

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2023 "Summer Fun in the Sun" program. This year's summer program will run **July 5th – August 11th (no camp July 3rd or 4th)**. This six (6) week, summer program is for youth age 5 (as of October 1, 2022) through age 13 (as of October 1, 2022) or a maximum age of 14. The program will consist of 2 – three (3) week sessions
Session 1: July 5 – July 21 & Session 2: July 24 – August 11.

The program is run by the Clifton Recreation Department and is held at 4 park sites throughout the city. The program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Please note this summer the program will be held completely outdoors daily.** When there is a scheduled trip/event, during the session your child is registered, you have the choice to attend the trip/event or keep your child home that day (more information is found under trips & transportation). We know that your child will have a memorable and rewarding summer.

PARK LOCATIONS:

- ▶ Albion Park – 201 Maplewood Avenue
- ▶ Mt. Prospect Park – 341 Mt. Prospect Avenue
- ▶ Nash Park – 700 Lexington Avenue
- ▶ Stefan Tatarenko Park – 55 Broadale Avenue



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken daily. All participants are required to stay at the program for the entire day unless a parent comes in and signs them out early. **The program begins at 9:00 a.m. Please do not bring your child to the program site early. There is no before care. Please make sure you are there by dismissal time, which is 3:00 p.m. There is no aftercare program.** A late fee of \$10.00, per 15 minutes, will be charged for persistent lateness in picking up children at the end of the day. **You must sign out your child at the end of each day prior to leaving to ensure your child's safety.** Please notify your program director if your child will be going home with someone other than yourself.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Park staff are trained in First Aid and CPR procedures. A complete first aid kit is kept on site at all times. In the event of a serious accident or injury, parents will be notified immediately and the EMS will be contacted as needed. Accident reports will be completed for all accidents or injuries and a copy will be kept on file at the Recreation Office. The City of Clifton staff is not permitted to administer medication to any child in the program.

To ensure the safety of your child and all children attending, important rules and regulations will be put into effect at the summer program. Participants are required to follow all established rules. If misconduct persists and rules are not followed, appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken.

Discipline Code:

- 1st offense: Warning & call to parent
- 2nd offense: Call to parent & discipline notice completed
- 3rd offense: Suspension from the summer program
- 4th offense: Expulsion from the summer program

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be the appropriate age for the summer program. Participants will be divided into (3) three groups (Ponies, Stallions and Mustangs), based on birth date and enrollment. **Participants may be placed in different groups from one session to another, based on that session's enrollment.** No changes in groups permitted. A copy of the participant's Birth Certificate, Immunization Record and Proof of Residency must be submitted. Participants failing to provide these documents will not be able to attend the summer program. Once submitted, we will keep the records on file for subsequent years.

Request for an Aide: If you feel your child needs an aide to assist/shadow them at the summer programs, you must make a request through the Recreation Department. Request should be submitted no later than June 5th. At the time of request, you must submit a copy of your child's I.E.P. Report (if you also have a 504 Plan please submit with your I.E.P.). **Assignments will be made based on a review of your child's documents and results of an interview.** This will help determine the best strategy to assist your child in having a memorable and safe summer. After June 5th we will contact you to set up an interview. **Once the summer program begins, aides cannot be hired.**

DAILY SCHEDULE/ RAIN DAYS

Please note that the program will be conducted outdoors ONLY for all daily activities. A calendar of events will be available at the program site on a weekly basis. You may also obtain the schedule from our website at www.cliftonrec.com. Schedule activities are subject to change. **In the event of inclement weather, before the day begins, parents will receive a text message after 8:00 a.m. to alert you if the program is canceled for the day (there are no indoor facilities available). Please make sure to sign up for mobile notification under your account. In the event of inclement weather, during the day, children will need to be picked up as soon as possible because there is no shelter for them at the park.**



LUNCH

There are no lunch services provided by the City. Children are instructed to bring a bag lunch. Names should be written on their lunch and please do not send glass bottles or containers.



NEWSPAPER & LITERARY MAGAZINE

During the summer, participants can submit articles for the "Park Scoop" which features 2 editions. In addition, individuals may submit poetry, short stories, or comic strips anytime throughout the summer for "The Optimist Outlook", Summer Literary Magazine.



APPAREL

Children should dress in comfortable clothing that will not restrict them from participating in activities. Sneakers are recommended (avoid sandals). It is strongly recommended that all participants come equipped with a water bottle and sunscreen each day. **Please leave your child's toys and valuables at home. The staff is not responsible for personal belongings.** Clifton Recreation t-shirts are required for all field trips and can be purchased at the Recreation Department for \$7.00 each (t-shirts cannot be purchased online). If your child has a royal blue, Clifton Recreation t-shirt from past summers, they do not need to purchase a new shirt. In an effort to provide a quality, respectable program, we have instituted a dress code for both staff and program participants. Please review information online.



CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY

Participants may bring cell phones to the summer program; however, all phones **MUST** be turned off and kept out of sight during the day and on trips. If a phone is seen or turned on during the day, it will be collected and turned in to the supervisor until a parent picks it up at the end of the day. If you allow your child to bring a cell phone, iPod, electronic game, or any other valuable item to the summer program, the Clifton Recreation Department is not responsible for lost or stolen property.



SESSION 1 (July 5 – July 21)

Week 1

Theme: Mad Hatter

Trip: No Trip

Week 2

Theme: Fins Up

Trip: Frog Falls Aquatic Park

Special Event: Hoop Wizard Show

Special Event: Summer Luau

Week 3

Theme: Dragons vs. Unicorns

Trip: Castle Fun Center

Trip: Camp Hope

Special Event: Park Olympics

SESSION 2 (July 24 – August 11)

Week 1

Theme: Getting' Jiggy With It

Trip: Funplex

Trip: Camp Hope for Albion & Stefan Tatarenko Park Only

Week 2

Theme: Things with Wings

Trip: Camelbeach Waterpark

Trip: Camp Hope for Mt. Prospect & Nash Park Only

Special Event: Academy of Amazement Magic Show

Week 3

Theme: Color me Crazy

Trip: High Exposure

Special Event: End of Summer Picnic

TRANSPORTATION, TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



Pre-registration is required for all trips and events. There are only 100 spaces available for each trip and are on a first come, first served basis. Participants may only attend trips that take place during the sessions they are registered for. **If your child is not attending a trip do not send them to the program site. All counselors attend the trips. All trips leave from Anzaldi Park – 38 Samra Way** (formally known as Athenia Steel Recreation Complex). On trip days, please arrive at the park by 8:45 a.m.

Trips and events can be paid online, with credit or debit card, up until **12:00 midnight by the deadlines listed below**. Payments can also be made with cash or check at the Recreation Office following the same registration deadlines below. Once you pay for the trip you are registered. If you miss the pre-registration deadline or the trip is full, please put your child on the waiting list online. Participants will be notified, if a spot becomes available, based on the order on the wait list. The cost of each trip includes admission and transportation. **Personal spending money for food and souvenirs is optional. Participants are responsible for their own belongings and money.** It is recommended that participants bring a bag lunch (names should be marked on bags and no glass containers).

Transportation for trips will be provided by the City of Clifton. There is no transportation provided to and from the summer program or for special events such as the Summer Luau, Park Olympics or End of Summer Picnic. Parents are to drop off and pick up their child at the listed location of the event. The City of Clifton staff members are not permitted to transport any child in their own vehicle. **A Clifton Recreation t-shirt is required for all trips** (not required for special events).

Camp Hope – Activities may include crafts, swimming, athletics, nature and hiking. There is no camp available for individuals not attending the Camp Hope trip on the day your park site is scheduled to go (**this does not pertain to the Session 1 Camp Hope trip on July 18th**). Participants must bring long pants, sneakers or hiking shoes (no sandals), bathing suit & towel.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Trip Location</u>	<u>Reg. Deadline</u>	<u>Price</u>
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Session 1:

7/12	Frog Falls	7/3	\$46.00
7/18	Camp Hope (all parks)	7/10	\$10.00
7/19	Castle Fun Center	7/10	\$56.00



Session 2:

7/25	Camp Hope (Albion & Stefan Tatarenko Only)	7/17	\$10.00
7/26	Funplex	7/17	\$57.00
8/2	Camelbeach	7/24	\$64.00
8/8	Camp Hope (Nash & Mt. Prospect)	7/31	\$10.00
8/9	High Exposure	7/31	\$57.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Luau

Hang ten with your friends at the annual Summer Luau on **Thursday, July 13th** from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Anzaldi Park (38 Samra Way). Event includes music, games, dance contest, dinner and fun. The luau is open to all participants that are registered for the summer program in 2023. The cost is **\$10.00** per participant (**includes pizza, chips, desert and beverage**). **Participants are to be picked up and dropped off at Anzaldi Park by their parents. Registration deadline for this event is July 3rd.**



Summer Program Olympics

The challenge is on at the Annual Summer Program Olympics, where participants battle it out in the 50-yard dash, wheelbarrow race, team challenges and more throughout the day. This year's Summer Program Olympics will be **Thursday, July 20th** at **Anzaldi Park (38 Samra Way)** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost is **\$10.00** per participant (**includes lunch**). **Participants should be dropped off and picked up by their parents at Anzaldi Park. Open only to participants enrolled in Session 1 of Summer Days in the Park Program may attend. Registration deadline for this event is July 10th.**



End of Summer Picnic

On **Friday, August 11th** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., all participants are invited to the End of Summer Picnic at Main Memorial Park for special events, face painting, rides, talent show and lunch. The picnic is open to all participants that are registered for the summer program in 2023. The cost is **\$10.00** per participant (**includes lunch**). **Participants are to be dropped off at Main Memorial Park (enter from Park Slope) at 9:00 a.m. and picked up at 2:00 p.m. by parents. Registration deadline for this event is July 31st.**

Please Note: If it's raining the morning of the picnic, the event will be relocated. Parents will receive a text message informing them of the new location and schedule.

Summer Shows/Entertainers:

This summer we have added two shows to the program. Both shows will take place at **Main Memorial Park (1395 Main Ave)** at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required. There is **NO FEE** for these shows. Participants may only register for the shows during the session they are registered for Summer Fun in the Sun. Participants are to be **dropped off at Main Memorial Park at 9:00 a.m. on show days and will be transported, by bus, back to their park site for the remainder of the day after the show is completed.** Pick up your children at the end of the day at their regular daily park site location.

Session 1: Hoop Wizard-Friday, July 14th (registration deadline 7/3).
Session 2: Academy of Amazement Magic Show-Friday, August 4th
(registration deadline 7/24).

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PARENT HANDBOOK 2023



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