

Berlin Parks and Recreation Department



2024 SUMMER BROCHURE

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Registration for summer programs, for residents, will start on **Monday, May 6**. We are currently registering for all Skyhawk's camps. Non-residents may register for the following programs on May 20 (if space is still available), Painting w/Peggy classes, youth tennis lessons, dog obedience classes, Line Dancing, Yoga and Personal Euphoria classes. **Unless noted – age is determined by the first date of the program/class.** Lake Compounce tickets will be available starting Monday, June 3 for residents and non-residents.

The Summer Fun program at The Creek is full.

2. **Registration, for residents, will be accepted in person, on-line (WebTrac) or by mail starting May 6** however, you must register in person for Lake Compounce tickets and swim passes.

Registration in person will be accepted at the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, 230 Kensington Rd., Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day, Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4.**

WebTrac – Register on-line through our WebTrac program! Browse our programs and register for most programs from the comfort of your home. If you forgot your username or password, go into WebTrac and click on “Forgot your user name or password” and the information will be sent to you. Registration on-line begins at 8 a.m. on May 6 for residents and 8 a.m. on May 20 for non-residents. You can find the link to WebTrac by going onto the Town website, www.berlinct.gov click on Departments and find Parks and Recreation. Click on Register On-Line to get to WebTrac. Due to the large volume of programs being offered, you will have to narrow your search by activity type and/or location or one of the boxes. Some restrictions may apply and not all programs are available for on-line registration. On-line registration is generally only available up to the last business day before the program starts. After that you can only register in person, if there are still openings.

If registering by mail, include the appropriate registration form, a check made out to the **Town of Berlin** and mail to Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, 230 Kensington Rd., Berlin, CT 06037. Include your email and the receipt will be emailed to you. Please do not forget to put the **Program #** on the registration form. You will be contacted if there are any questions with your paperwork.

VISA and Master Card will be accepted *in person and on-line*. **Debit Cards will not be accepted.**

We have a dropbox available, on the front of the Community Center, for you to drop off registrations, after business hours when the office or Community Center are closed. These registrations will be processed the next business day, in random order, at our earliest convenience. **Checks only please.** Registrations that **cannot** be put in the dropbox include – swim passes and Lake Compounce tickets.

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program, which does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. Registration must be done in advance. In order to insure the continuance of each program, registrations must be made at least one week before the start of the program unless otherwise indicated.

3. Cancellations – Weekdays call the information line at 860-828-7100

Oops! Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into print. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may cause.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

1. Refund will be automatic if a program is cancelled or registrants on waiting list are not included in program. Processing fees will not be charged for refunds due to cancellations or not being taken off the wait list.
2. Refunds will not be issued on requests made less than 3 business days before a program begins. All refund requests for any reasons other than cancellation by the Town or failure to include a registrant on a waiting list must be in writing and received by the Town at least three business days before the program begins. Summer Fun program has additional deadlines (see below).
3. **All requests for refunds will be charged a processing fee of 10% of the amount, minimum of \$5/maximum of \$50. Fees will not be charged if Parks and Recreation cancels the program. Refunds for the Summer Fun program that are not requested by the Monday before the week that is being cancelled will also have the cost of the field trip/special event deducted (\$35) before the refund is processed.**
4. No refunds will be given for pool passes, once the pool season starts.
5. Refunds will not be given on finalized trips or program tickets.
6. No refunds will be given after a program has started.
7. When program fees are paid by credit card and a refund is approved, that refund will be given on the credit card.
8. Exceptions to this refund policy will be made in the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation and must be based upon hardship or other good cause demonstrated by the registrant. **Processing fee will be charged.**
9. All refunds by check will take up to four weeks to process, from the time of request. Refunds will be mailed to you.

BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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FAMILY/SPECIAL EVENTS/TICKETS

Tickets go on sale June 3 for residents and non-residents. Limited tickets are available. Last day to purchase tickets is Friday, August 9 1 p.m.

Lake Compounce Good Any Day Tickets – Lake Compounce, located in Bristol, has invested millions in rides, roller coasters and attractions, and has added more dining options during the recent years, making Lake Compounce more beautiful than ever. Anyone looking for fun things to do in Connecticut with kids will find Lake Compounce to be the perfect destination! The cost for residents for a Good Any Day ticket is \$34 which is a savings of \$26 off the regular price (prices subject to change). You must be 52” and taller. Cost for non-residents is \$35. Park closed to the public on June 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, August 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30. Other restrictions may apply. Check their website for additional changes/information. Tickets must be purchased in person only all ticket sales are final.



INFORMATION ON SUMMER DANCE & ARTS CAMPS LED BY DANCE INSTRUCTOR ELIZABETH COOK-ASAL WILL BE OUT SHORTLY. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

TENNIS PROGRAMS

Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons will be offered according to the following schedule, at the outdoor tennis courts at Berlin High School, except where noted. Class sizes are limited. Head instructor is from the Tennis and Fitness Center of Rocky Hill. If there is inclement weather or wet courts, classes will be held the same day and time at the Tennis and Fitness Center of Rocky Hill. Directions and complete cancellation information will be available when you register in person or is on the Town website. **First Session** June 24-July 18; **Second Session** July 22-August 15. Deadline to register is the Thursday before each session is to begin. Age as of June 24 for 1st session, July 22 for 2nd session. Resident fees are \$150/non-resident fees are \$160. Please check out the age groups and class descriptions below.



8U Red Ball Class: Lessons utilizing larger, slower tennis balls on a smaller 36' court. Children will be able to develop tennis skills at a higher rate of success, enabling them to adapt the same skills when moving to faster, larger courts when appropriate.

10U Orange Ball: Using a standard size orange dot tennis ball, students at this level will further develop their technical skills and begin holding rallies on their own, serving and match play scoring.

12U Green Ball: Full court play using lower compression green dot ball. Great transition from orange ball students moving up a level as well as for the rapid development of older beginner players, emphasizing technique, rallying, and match play skills.

14U & High School Players Yellow Ball: Applying level based play to maximize outcomes. Students will be grouped by ability level, not age and will transition from Green ball play to standard Yellow ball. This level will continue with techniques and skills development while fine tuning their skills to prepare them for successful match play at the amateur and more competitive high school play.

1st session	<u>Monday and Wednesday</u> – June 24, 26, July 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17	
June 24-July 17	8U (4-8 yrs) Red Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10U Orange Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601A1 Program #220601B1 Program #220601E
June 25-July 18	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u> – June 25, 27, July 2, 5*, 9, 11, 16, 18 (Week of July 4 Tues & Friday*) 12U Green Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 14U & High School Yellow Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601C1 Program #220601D Program #220601E2
2nd session	<u>Monday and Wednesday</u> – July 22, 24, 29, 31, Aug 5, 7, 12, 14	
July 22-Aug 14*	8U (4-8 yrs) Red Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 10U Orange Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601A2 Program #220601B2 Program #220601F
July 23-Aug 15*	<u>Tuesday and Thursday</u> – July 23, 25, 30 Aug 1, 6, 8, 13, 15 12U Green Ball class from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. 14U & High School Yellow Ball class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Adult Tennis Lessons from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #220601C2 Program #220601D2 Program #220601F2

* Lessons the weeks of July 29 and August 12 will be held at the Tennis and Fitness Center of Rocky Hill.

Parks and Recreation Team Tennis

Park and Recreation Team Tennis (PRTT) is a recreational team tennis league designed to give kids the opportunity to play team tennis, and learn skills associated with the sport, develop sportsmanship, and fair play. Winning is an important goal, but it is not the sole purpose of the Team Tennis program. Matches will be held on either Wednesday evenings or Saturday Mornings. There will be three home matches at Berlin High School and three away matches at other Park and Rec programs in the Greater Hartford Area. This program is coordinated by USTA.

Dates/Times: Six matches throughout the summer season. Exact dates TBA.

Location: Home matches are at BHS. Away matches TBA.

Fee: \$75 per participant **Program #220601T**

There will be 3 divisions of coed play, the divisions will be as follows.

- Entering grades 3/4/5 - cannot turn 12 prior to 9/1/2024 - will play team matches using the orange tennis ball
- Entering grades 6/7/8 - cannot turn 14 prior to 9/1/2024 - will play team matches using the green tennis ball
- Entering grades 9/10/11/12 (high school) - cannot turn 18 9/1/2024 will use the yellow tennis ball. The high school division will have two levels of competition based on the level of play.

[Painting w/Peggy classes held at the Berlin Community Center](#)

Painting w/Peggy – Program is for K- 5th grade. Children will create at least 10 paintings on canvas with step by step instructions led by Peggy Loehr, Art Teacher and Painter. Just drop off your child and pick them up at the designated time. Please provide a smock as we will be using acrylic paint that does not readily wash out of clothing. The same paintings will be done for each session but different for each week. Fee includes cost for materials. **Fee for each session is \$80 for residents and \$90 for non-residents.**



Session 1A Program #220401A	June 24-28	10-11 a.m.
1B Program #220401B	June 24-28	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Session 2A Program #2204012A	July 15-19	10-11 a.m.
2B Program #2204012B	July 15-19	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Session 3A Program #2204013A	July 29-Aug 2	10-11 a.m.
3B Program #2204013B	July 29-Aug 2	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Around the World Adventures – for just completed grades K-5. Join Peggy, Dawn and Chloe as this program will take the participants on adventures to learn about other continents and cultures without leaving the room. We will do crafts and activities, play games, read storybooks and even learn some words in other languages! Please provide a snack, water bottle and smock, paint used does not readily wash out of clothing. This program will be held at the Berlin Community Center Monday-Thursday August 12-15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee is \$155 for residents and \$165 for non-residents.

Program #220402A

[SUMMER FUN at THE CREEK](#) – All weeks are currently full, including waitlists.

[JR. COUNSELORS](#) – The Parks and Recreation Summer Fun at The Creek (Pistol Creek), is accepting applications, starting May 6, for Berlin residents who are between 13-15 years old by June 17, 2024 who would like to assist program supervisors as a Jr. Counselor. All previous Jr. Counselors must reapply, if you are still interested. **A limited number of Jr. Counselors will be accepted each week and will not be guaranteed a spot every week all summer.** Preference will be given to applicants who can commit to a full week at a time. The summer program will run from June 17 until August 2. Deadline to apply is **Friday, May 24**. All applicants will be interviewed. Once accepted, you must attend orientation on June 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center and you will be told which weeks you get. We will register you for those weeks, and you can log into your household and pay the fees. **The fee is \$100 per week - fee includes field trips/special events.** Jr. Counselors can also register for before and after care - \$50 per week and \$40 for the weeks of June 17 and July 1.

SKYHAWKS CAMPS –Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Skyhawks Sports Academy, is offering the following camps. You can find information and register online at www.skyhawks.com or www.berlinct.gov
Multi-Sports Tots, Mini-Hawk, Multi-Sport, and STEM Soccer camps will be held at Hubbard Field/School
Volleyball will be held at Berlin High School. Basketball camp is FULL!
Participants should wear appropriate clothing, sneakers and sunscreen; bring a water bottle and two snacks

Multi-Sport Tots – Ages 2-4 – Introduce your little superstar to sports in our most popular program! This basketball and soccer class uses age appropriate activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development. **Parent participation required for ages 2-3.5 years.** Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, June 17-June 21*. The fee is \$79 for residents and \$89 for non-residents. *No camp June 19.



Rookies, Age 2	9-9:45 a.m.	Program #224920C2
All Stars, Age 3	10-10:45 a.m.	Program #224920C3
Legends, Age 4	11a.m.-12 p.m.	Program #224920C4

Evening Multi-Sport Tots All-Stars - will be held for 3-4 year olds the week of July 15-18, Monday through Thursday from 5-5:45 p.m. Friday will be used as a rain make-up day. The fee for residents is \$75 and \$85 for non-residents. **Program #224920CN**

Multi-Sport Camp (Baseball, basketball, flag football, & soccer) – Ages 7-12 – Our multi-sport camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials of each sport through skill-based games and scrimmages. By the end of the week your child will walk away with knowledge of multiple sports along with vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork and self-discipline. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, June 17-June 21* from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The fee is \$155 for residents and \$165 for non-residents. *No camp June 19. **Program #224920E**

Mini-Hawk Camp– (Baseball, basketball, & soccer) Ages 4-6 – This multi-sport program gives children a positive first step into athletics. The essentials of each sport are taught in a safe, structured environment with lots of encouragement and a focus on fun. All games and activities are designed to allow campers to explore balance, movement, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, June 17-June 21* from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The fee is \$135 for residents and \$145 for non-residents. *No camp June 19. **Program #224920B**

Evening Mini-Hawk Camp will be held for 5-7 year olds the week of July 15-18, Monday through Thursday, from 6-7 p.m. Friday will be used as a rain make-up day. The fee for residents is \$79 and \$89 for non-residents. **Program #224920BN**

STEM & Play: Soccer Camp – Ages 7-12 – This program combines strategic STEM-based activities with traditional Skyhawks soccer instruction and a focus on life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. STEM Sports® soccer curriculum gives students the opportunity to get behind the sport they love with modules of soccer ball design, throw-in science, angles, goal-line technology! Participants will also learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, dribbling and defense through skill-based drills and scrimmages. Skyhawks puts the Sports in STEM. Participants should wear appropriate clothing, soccer shoes (or comfortable athletic shoes) and sunscreen and bring a water bottle and two snacks. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday-Friday, July 8-12 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The fee is \$145 for residents and \$155 for non-residents. **Program #224920D**

Volleyball Camp – Ages 10-14 – Skyhawks Volleyball takes the energy and excitement of this great team sport and puts it all together into one fun-filled program. All aspects of the game are taught through drills and exercises that focus on bumping, setting, spiking, hitting and serving. This program is designed for the beginning to the intermediate player. Participants receive a t-shirt. Camp will be Monday-Friday, July 22-July 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Berlin High School B gym. The fee is \$165 for residents and \$175 for non-residents. **Program #224920F**

ADULT CLASSES

Line Dancing - for adults 18 and older. Learn Shivers, Crank It Up, I Like This, Watermelon Crawl, Fireball and so much more! Prepare yourself to go out dancing and you will find that you do less sitting and more dancing as you'll know many of the line dances that are being done now. Amy Perales is the instructor. Classes will be held at the Berlin Community Center. We are currently taking registration for residents and non-residents. Classes will be held on six Tuesdays from June 18-July 23. Fee is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents for each session. There are two sessions **Program #234501A1** for the 5-5:45 p.m. session or **Program #234501A2** for the 6-6:45 p.m. session.

Yoga – for adults 18 and older. Take time to unwind and learn how to de-stress with yoga classes lead by Melissa Urrunaga. Please bring your own yoga mat. We will be offering three sessions of three classes on Thursdays at the Berlin Community Center. Fee is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents for each session.

June 6, 13, 20	7-8 p.m.	Program #234301A
July 11, 18, 25	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Program #234301B
August 8, 15, 22	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Program #234301C

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Instructor is John Jalbert, Professional Dog Trainer

Both classes are held at the former Pistol Creek Golf Course, 600 Spruce Brook Rd, Berlin.

Each class will be 50 minutes and run for 7 weeks. When registering, please include your dogs breed, name and age in the roster notes section, this information is very helpful for the instructor to have ahead of time. We will discuss leashes, collars, what should and should not be done. You will learn the first two commands of sit and heel. **All** participants must provide a copy of their dog's latest veterinary visit showing all inoculations. Dog handlers should be at least 16 years of age. Maximum of 12 students per class.



Beginner Basic Obedience – The class is for all dogs over 2 ½ months old. Your dog will learn the basic commands of sit, heel, down, stay, leave it, turns and come. Learn how to praise, correct and discipline your dog properly. **First class is held without dogs and is mandatory.** Fee \$135 for residents and \$145 for non-residents. Wednesdays June 12-July 24 from 6-6:50 p.m. **Program #265001A**

Intermediate Obedience – The class will build on basic obedience commands adding levels of difficulty and distractions. You will learn about reaction time with a command and move towards all verbal training. A goal of this class is to have the dogs off leash. Fee \$135 for residents and \$145 for non-residents. Wednesdays June 12-July 24 from 7-7:50 p.m. **Program #265001B**

PERSONAL EUPHORIA SUMMER VIRTUAL CLASSES

Classes will be held virtually through Zoom. A link will be emailed to you once you register for the class. All participants are required to complete Personal Euphoria's Electronic Waiver - www.personaleuphoria.com. Anyone who does not complete the waiver may result in a \$150 fee. If you experience technical issues, please contact Personal Euphoria's IT Department at (860)-266-6885 ext. 9950 (Monday-Friday from 7:30a.m.-8p.m.). The Parks & Recreation will provide a make-up code for each session to send out to participants. When participants register for one or more classes with Personal Euphoria they get two free on-demand workouts. You can use them if you miss a class or for an extra workout. They will be good until the end of the session you are enrolled in.

Pilates - Exercises focus on the core muscles which include the abs, back, glutes and shoulders. We work to create balance and strength in your trunk and loose, limber limbs. Pilates strives to make you strong and long while improving balance, coordination and posture. Every part of the body gets worked and you'll discover muscles you never knew you had. Please have a mat, water, a green (or medium weight) flex band, and a 7.5-9 inch stability ball. The fee for residents is \$55 and \$65 for non-residents. **Program #232001B**

15 minute HIIT – Short on time? This workout is for you. Backed by research that shows short bouts of intense exercise can be as effective as longer more moderate workouts, this class makes it easy to fit exercise in your schedule. This class will have a short warm up and cool down, and in-between we will be working intensely with fun, full body moves. Modifications will be given so that you can work at the right pace for you. Plan to leave feeling energized. The fee for residents is \$25 and \$35 for non-residents. **Program #232001F**

Core Strength - This functionally, fun class provides a complete workout that will help tone and reshape your body. You will use light weights, bands and your own body weight to improve strength, flexibility, balance and stamina to sculpt and tone. Have a yoga mat, water, and light weights. The fee for residents is \$55 and \$65 for non-residents. **Program #232001A**

Day	Dates	Class	Time	Instructor
Tuesday	July 9-August 20	Pilates	6-6:45 p.m.	Rob
Wednesday	July 10-August 21	15 minute HIIT	8:15-8:30 a.m.	Maggie
Thursday	July 11-August 22	Core Strength	6-6:45 p.m.	Rob

