shirts! We will leave at 9:30 am and return at around 12:45 pm. We will eat lunch when we get back to North Stratfield. SUPER IMPORTANT: fill out the online waiver now: [Click here for Roller Magic Waiver](#). Please print this out and give it to your child's counselors. This way I don't have to call you when we get to Roller Magic to have you fill out the waiver for your child!

Thursday, July 16th - Quassy!

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL QUASSY PERMISSION SLIPS ARE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN **Monday, July 6th, 2026**. (We will still need a permission slip if your child is going with you or not going at all!) Here is a link to the Quassy Permission Slip: [Click here for Quassy Permission Slip](#)

1. If YOU are taking YOUR child to Quassy please find Jessica to sign out your child's ticket! Parents will be able to purchase their tickets down at the recreation department.
2. If your child is coming to Quassy WITH camp, they must be dropped off at 9:00 AM at North Stratfield. Buses will be leaving at 9:45 AM and will be returning around 5:00 PM!
3. Your child's camp t-shirt must be worn that day if he or she is coming with the camp. If you choose to take your child to Quassy separately, please make sure they are NOT wearing their camp t-shirts. We want to make sure we know which kids to keep track of.
4. Lunch will be provided at Quassy free of charge for those who have tickets! There is a buffet of hotdogs, hamburgers and French fries!
5. EARLY CARE WILL STILL BE HELD AT North Stratfield BUT THERE IS NO AFTER CARE
6. We will have access to the water park, so your children can wear their bathing suits, but they must keep their camp shirts on at all times. Please remember to pack extra dry clothes with your child that day so they don't have to walk around the park wet after going in the waterpark.
7. Your child should bring a bag containing dry clothes, a towel, a water bottle, and (if you choose) extra money. There are water fountains throughout the park where your child can refill if he or she gets thirsty throughout the day.

***** PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEED TO SIGN OUT TICKETS FROM JESSICA IF THEY ARE TAKING THEIR CHILDREN TO QUASSY. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SIGN OUT TICKETS FOR A CHILD THAT IS NOT THEIRS. *****

Friday, July 17th - Last day of Session 2!

This is scheduled to be a normal day of camp! If we end up scheduling something, such as a dress up day, your child's counselors will notify you!

If you have any questions for me feel free to reach out! You can email or text me (my information is listed below) or come talk to me during Pick Up and Drop Off when we are outside at the bus loop.

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