

Hello everyone!

My name is James Lucchesi and I will be overseeing Parks & Recreation summer camps this year. Welcome to Sherman playground camp! Your site director will be Dimitry Wiech. The kids and counselors all call him 'Meech,' and you are more than welcome to call him that as well! He has been involved in Fairfield Parks and Recreation Playground camps for the past five years and is so excited to be starting off his second year at Sherman. 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 Sherman Playground Camp 2026!

Important information regarding session in general:

1. Please send your child a snack and packed lunch each day! Please note we do not have any refrigeration on site.
2. Please always send your children with a water bottle. There are water fountains around the building where children are able to fill up empty bottles.
3. If your children need sunscreen, make sure it is applied before coming to camp as **counselors are not permitted to apply sunscreen to the camper.**
4. Please write names on water bottles, lunch boxes, and other personal items so they don't get mixed up or lost!
5. Before camp and throughout the summer I urge you to please do your best to have a conversation with your children about coming to camp and playing and behaving in a safe and respectful manner while on site, on field trips, and while on buses
6. 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.
7. Please make sure that your children always wear socks and sneakers! In the event that children want to run around, we'd like to make sure they are as safe as possible!
8. Your children will receive a Parks and Rec field trip T-Shirt. Please make sure they wear their trip shirts on every field trip!
9. Personal toys from home are strongly discouraged. Many times, issues arise over other campers unintentionally losing/breaking personal items. We'd like to avoid this as much as possible. There are more than enough toys and activities at camp for campers to use and be thoroughly entertained.
10. HAVE FUN!!! This camp is designed to ensure that your child has the time of their lives so never forget this rule!

We will be doing morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up on Fern Street near the playground!

- Be on the lookout for us and the tent! Counselors will be out by the road helping campers!"

- EARLY CARE and AFTER CARE will be inside the gym and cafeteria. To drop off and pick up your child for early/after care, please drive to the back of the school (entrance road closer to Fairfield Woods) to the second set of doors to the cafeteria on the side of the building facing the direction of Fairfield Woods Middle School. Doors will be open at 7:30AM until 5:00PM so you can see where pick up/drop off for early/after care is!
- During pick up and drop off we expect to touch base with every parent during this process. We will never let a child walk to his or her car alone. Campers must check out with their counselors before leaving the group and going home.
- Campers must also check in with their counselors each morning before joining the group. On the first day, campers will be told which counselor in their group they should report to get signed in for each morning.
- Please touch base with your child's counselors each day to let them know who will be picking up that day, hear any announcements or reports, or if there are any changes in your schedule.

Here is a list of the activities that will be going on throughout the session:

Session 1 Schedule Breakdown

Monday, June 22nd - 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, June 23rd – Nutmeg Bowl!

Please make sure your children wear their camp shirts! We will leave at 9:30. We will return at around 12:00pm. We will eat lunch when we get back to Sherman. Campers will enjoy friendly games of bowling!

Wednesday, June 24th - 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.

Thursday, June 25th – Bounce Xtreme!

Please make sure your children wear their camp shirts! We will leave at 10:00am. We will return at around 12:30pm. Campers will enjoy an action-packed day at Bounce Xtreme, where they can jump, climb, and explore a variety of exciting attractions in a safe, supervised environment. For the waiver for Bounce Xtreme please [CLICK HERE](#). This way we don't have to call you when we get to Bounce Xtreme to have you fill out the waiver for your child?

Friday, June 26th – Spirit Days!

Every Friday, our camp transforms into Spirit Day! To make these days as exciting as possible, we like to get the campers directly involved. During the first few days of camp, we'll be brainstorming with the kids to see what creative, high-energy ideas they are most pumped up about. Whether it's a crazy hair day, a favorite sports jersey theme, or full-out pajama party, we encourage everyone to join in on the fun but it is always optional of course.

Monday, June 29th – Curious Creatures!

We will be having small Creatures such as turtles and chinchillas brought into Sherman! Children will get to watch and learn about these creatures while having the opportunity to touch and hold some of them!

Tuesday, June 30th – 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!

Wednesday, July 1st - Tie Dye Day!

Please remember to send your child to camp with a plain white t-shirt or any plain white item 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.

Thursday, July 2nd – 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 3rd – Quassy!

Quassy [IMPORTANT PLEASE READ]

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL QUASSY PERMISSION SLIPS ARE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 26th, 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 Dimitry 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 Sherman. 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! There is a buffet of hotdogs, hamburgers and french fries!

5. EARLY CARE WILL STILL BE HELD AT SHERMAN 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 (and shorts) 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 DIMITRY 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. ***

Helpful Hints and Links:

Here is a link to the main page of the Playground Camp Information:

https://ffldcommunity.com/day_camps/playgrounds.php

Emergency Contact Form

<https://ffldcommunity.com/Documents/Emergency%20Contact%20Form.pdf>

Parent Packet:

This packet includes useful information about each of our field trips and on-site activities, as well as other useful information:

<https://ffldcommunity.com/Documents/Parent%20Packet%20-%20Playgrounds.pdf>

Pick Up/Drop Off Forms:

I know that many children will be picked up by someone other than their parent or guardian, so please make sure you fill this out with ANYONE who could possibly pick up or drop off your child. Please make sure this is turned in to your counselor on the first day of camp. This should include the names and information of any person you are allowing to pick up your child from camp. Names may be added to it but make sure you see your child's counselor in order to do so. Campers will not be able to go home with anyone not on your child's form without parent permission so please fill it out wisely.

<https://ffldcommunity.com/Documents/Drop-off%20Pick-up%20Form.pdf>

EpiPen Administration Form:

Please print this form and fill it out if your child has an epi-pen, turn the form into your child's Site Director or counselor on the first day of camp.

<https://ffldcommunity.com/Documents/EPI%20PEN%20MEDICAL%20AUTHORIZATION.pdf>

Summer School:

If your child is attending a summer school program while attending our camp it is very helpful to let myself and your child's counselors know which days and times this will occur. In addition, if they are going to or being dropped off at our site to and from summer school by bus any information you have about the times of these events is helpful as well so we can do our best to expect and receive them in a timely manner. This being said, please regularly check the camp schedule for dates where we have off site field trips and their times as well will not be able to receive children from summer school until we return. For further questions please come speak to Site Director Dimitry.

One last tip: Throughout the session please be more receptive to answering unknown calls you may get (especially from CT area codes) as it might be one of our counselors or myself trying to reach you if there happens to be a problem or emergency with your child. This helps us gain contact with you as soon as possible!

If there are any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to see me any morning or afternoon. We look forward to seeing you and we cannot wait to have the BEST SUMMER EVER!!!!

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