



CITY OF BANGOR
PARKS AND RECREATION

Parent Handbook

Greetings Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome to Bangor Parks & Recreation Department's Bangor Blast Summer Camp! Our goal is to provide your child with a variety of active, educational and fun activities to challenge their minds and expand their interests. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We look forward to working with you and your family!

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Care Options

SUMMER CAMP OPTIONS

Summer Camps run for 8 weeks.

Munchkin Camp - Grade PreK to Kindergarten

- Hours of operation - 8:30am - 3:30pm
- Cost: \$ 135 per week/resident - \$ 150 Nonresident
- Location: TBD
- **Phone Number: 207-944-2323**

Mini Camp - 1st Grade

- Hours of operation - 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Cost: \$ 165 per week/resident - \$ 180 Nonresident
- Location: TBD
- **Phone Number: 207-944-3103**

Monster Camp - Grades 2nd - 3rd

- Hours of operation - 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Cost: \$ 165 per week/resident - \$ 180 Nonresident
- Location: TBD
- **Phone Number: 207-974-8237**

Mega Camp - Grades 4th - 6th

- Hours of operation - 7:30am - 5:30pm
- Cost: \$ 165 per week/resident - \$ 180 Nonresident
- Location: TBD
- **Phone Number: 207-949-3351**

Purchasing Options:

- Summer Camp programming can be purchased weekly or as a full summer program.

Swimming

Campers will have the opportunity to swim throughout the summer. Participants will swim at Beth Pancoe Pool. Our Campers will go swimming a couple times per week, weather permitting.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Payment

Automatic payments will be withdrawn from your bank account the Sunday before camp starts. Auto payments are removed consecutively for the number of weeks that your child is registered. If for any reason your child's weekly charge does not go through, you must call Bangor Parks and Recreation to reregister. We do not save credit card numbers and the auto payments will automatically cancel. Accounts with two or more unpaid past-due weeks may result in removal of your child from the programs. Payments can be made online at www.bangorparksandrec.com or at the Bangor Parks & Recreation office.

Cancellations

- Automatic \$20 Processing Fee for each week cancelled
- Bangor Parks and Recreation requires a two week notice for all Summer Camp cancellations due to limited spots.
- A cancellation form must be filled out on our website in order for weeks to be cancelled
- **If the cancellation is received without a two-week notice, you will be required to pay for those weeks**

Forms

The Emergency Information & Authorized Pick-Up Form and Permission Slip Form must be completed prior to participation in the program.

Drop-off & Pick-up

- All children **MUST** be walked in by a parent/guardian and signed in with Bangor Blast Summer Camp Staff
- All children must be signed out at the end of the day. We will not release your child to anyone who is not authorized on your pick-up list. Anyone picking up your child must bring a photo I.D. Please notify us of changes by completing an update form.
- On Field Trip Days your child **must** be dropped off at camp no later than 8:30am.
- A late fee of \$15 for every 15 minutes late (fee begins at 5:31) will be charged to your account if you are late picking your child up. Excessive late pick-ups may result in your child being removed from the program.

Custody Issues

Parents/guardians are asked to notify a Camp Director of any custody arrangements involving their enrolled child(ren). We ask that you provide documents, such as a divorce decree, that state with whom your child may be released. If at any time there are court documents stating different custody arrangements we ask that you provide that paper work to the Camp Director. At no time will Bangor Parks and Recreation staff become involved in any arrangements/disagreements between parents. Any camp payment arrangements must be handled between the child's parent/guardian(s).

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

CHILD EXPECTATIONS

Behavior

Bangor Parks and Recreation values the importance of promoting positive behavior and appropriate methods of behavior management within the program setting. All children have the right to expect positive approaches to behavior management which will foster self-esteem, respect, tolerance, and self-control. Specific behaviors that are emotionally and/or physically damaging to individuals and/or property are real challenges for adults/staff and the other children, and therefore must be dealt with in an appropriate manner. By encouraging these values Bangor Parks and Recreation will aspire to ensure all participants feel safe, have fair opportunities and are considerate to all. Behavior which seriously interferes with a positive program experience for other participants may result in dismissal and/or suspension from the program. Bullying, teasing, verbal, and physical misconduct are not tolerated.

Physical Contact

Appropriate physical contact includes high-fives, fist-bumps, handshakes, and hugs when asked. Unwanted or inappropriate touch is not tolerated.

Physical Misconduct

Physical misconduct, including but not limited to: violent outbursts, hitting, punching, kicking, slapping, biting, throwing, or any other physical aggression toward staff or other children is not tolerated. For the safety of our participants, instances of physical misconduct will result in immediate dismissal for the day.

Verbal Misconduct

Any use of violent, inappropriate or suggestive language including threats, teasing, or bullying is not tolerated. Verbal misconduct may be grounds for dismissal.

Verbal Threats

Any threats of life to a child or staff member will result in immediate suspension. Child will be able to return once a plan is determined by staff and parents.

Suspension and Dismissal

We reserve the right to dismiss and/or suspend your child from the programs in the following situations:

- Failure to pay for service.
- Your child is picked up late more than three times
- Required forms are not completed
- Repeated unsafe behaviors
- Physical Misconduct
- Continued disruptive behavior by the child after the parents/guardians have been consulted and appropriate measures have been taken to change such behavior.
- IMMEDIATE suspension and/or dismissal may occur in extreme situations.
- Failure to comply with program policies and expectations

****Refunds will not be given for suspensions or dismissals for that current week.****

Safety

We here at Bangor Parks and Recreation believe that all children and staff have the right to be safe from the threat of physical harm or injury, verbal assault and intimidation. We wish to promote an environment where children are free to learn and have fun without the adverse effects of violence. Any act of verbal or physical violence by an enrolled child in a Bangor Parks and Recreation program will result in disciplinary action up to suspension and/or termination.

Medical Conditions & Allergies

Please let us know of any medical conditions or allergies your child may have to ensure we are delivering the best care.

Due to severe peanut allergies, we strongly discourage sending lunches or snacks that contain peanuts.

Medications

- All medications must be given to the Camp Director, Trisha Cummings or your child's camp supervisor. A note from the doctor stating medication dosage and times to be given must accompany the container.
- Medication must be contained in the original (child proof) prescription container.
- The prescription bottle must include the name of the child, medication type, dosage, current date, and the physician's name and telephone number.
- A parent or legal guardian must complete and return the medication consent form in order to permit the administration of any medication. A form will be filled out for each individual medication.
- Children may not carry any medication, over the counter or prescription, in their bags at any time.
- All medication will be given back to the parent/guardian each night at the end of the camp day.

Potty Training & Accidents

Children enrolled in Bangor Parks & Recreation programs **must be** potty trained. If your child has an accident, you will be called to come to the building to make sure the child is cleaned up as well as remove any soiled clothing from the building. If your child has multiple accidents, they may be removed from the program.

Illness and Injury

For the safety of all program participants, we reserve the right to send your child home if he/she becomes ill. We will notify you if your child:

- Has a fever
- Is vomiting
- Has a rash
- Has an earache
- Has live lice or evidence of bedbugs or flea bites
- Experiences uncontrolled coughing, persistent crying, or difficulty breathing
- Is unable to participate in activities due to any illness

General Health

Any child who is not well enough to participate in routine program activities should not attend or be admitted to any camp program. Children must be healthy enough to participate in activities, both indoors and outdoors. If a child at Camp is determined to be sick, a parent or guardian **must** pick up their child in a reasonable amount of time.

What to bring....

Please keep a close eye on the weather each day and dress your children accordingly. On field trip days to ensure the safety of your child we ask that **ALL** children attending the field trip wear their Bangor Blast Summer Camp T-Shirts. As a rule, please have your children bring the following items with them on a daily basis....

- Water bottle
- A lunch & drink (NO GLASS)
- Snacks
- Sneakers
- Bathing suit and towel
- A plastic bag to bring home wet clothes in
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen (only if your child will not be using the sunscreen provided)
- Hat
- Extra warm clothing
- Rain clothes are always a good idea as well

Please **DO NOT** allow your child to wear open toed sandals, which can cause injury.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL CELL PHONES, TOYS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS AT HOME. If we see your child with any electronics or toys from home staff will take them and hold onto them until the end of the day. If it becomes a daily issue a meeting with the Summer Camp Director may be set up.

Lost Items

Please label all personal items. Any items left in the lost and found for an extended period will be donated to local charity. **We are not responsible for lost or damaged items.**

Policy Changes

We reserve the right to change the policies in this handbook at any time. You will be notified of any changes that may occur during the program.

Schedules

Munchkin hours– 8:30am– 3:30pm

Mini, Monster and Mega hours– 7:30 am– 5:30 pm

BANGOR BLAST SUMMER CAMP

2024 Dates, Themes/Field Trips

DATES

July 1st - August 23, 2024

****We will be closed Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day****

**** August 23rd Camps will run from 7:30-12:00****

CAMP THEME WEEKS

ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME!

July 1st - 5th

A Party in the USA

Celebrate all you love about the USA. Go all out in your red, white and blue gear while we celebrate all week. We will do lots of patriotic activities.

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July 8th-12th

Around the World week

Explore games, activities and snacks from around the world. The campers will be immersed in the best parts of other cultures.

July 15th-19th

Bangor Week

This week the campers will get to explore and see all that Bangor has to offer. There are so many cool things right in our backyards that the kids will get to learn all about.

July 22nd-26th

Bangorlympics

Put your game face on and go for the gold!! Cheer on your fellow athletes as you compete. Test your agility and strength. Our Games will include obstacle courses, team challenges, spirit awards and much more!

July 29th– August 2nd

Bangor Blast's Got Talent Week

A week for the campers to show off their great skills and learn about other people's talents. This week is a week to celebrate all of the campers and Bangor Blast crew's talents.

August 5th– August 9th

Let's Have a Ball Week

From football to kickball to baseball to Ballroom Dancing, even juggling! This week is going to be such a Ball!!!

August 12th-16th

Stemtastic Week

From science experiments to stemtastic creations, we will be having lots of fun with cause and effect and exciting experiments this week.

August 19th-23rd

Carnival Week

Join us for our annual Camp Carnival! The highlight of the week will be a day full of classic carnival fun with carnival games, carnival challenges, face painting and lots of outdoor fun.

We will be closing at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 23rd to move our camps out of the schools