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CAMP GUIDE 2026



CHAPEL HILL
PARKS &
RECREATION



Summer Camp Registration

Residents may begin registering Tues, March 17 at 8:30 a.m.
Non-residents may begin registering Thurs, March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Registration & Waitlists

When to Register

- Residents may register beginning Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m.
- Non-residents may begin to register Thursday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Am I a resident? If you live in or own property in Orange County or the Town of Chapel Hill city limits, then YES! If you aren't sure, give us a call and we can help you.

Two Ways to Register

Day Camps fill up fast! **Plan ahead** to have the best chance of getting your child into our Day Camps.

Online The best place to register is our website, chapelhillparks.org. Click Register Online to get started. You can only pay with credit or debit card.

- If you've ever registered with us before or have a facility pass, you already have an account! Simply log in to get started. If you've forgotten your password, click 'Forgot Password' to get started.

If you create a new account, you'll have to wait for us to verify your residency before you can register. **We have to manually approve new accounts, so make sure to set yours up well before registration day!**

Walk-in registration is **ONLY** available at the Community Center (120 S Estes Dr), the Hargraves Center (216 N Roberson St), and the Homestead Aquatics Center (300 Aquatics Dr). **Spanish interpreters will be available from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at walk-in registration on Tuesday March 17. No walk-in registration** at the Administration Office on Tuesday March 17. You may walk in for registration on **Wednesday, March 18** at the Administration Office.

You can only register one family for camp at walk-in registration. You can't sign up your family and another family.

How to pay

PAYMENT is due when you register. **Information regarding amount due at registration and payment dates for day camps can be found on page 3.** When you register online you can only pay with a credit or debit card. When you register in person you can pay with cash; a check made out to Town of Chapel Hill; or a card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

How to cancel

Not all programs are refundable when you cancel. If you need to cancel, please email us as soon as possible at parksrec@townofchapelhill.org so we can open your spot up to someone else.

How can I get a refund? You're only eligible for a refund if you send your request in writing at least **14 days** before the camp starts. See the full policy on our website. A \$10 processing fee is charged to cancel a recreation activity, camp, or facility rental.

My child is on the waitlist. How does that work?

If a camp fills up, you can put your child on the waitlist instead. Being on the waitlist does NOT mean they have a spot in camp.

It **DOES** mean that if another child cancels their registration, we'll start calling the waitlist to find a replacement. We'll start at the top of the waitlist and if that person declines the spot, we'll move on to the next and so on until the spot is taken. The higher you are on the waitlist the better your chance of getting into camp. If you accept a spot from the waitlist, you'll need to pay the full fee before your child can start camp. **Your child can only be registered or on the waitlist for ONE full day camp per week.**

Need help paying for camp?

Yes, assistance is provided through our Financial Assistance program.

This program gives you a discount on most of our camps, activities, and passes. It's only for Residents (people who live or own property in Orange County or the Town limits), and the amount of your discount is based on your income and the number of people in your household. Depending on your need, you might get a 25%, 50%, or 90% discount on your fees for one year. Some Specialty Camps and activities are not part of the Financial Assistance program. Read the descriptions carefully before you register to make sure your discount will apply.

To get help paying for camp through this program, fill out the Financial Assistance Application and turn it in by **MARCH 3, 2026**. Return your application to our Administrative Office, 200 Plant Rd. For after hours, please use our mail slot at the front door.

It can take us several weeks to process your application, so make sure you have it in by the deadline and that it's complete and accurate. Your contact information needs to be correct and complete so we can reach you if you missed something or there's a problem.

You can learn more and download the application at chapelhillparks.org. Click on "Fees, Financial Assistance and Forms".

Inclusion

My child may need special support at camp. How do I get that?

At registration, check the box that asks if your child will need extra support at camp. We strive to include campers with documented special needs and related differences in our camp programs. If your child needs extra support to enjoy camp, we may be able to accommodate their needs, but we need *you* to let us know as soon as possible so we can be ready to help when camp starts.

After you register, **fill out the 'Permission to Share Information' form and return it to us by May 15.** Go to chapelhillparks.org and click 'Summer Camp' to download the form. It gives permission to organizations and people who've worked with your child in a group setting (like school or church) to tell us what they did to support your child so we can create strategies and accommodations. It's important you get this form back to us quickly.

Please note that we can't accommodate every child. We're only able to support children at camp who are: self-sufficient with hygiene needs, not a safety risk to themselves or others, and able to withstand a noisy gym filled with campers. Also know that we never use a disability label in a negative way.



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Summer Day Camps



Your child can only be registered or on the waitlist for ONE full day camp per week. For example, if you're already enrolled in Session B of Community Center Camp, you can't go on the waitlist for Session B of Hargraves Camp.

Can I just pay a deposit to register for camp? A \$10 minimum payment (per child, per session) is required and may be made with online, mail-in or walk-in registration.

Balance Due Dates are **April 24, 2026**, for sessions A - E; and **June 5, 2026**, for sessions F - I. Camp fee balances must be paid in full by the due date or your child will be removed from the roster.

Financial Assistance does not apply to Field Trip Fees. For example, if you register for a day camp with a \$182 fee which includes a \$14 field trip fee, but you have a 90% discount through the Financial Assistance program, you'd pay \$30.80. \$16.80 for your discounted camp fee and \$14 for the full field trip fee.

Behavior expectations

Every camper, including those receiving inclusion services, must behave appropriately at camp. We expect them to show camaraderie, good sportsmanship, and civility toward other campers and staff.

Every camper must respect the rights of others and can't take away from the enjoyment, safety, and participation of others. If a camper's conduct poses physical harm, or risk to self, others, or staff, we may have to remove them from our programs and activities.

Community Center, Hargraves Center, & McDougle Elem.

Each week campers will create memories and have FUN! From swimming, arts and crafts, gym games, team building, and more, our counselors help campers develop new skills and friendships while they play.

*Ages determined as of **August 31, 2025***

Campers age 5 must currently be enrolled in kindergarten. Age 11 and currently in 6th grade, must enroll in Teen X-TREME Camp.

Ages 5-11 \$182 R; \$215 NR
\$149 R, \$175 NR – Session B ONLY

Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. No camp July 3

	Community Center	Hargraves Center	McDougle
June 22-26	#210400-A	#220100-A	#220199-A
June 29-July 2	#210400-B	#220100-B	#220199-B
July 6-10	#210400-C	#220100-C	#220199-C
July 13-17	#210400-D	#220100-D	#220199-D
July 20-24	#210400-E	#220100-E	#220199-E
July 27-31	#210400-F	#220100-F	#220199-F
Aug. 3-7	#210400-G	#220100-G	#220199-G
Aug. 10-14	#210400-H	#220100-H	NO CAMP
Aug. 17-21	#210400-I	#220100-I	NO CAMP

Teen X-TREME Camp McDougle Middle School

Each week campers will create memories and have FUN! In this camp, teens will choose clubs for a variety of activities, focusing on crafting and art, sports, teambuilding, swimming, video game tournaments, and more! Each week brings different adventures, including Field Trips!

Ages 11-14 \$182 R; \$215 NR
\$149 R, \$175 NR – Session B ONLY

Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. No camp July 3

June 22-26	#230720-A
June 29-July 2	#230720-B
July 6-10	#230720-C
July 13-17	#230720-D
July 20-24	#230720-E
July 27-31	#230720-F
Aug. 3-7	#230720-G



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Adventure Camps

All equipment is provided for these camps, but you'll need to bring your own water bottle/hydration pack, lunch, and snacks. Closed-toe shoes also required. All open water activities always require a lifejacket (PFD) on the water. Participants will meet at the Community Center and will be transported by van.

All Adventure Camps require payment in full at time of registration. Financial Assistance doesn't apply to materials/equipment rental fees.

Questions? Contact Keith Dodson at kdodson@townofchapelhill.org or call (919) 969-5543.

Mega Rock! Chapel Hill Community Center

Beginner and intermediate climbers will build climbing and teamwork skills through games, fun skill challenges, and practice on the wall. You'll get to boulder and climb the top rope routes, plus we'll teach you climbing safety.

Ages 8-15 \$165 R, \$198 NR
Ages 8-11 June 15-18 Mon-Thu 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. #210410-A
Ages 12-15 June 15-18 Mon-Thu 1:30-5:30 p.m. #210410-B

X-TREME Adventure Camp Chapel Hill Community Center

Intermediate and advanced adventures come and put your skills to the test with these all-day adventures! We'll hike, swim, paddle, climb, and much more as we explore local and state parks. Campers will learn how to have safe outdoor fun, build their adventure skills, and work together to overcome challenges.

Ages 11-15 \$276 R, \$311 NR
July 8-10 Wed-Fri 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. #210408-A

Water Adventure Camp Chapel Hill Community Center

Get ready for the ultimate splash this Summer! Join the crew for swashbuckling fun, where each day is a new adventure on the water! We'll swim, paddle, snorkel, and much more as we explore our local rivers and lakes. Campers will learn how to have safe outdoor fun, build their adventure skills, and work together to overcome challenges.

Ages 9-12 \$242 R, \$270 NR
July 13-16 Mon-Thu 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. #210413-A

Introduction to Adventure Camp Chapel Hill Community Center

Adventure seekers will have a blast at this exciting camp full of climbing, paddling, hiking, swimming, team building, games, activities, and more! Campers will learn how to have safe outdoor fun, build their adventure skills, and work together to overcome challenges.

Ages 9-12 \$242 R, \$270 NR
July 27-30 Mon-Thu 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. #21040-A

Archery Camp Chapel Hill Community Center

Learn to shoot like a pro in this fast paced, hands-on archery camp. Through games and skill building activities, we'll teach you everything you need to know to go from a beginner to the best!

Ages 9-15 \$165 R, \$198 NR
Ages 9-12 Aug. 3-6 Mon-Thu 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. #210407-A
Ages 12-15 Aug. 10-13 Mon-Thu 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. #210407-B





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Arts Camps

All Art Camps require payment in full at time of registration.
Financial Assistance doesn't apply to materials fees.

Join us for the "Art Opening" on the last day of each session to see your camper's artwork!

Staff supervision is **not provided** during the transition between morning and afternoon sessions for campers registered in both. Parents are responsible for arranging supervision during this time.

Questions? Contact Robena Meek at rmeek@townofchapelhill.org.

Art & Clay Exploration Camp Community Clay Studio

Where will our imagination take us today? Let's dig into art and see what our imaginations can bring to life! We'll create themed clay masterpieces and explore different art forms. We'll play with paint, clay, paper, movement, and sound to find our wild and creative sides.

Ages 7-15 \$225 R, \$265 NR

Ages 7-11	June 22-July 2	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-Noon	#210402-A	Art Party
	July 6-16	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-Noon	#210402-B	Art Party
	July 20-30	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-Noon	#210402-C	Art Party

Ages 10-15 Aug. 3-13 Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-Noon #210402-D T(w)een Art

Clay Camp Community Clay Studio

Work with clay instructors from the Community Clay Studio and build your own body of work during this 2-week clay experience. We'll create all kinds of different forms as we explore new techniques and practice our skills in both hand-building and working with the wheel.

Ages 10-16 \$260 R, \$307 NR

June 22-July 2	Mon-Thu	1-4 p.m.	#210403-A	Clay Party
July 6-16	Mon-Thu	1-4 p.m.	#210403-B	Clay Party
July 20-30	Mon-Thu	1-4 p.m.	#210403-C	Clay Party
Aug. 3-13	Mon-Thu	1-4 p.m.	#210403-D	Teapots!



Adaptive Cooking Camp

For teens and young adults with divergent needs/disabilities. Campers need to supply their own ingredients and supplies, which will be emailed at least 1 week prior to the start of camp.

Requires payment in full at time of registration.

Questions? Contact Marian Kaslovsky at (919) 968-2813 or mkaslovsky@townofchapelhill.org

Social Café Camp McDougle Middle School

Learn to prepare foods you love and become more independent in the kitchen! Campers will make delicious and nutritious meals from start to finish! Make friends in a fun environment, with conversation, teambuilding, interactive games, role playing, leadership, and more!

Instructor: Rhonda Maiani, *Former Speech Pathologist and cooking contest winner!*

Ages 13+ \$134 R, \$161 NR – session A only
\$216 R, \$259 NR

July 1-July 2	Wed & Thu	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	#261202-A
July 6-9	Mon-Thu	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	#261202-B
July 13-16	Mon-Thu	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	#261202-C
July 20-23	Mon-Thu	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	#261202-D
July 27-30	Mon-Thu	10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	#261202-E





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Sports Camps

All Sports Camps require payment in full at time of registration.

Campers need to bring a snack and water bottle each day.

Questions? Contact Mike Troutman at mtroutman@townofchapelhill.org

Tennis Camp Cedar Falls Park

Join us for a week of fun, athletic development, tennis skill, tactics development, and GREAT games! A camp fit for all skill levels ages 7-14. Groups will be split up by age and skill level. Each day is focused with a theme for each part of the game. Hitting a ton of tennis balls using age-appropriate equipment and having fun, this is the quickest way to learn and improve your tennis game! **Campers need to bring a tennis racquet.**

Ages 7-14				\$100 R, \$120 NR
June 22-25	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200306-A	
July 6-9	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200306-B	
July 13-16	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200306-C	
July 20-23	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200306-D	



Ultimate Frisbee Camp Cedar Falls Park – TURF FIELDS

Explore the benefits and joys of the game of Ultimate Frisbee - Skills development, exercise, friendships, mini games & scrimmages, character building, teamwork, and lots of fun! Tee-shirt and Ultimate Disc included with camp registration. No experience needed.

Ages 9-15				\$165 R, \$198 NR
July 13-17	Mon-Fri	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200165-A	
July 27-31	Mon-Fri	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200165-B	

Volleyball Camp Rashkis Elementary Gym

Perfect for beginner and intermediate players, this clinic will teach you the fundamentals of volleyball in a structured environment. Our experienced instructors will help you master fundamentals and improve your game.

Ages 9-12				\$100 R, \$120 NR
July 27-30	Mon-Thu	9 a.m.-12 noon	#200301-A	



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCOUNT?

You may be eligible for discounts on programs and passes if: (1) you live or own property in Orange County or Chapel Hill, *and* (2) your total household income is less than one of the amounts below:

Number of People in the Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Maximum family income for a 25% discount*	\$64,750	\$74,000	\$83,250	\$92,500	\$99,900	\$107,300	\$114,700	\$122,100
Maximum family income for a 50% discount*	\$40,500	\$46,250	\$52,050	\$57,800	\$62,450	\$67,050	\$71,700	\$76,300
Maximum family income for a 90% discount*	\$24,300	\$27,800	\$31,250	\$34,700	\$37,650	\$43,150	\$48,650	\$54,150

Total family income includes *all* annual income for each adult member of the household.

*We have a minimum fee of \$5. If your discount would reduce a fee below that, you will pay \$5 instead.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A DISCOUNT?

1. Complete the form on the back of this page; leave nothing blank.
2. Choose how you'll verify your income from the chart on the form; attach all the required documents.
3. Return your form to one of the locations below. Check our website at chapelhillparks.org for operating hours.

Do not email your form; email is not a secure way to share personal information.

- Parks & Recreation Administration, 200 Plant Rd
- Chapel Hill Community Center, 120 S Estes Dr
- Hargraves Community Center, 216 N Roberson St
- Homestead Aquatic Center, 300 Aquatic Dr

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

We usually process financial assistance applications within 3 business days, but it can take up to 10 business days during registration events and holidays. You can drop off your application any time a facility is open, but we only process them during normal business hours.

We'll notify you by email or letter if your application was approved or denied. Your discount is immediately active after approval, even if you haven't received your notification yet.

HOW CAN I USE MY DISCOUNT?

Your discount will automatically apply to any Parks & Recreation program or pass that qualifies, whether you're registering in person or online. Some programs can't be discounted; those programs will have a note in their description letting you know.

HOW LONG DOES MY DISCOUNT LAST?

Your discount is good for one year; you need to re-apply every year to keep your discount active.

We are committed to making our Parks & Recreation programs available to as many residents as we can.
If you have any questions on your eligibility or verification, contact Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation at (919) 968-2784.

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HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Head of Household First & Last Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ APT # _____ County: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Please fill out the box below for all members of your household, including you. **Do not leave the income column blank.**

First & Last Name	Birthdate	Gender	Grade	School Name	Annual Income*
Household's Total Annual Income					

* Annual income is the total each household member has from all sources, including: pay, allowances, child support, pensions, disability, social security & unemployment benefits, grants, student loans, self-employment, savings, personal funds, stipends, etc.

VERIFICATION

Please let us know how you'd like us to verify your application. Attach copies of documents only; no originals. If you aren't sure if you can verify your income with any of these methods, please call us at (919) 968-2784.

VERIFICATION METHOD (CHECK ONE)	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (ATTACH ALL)
<input type="checkbox"/> I live in Chapel Hill Public Housing.	<input type="checkbox"/> My full address is on the application
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a visiting scholar.	<input type="checkbox"/> I attached <u>all</u> of these documents for <u>each</u> member of my household: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsor letter from your home institution/scholarship organization AND • Sponsor letter from the U.S. academic institution AND • Certificates of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status forms (J-1 and J-2)
<input type="checkbox"/> I have SNAP, Medicaid, or Work First.	<input type="checkbox"/> I attached my OCDSS approval letter or Medicaid card
<input type="checkbox"/> I get Social Security Benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/> I attached my approval letter from the Social Security Administration
<input type="checkbox"/> I live in Chapel Hill Residential Services.	<input type="checkbox"/> I have an RSI staff signature Print Name: _____ Sign Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I get help from the school to pay for camp.	<input type="checkbox"/> I attached a verification letter from my school social worker
<input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to submit tax documents.	<input type="checkbox"/> I attached a copy of last year's Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040)

By signing below, I give permission to the Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County Department of Social Services, and my child's school social worker to provide the information required for this Financial Assistance Application for myself and for other members of my family under the age of 18, except as may be stated below. I understand that no additional information other than that required on this application will be released without my consent. I also permit the Town of Chapel Hill to provide to my child's school social worker information about my child's camp or program enrollment, the status of my child's account, and any other personal information needed to determine my child's eligibility. I consent to provide the information in this application to the Town of Chapel Hill for the sole purpose of completing this application. **I understand the department may grant a temporary discount until my application has been approved and if my request for a discount is denied, all temporary discounts I may have received will be removed and a full fee will be charged.** If my discount is denied, I agree to pay the full fee for all programs and passes. I certify that all the information on this application is true and correct and that all income is reported.

I understand that if a family member is enrolled in a camp/program and cannot attend, they must cancel in writing at least 14 days in advance or our household may lose our program discount.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

For Office Use Only: Date received _____ Provisional % _____ Date approved _____ Initials _____ Approved % _____
OCDSS Verification SNAP Work First Medicaid Signature _____ Date _____