



**PARK SCHOOL**  
*Summer*  
**DAY CAMP**  
ESTABLISHED IN 1935

**Welcome to**  
*summer 2024* at **PARK**

# THINK Summer, THINK PARK Summer CAMP

Welcome to The Park School Summer Day Camp program! Park Camp provides a rich experience that is educational, safe, and fun for children ages 3 to 14 on our beautiful 34-acre campus in Amherst, NY. With 13 buildings plus three athletic fields, an outdoor pool, marsh, waterfall, pond, and woods, campers spend the summer in distinct outdoor and indoor activities to ensure no two days are the same.

What makes Park Camp the most popular day camp in WNY? Our professional experienced staff of NYS certified teachers and qualified instructors, plus outstanding assistant counselors, guide campers throughout their activities each day. We pride ourselves on staffing our camp with counselors who are caring, enthusiastic, and love camp themselves!

Each day is precisely organized, and begins and ends with car door service (we'll assist your children from the car each morning, and deliver them back to your car each afternoon!). Another factor that sets Park Camp above and beyond other area camps? Our incredible theme days. Each Friday, Park Camp celebrates theme days to enrich the summer fun and create special fun-filled memories. Some of our most popular themes are Park Camp Country Fair Day and Olympic Day!

All these activities are bound to leave our campers and counselors hungry! We take care of that with a well-balanced, nutritious lunch and snack that are provided daily. Campers and their group counselors enjoy lunch in our air conditioned Dining Hall.

**Registration for Summer 2024 opens on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 AM EST. Spaces fill quickly, so please make your plans now!**

Thank you for your interest in our summer program. We are committed to offering the finest summer day camp experience in WNY and look forward to sharing our summer with you!



**Julie Chamberlin**  
Summer Day Camp  
Director



**John Mirand**  
Park Camp Executive  
Director



**Maggie Dirrigl**  
Summer Day Camp  
Assistant Director



# What makes **PARK** Summer CAMP so special?



## Our people and our program!

We want kids to actually **BE KIDS** – to be silly, use their imagination, and build friendships through all of these experiences. With their genuine enthusiasm, our fun-loving staff lead the charge of showing confidence in being yourself.

Special theme days planned throughout the six-week camp season set our program apart. Activities and events are coordinated around themes that enrich our campers' experiences and create fun-filled memories. Past themes have included: Olympic Day, Country Fair Day, Decades Day, Pirate Adventure Day, and much more!



# A Typical Day at Camp

Our camps run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily, Monday through Friday. Drop off is from 8:45-9:00 AM and pick-up is from 3:45-4:00 PM. Morning and afternoon Extended Care are available for an additional fee.



Each morning we gather together in the Oval at the flagpole. This gives us the chance to **begin our day as a community**, hear some great music, celebrate birthdays, watch silly skits, play hilarious games, compete in sumo wrestling, hold talent shows, perform dances – and much more!

The morning fun continues with age-appropriate activities such as **art, dance, nature, drama, woodshop, game room, tennis, and soccer**. Rain or shine, the fun runs all day!

After lunch, campers jump right back into an afternoon full of activities. Park's incredible 34-acre campus features a **pond, stream, marsh, woods with low ropes course, three athletic fields, a heated pool**, and plenty of space for games, sports, and activities.

Each week of camp has a theme around which the daily activities are planned. On Fridays, we have an extra-special celebration of our theme which includes **decorations, special events, and fun surprises!**

# Our Programs

Campers entering Kindergarten through Grade 9 will have an amazing summer with their peers in age-appropriate groups.

## LOWER CAMP (GRADES K-3)

Our youngest friends are full of enthusiasm and energy, so their day is packed with activities that are designed for little hands and lots of curiosity. Led by certified early childhood and elementary teachers, your camper will take part in arts and crafts, music, games, nature, drama, cooking, and swimming.



## UPPER CAMP (GRADES 4-9)

Our older campers are ready to delve into more elaborate activities and projects in sculpture, art, computers, athletics, cuisine, tennis, and nature. Activities are designed for each specific age group, and all of our daily programs are created to promote self-confidence, encourage teamwork, and build friendships. Groups are led by certified teachers who mentor and guide the campers to follow our life rules of respect, responsibility, honesty, and kindness.



# NEW this year! Pre-K Camp

A special camp within our 6-Week Day Camp tailored just for our youngest friends, who will have an amazing summer immersed in age-appropriate activities with their peers.

## PRE-K CAMP (AGES 3&4)

Our youngest campers are full of curiosity and energy and eager to learn! Our new Pre-K Camp is a self-contained group during our 6-Week Day Camp, laser focused on age-appropriate activities just for 3 and 4-year olds. Designed for little hands with a homebase in Park's Children's House on our campus, this group will be led by an experienced Head Counselor and two Assistant Counselors to ensure our young friends have the attention they need to thrive (and have tons of fun!) in this setting.

## WITHIN THIS PROGRAM...

Each day will include structured activities, indoor and outdoor free play, water games, and sprinkler time. Art, science, and music will be incorporated as well as special weekly activities, theme day events, and extra fun each Friday. Campers will head to the Dining Hall for lunch and get to spend plenty of time outside around campus.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- Campers must turn 3 by June 1, 2024.
- Campers must be fully potty trained.
- Swimming in Park's pool is NOT included in our Pre-K program.
- Daily lunch and snacks are included.



# There's no camp more fun than **PARK** Summer **CAMP!**



# Camp Policies

Park Camp provides our campers with a magical, enriching experience each day. This experience takes lots of planning to bring to life. With that in mind, we greatly appreciate your attention to our Camp Policies for Summer 2024, which apply to all camps.

## PRICING

The basic tuition is \$475 per week per camper. Day Camp Week 1 is a four day week and the tuition is \$380.

## DEPOSIT

A **non-refundable** deposit of \$100 per child per week is required at the time of registration to secure your child's spot. You will be prompted to pay this in UltraCamp. Your reservations will NOT be confirmed until this is paid. The deposit is applied to your total camp fee. This deposit will hold your registration between January 4, 2024 and February 29, 2024.

## PAYMENTS

All payments made with a credit card will automatically incur a 3% processing fee. ACH and debit card payments will not incur this fee.

### **50% of your camp tuition balance must be paid by Friday, March 1, 2024.**

This payment is non-refundable. The UltraCamp system will automatically process this payment for all accounts that have a credit or debit card on file. If you choose not to keep a card on file in UltraCamp, you must log in and manually process your payment by Friday, March 1, 2024. You can also mail a check to The Park School, but the check MUST BE RECEIVED by March 1, 2024 to avoid a late fee added.

### **Late Fee Penalties:**

- Payments received after March 3, 2024 will have a \$20 per camp week, per child late fee added to the total account balance.
- Payments received after March 10, 2024 will have a \$25 per camp week, per child late fee added to the total account balance.
- **If 50% of camp tuition is not received by Monday, March 18, 2024, your camp reservation will be cancelled without refund.**

### **Remaining 50% of camp tuition balance must be paid in full by Saturday, June 1, 2024.**

This payment is non-refundable. UltraCamp guidelines as stated above apply.

### **Late Fee Penalties:**

- Payments received after June 3, 2024 will have a \$20 per camp week, per child late fee added to the total account balance.
- Payments received after June 10, 2024 will have a \$25 per camp week, per child late fee added to the total account balance.
- **If camp tuition is not paid in full by the end of day on Monday, June 17, 2024, your camp reservation will be cancelled without refund.**

*These procedures are put in place to allow Park Summer Camp administration the time and resources to properly retain staffing, purchase supplies, and coordinate food service for each camper. Late cancellations greatly hinder our ability to provide the best possible day camp experience for your children. We appreciate your strict adherence to the following registration requirements.*

## EXTENDED DAY

Extended Day is available before camp starting at 7:30 AM and after camp until 5:30 PM. You can sign up for unlimited use (both AM and PM) for \$75 per week per child or pay as you go at a rate of \$15 per use.

## MEALS

A well-balanced, nutritious lunch and snacks are provided each day and included in your camp tuition. During camp season, we are a peanut and tree nut free campus. We are also able to accommodate a variety of dietary needs. If you have questions specific to your camper, please contact the camp office.

## SWIMMING

The Park pool is a heated outdoor pool. Our Day Camp includes time for a daily swim which is supervised by six certified, experienced adult lifeguard. Campers should bring a swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen every day.

## HEALTH INFORMATION

Each camper must submit a completed health history form and immunization record before starting camp. The health history form is completed at the time of online registration. The immunization records must be current and received by the camp before June 1, 2024. The health office is staffed by a full-time registered nurse who will dispense any medication a camper may require (a medication release form from child's physician is required) and provide basic first aid.

## MODIFICATION POLICY

Weeks of camp can be modified based on availability. Should you wish to modify your weeks, please email [parkcamp@theparkschool.org](mailto:parkcamp@theparkschool.org) or call 716-839-1243 x133.



# Registration Details

Scan the QR code to watch our Summer Camp 2023 Video!

Password: **rinkenpus2023**



Visit [www.summerparkcamp.org](http://www.summerparkcamp.org) to learn more and register!

- Registration opens on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 AM EST.
- Reservations can only be made online through our UltraCamp system. Please visit [www.parksummercamp.org](http://www.parksummercamp.org) in advance and follow the link to set up your UltraCamp account so you don't have any delays when registering.
- **Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. All weeks will fill up very quickly!**
- The required **non-refundable** deposit of \$100 per child per week will allow us to accurately and fully plan for staffing, food service, and activities for the entire summer.



## JUNE/JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SUMMER CAMP OFFICE OPENS					
	ALL-STAR CAMPS					
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	DAY CAMP WEEK 1 (no camp on 7/4)					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	DAY CAMP WEEK 2					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	DAY CAMP WEEK 3					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	DAY CAMP WEEK 4					
28	29	30	31			
	DAY CAMP WEEK 5					

## AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
		DAY CAMP WEEK 5				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	DAY CAMP WEEK 6					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ALL-STAR CAMPS					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



# Learn more!

## 6-WEEK DAY CAMP MEET & GREET FOR PARENTS AND CAMPERS

Saturday, June 22, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Park School Oval

This informal meeting provides campers and parents with a chance to explore Park's wonderful 34-acre campus and meet their counselors and the Camp Directors.



# PARK Summer CAMP

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