



*Somerset County
Park Commission*

SOMERSET COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

Therapeutic Recreation 2023 Summer Programs Ages 15+



Please call 908-526-5650 if you would like your name taken off our email blast.



Therapeutic Recreation Department

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Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
2023 Spring Programs

Therapeutic Recreation (TR) is a cooperative effort between the Somerset County Park Commission and the following participating municipalities:

Bedminster	Manville
Bernards Township	Montgomery
Bernardsville	North Plainfield
Bound Brook	Raritan
Branchburg	Somerville
Bridgewater	South Bound Brook
Green Brook	Warren
Hillsborough	Watchung

The department provides year round recreation programs to individuals with developmental disabilities residing in participating municipalities. We encourage your input and suggestions. Not sure which program to register for? Please call the TR office. We are here to help you recreate!

POLICIES

Annual Information Form/Release & Waiver Form

In an effort to maintain current personal information about each participant, everyone must complete an annual information form. You are asked to complete it fully and return it to the TR office. Once each year, in January, we will ask you to update the form, and whenever you have new information (such as a new doctor or a change in medication) or have a change in medical status, we ask that you notify us immediately. Additionally, a current Release, Waiver and Participation Agreement Form must be on file.

Financial Assistance

Through the Somerset County Park Foundation, a scholarship/financial aid fund has been created for individuals who cannot pay the entire amount due for a program. To request assistance contact the TR Department to find out more information regarding this procedure and requirements. Minimum contribution will be required.

Payment Policy

All program fees are due when registration is submitted. If necessary, please discuss a possible payment schedule with the TR office. Failure to pay these fees can result in suspension from programs during a season. The participant and/or guardian is responsible for paying the entire program fee regardless of the participant's attendance. A fee may be charged for all returned checks.

Refund/Household Credit Request

The Somerset County Park Commission will refund registration fees due to illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances which makes participation in the program impossible, providing that prior to the start of the program notification is given to the TR Department. Refunds will be prorated in accordance with the number of sessions/classes attended and/or supplies/tickets already purchased. Furthermore, if we find the program requirements are not commensurate with the abilities of the registrant, a refund for the program will be given. A household credit for other reasons may be granted if the program has not yet begun and another program registrant enrolls. No refunds/credits for absences.

Canceled Programs

A minimum number of participants is required for each program. A program may be canceled if this number is not reached. A program reimbursement or credit will be issued. If a program is canceled because of unforeseen circumstances, you will be contacted as soon as possible, and a program credit or refund will be issued.

Closed Programs

If a program closes because we have reached maximum enrollment, your name will be put on a waiting list and you will be contacted if space becomes available.

Behavior

Participants who are physically or verbally abusive to themselves or others will be suspended from the program and participation in future programs will be limited.

Inclement Weather

If at all possible, TR staff will call your home if a program is canceled due to inclement weather. For further information, you may call the TR office for a recorded message.

Medication/Personal Needs

TR staff cannot administer medication. Participants must be able to meet their own personal needs and administer their own medication.

Groups

No more than two individuals from any one group residence may register for an activity that has limited slots available.

Other Policies

For safety reasons, no smoking will be permitted during TR sponsored activities. Alcohol consumption is forbidden during programs. Registration is not transferable. No participant substitutions will be allowed.

REGISTRATION POLICY

Registration will be accepted beginning on the date specified below. Registration is accepted in the following ways:

- **Registration is online and will open on Monday, June 5 at 10:00am.**
- If you do not have a computer to utilize for online registration, please call the TR office prior to June 5 to discuss your options.
- **You may register for 3 programs and (1) special program.**
- **No email registration accepted.**
- Registrations received prior to the specified date & time will not be accepted.

Please visit our website to review our policies and procedures as well as information regarding the TR registration process.



PLEASE NOTE TRANSPORTATION IS NOT BEING OFFERED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Location: All programs are held at North Branch Park, TR Activity Center, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, unless otherwise noted.

Pick-up/Drop-off Policy

This policy applies to all programs offered by the department. Participants will be given one (1) warning per calendar year and allowed one (1) offense per year.

- A. Individuals dropped off early and picked up late at program location for special programs and trips will be assessed a penalty of \$10.00 per fifteen (15) minutes after a (15) minute grace period.
- B. Individuals who are dropped off directly at a program site may be dropped off no more than 5 minutes before the start of program. Those individuals dropped off early will be assessed a penalty fee of \$10.00 per (15) fifteen minutes. Individuals picked up late at a program site will be assessed the same penalty as stated in A.
- C. After the first offense, individuals will be charged a higher rate.
- D. Abuse of the policy will result in suspension from the program.
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Different Person Pick-Up

If someone other than the parent/guardian or group home staff will be picking up a participant at the conclusion of the program advance written notification **MUST** be given to the TR staff.

If you have any questions about these policies, or if you cannot attend the day's program or event, please call the TR office.

ADULT PROGRAMS, AGES 15 AND OLDER

OUTDOOR GAMES (99144)

Ready, set, go! Challenge your friends to a night of outdoor games. Enjoy some traditional ones and learn some new ones.

Date: Wednesday, July 26

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Fee: 20.00



YOU CAN DRAW (99145)

Explore the art of drawing. Bring your creativity to this program. If you can draw a line (it doesn't need to be straight) you can draw a picture.

Date: Tuesday, August 1

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Fee: \$30.00



SUNSET WALK (99146)

Being outside is our favorite parts of the summer. We will enjoy the sites and sounds of the summer while getting fit at the same time.

Date: Wednesday, August 2

Location: Duke Island Park
Old York Road, Bridgewater

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Fee: \$18.00



KICKBALL (99147)

Last year this was one of our favorite summer programs. See which team will come out on top or will their be a tie!

Date: Thursday, August 3

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Fee: \$20.00



BEYOND THE CANVAS (99148)

This program will focus on color beyond the canvas. Tie-dye and salt painting will allow us to be as creative as we can be.

Date: Tuesday, August 8

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Fee: \$30.00



FAIR FUN (99149)

Treats, animals, and fun are what this evening is all about. We will venture around the 4-H Fair at North Branch Park where you will have the opportunity to purchase a special treat! **You may only pick one session.** Please bring extra money for a snack!

Session I: Wednesday, August 9

Session II: Thursday, August 10

Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Fee: \$20.00



SPECIALS

COOKING WITH STYLE (99150)

Bring your appetite and creative cooking skills. We are heading to a cooking studio at Barry's Appliance in Bridgewater. We will meet Chef Barbara, a classically trained chef with 30 years of experience. Come learn some new cooking techniques while making delicious empanadas. No cooking experience needed.

Date: Thursday, July 27

Time: 7:00 - 8:30pm

Location: Barry's Appliance
565 Union Ave, Bridgewater

Fee: \$35.00



SOMERSET PATRIOT'S GAME (99151)

Spend a fun-filled summer evening with us at the TD Bank Ballpark. It's batter up for the Somerset Patriots, as they take on the Bowie Baysox from Maryland, affiliated of the Baltimore Orioles'. The night will end with an amazing firework display! **Please bring extra money for a snack and souvenirs. More information will be sent.**

Date: Friday, July 28

Time: 6:15 - 10:00pm




Location: TD Bank Ballpark,
860 E Main St., Bridgewater
**(We will meet at the Target
Parking lot across the street)**

Fee: \$35.00





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23	24	25	26 Outdoor Games	27 Cooking 	28 Patriots Ball Game 	29
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 You Can Draw	2 Sunset Walk	3 Kickball	4	4
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