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*Half Day Camps/shorter day (Check hours in description)

Redding Park and Recreation is pleased to be able to offer a variety of camps for summer 2024! Our goals for this summer’s camps include creating safe memorable experiences that bring people together.

At camp we value friendship, personal growth, respect for others, diversity, fitness, trying new things, fun and safety. All Park and Recreation programs are open and accessible to all. We will make any reasonable accommodation to address the special needs of our participants.

Did you know if you sign up for a half day specialty camp held at the RCC and you can come to Day Camp too? Well, you can! Just sign up for both camps and receive 25% off the Day Camp fee. Park and Recreation staff members will escort your child to and from their camps. The registration form must be submitted to the Park and Recreation office directly in order for the discount to be applied.

Counselors

The single most important person responsible for making your child’s summer camp experience a special one is his/her camp counselor. Our counselors understand how important the summer camp experience is for your child; many of them are former campers! They take part in a staff orientation and safety training prior to the start of camp where our camp goals and expectations are clarified.

Important Registration Information

You may register online up until the Wednesday before you start camp and in person up to Thursday before camp at the Park and Recreation office by 5pm. You must provide all necessary forms when registering the Thursday before camp in the office.

Attending RES Summer Academy?

If you are attending the Summer Academy, you can also register your child for Day Camp! We will coordinate with Academy staff to pick up your child for the afternoon portion of Day Camp on M-TH and full camp day on Friday! The camp fee is reduced by 25%. The registration form must be submitted to the Park and Recreation office directly in order for the discount to be applied. Please be sure to list on your child’s registration form the weeks they will attend RES summer Academy.
Redding Day Camp

6/24/24-8/9/24

Our Day Camp is for campers entering grades K – 6th grade and is located on the Redding Elementary School (RES) Campus, will follow weekly theme-based activities. Campers will enjoy a variety of fun activities including arts and crafts, sports, games, and our visits to Topstone Park to explore nature and go swimming!

*NEW for 2024 – Grades 3 through 6 will have one field trip per week (TBA). A special event/activity will be held for K-2 campers each week.

The daily activities calendar is still being finalized and will be announced soon! Campers are scheduled to travel by school bus at least two times per week for recreational swimming, weather permitting. (Schedule/theme weeks subject to change).

Director: Michelle Waring
Co-Director: Kayla Alterio

Camp hours: 9:00am-3:30pm.

Camp fee:
Grades: Entering K-2 $245.00 per week
Grades: Entering 3-6 $270.00 per week

Sibling Discount
10% off SAME week of Day Camp Only
*Discount applies to the lower price camp when grades are different.

Weekly Themes
Week 1 Land Before Time
Week 2 Stars & Stripes
Week 3 Out to Sea
Week 4 Science Mania
Week 5 Olympic Week
Week 6 Animal Adventures
Week 7 Carnival Week

Extended Hours

Regular camp hours for most camps are 9:00-3:30pm. Our full-day camps offer extended hours for those who need it from 8:00 AM and until 5:00PM each day. The cost is $5.00 and $8.00, respectively. Extended hours are for children in grades K- sixth grade and only during the seven weeks of Day Camp. Fill out the separate green “Camp Extended Hours” form no later than the Wednesday before your camp week starts to guarantee your spot.

Please note: A late pick-up fee of $20 for every part of fifteen minutes you are late will be charged for extended camp hours.

Travel Camp

Week 1 7/8 -7/12
Week 2 7/15 – 7/19
Week 3 7/29 – 8/2
Week 4 8/5 – 8/9

We are thrilled to offer four action packed weeks of Travel Camp this summer for campers entering 6th – 10th grade. Grab your friends and come along for the ride as we travel to exciting new adventures each day of the week.

Our camp hours vary slightly based on how far away our destination is. Morning drop-off times are different each morning, usually between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. Pick-up times may also vary; however, we ask families to plan for us to arrive back in Redding after 4:00 PM most afternoons. Morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up times will be announced prior to the start of camp.

Sibling Discount – 10% off of SAME week of Travel Camp only.

Travel Camp is a fun filled, exciting camp that heads to one or multiple crowded & high energy locations each day. Our bus rides are filled with games, socialization, and movies (on coach buses). Campers are responsible for following directions, staying with their group, keeping track of their belongings, always acting appropriately, and having respect for others and their belongings. Travel Camp allows middle school and high school students a chance to be independent and grow as a responsible young person while having a new experience every day. Look for waivers, specific info for each week, and updates on the Park and Recreation website.

Weather related changes may have to be made at the last minute, so please be prepared, and understand that some days we will need to be flexible.

Camp Director – Jaime Bairaktaris, “Mr. B”

Fee: $490.00 per week

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: TRAVEL CAMP REQUIRES A HIGH LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY AND MATURITY ON THE PART OF THE CAMPER.
Travel Camp Itineraries
(subject to change)

Week 1
Monday, July 8  Beach/Water Day Westport
Tuesday, July 9  Brownstone Adventure Park
Wednesday, July 10  Six Flags New England
Thursday, July 11  Mets Game
Friday, July 12  Lake Compounce

Week 2
Monday, July 15  Beach/Water Day - Westport
Tuesday, July 16  Brownstone Adventure Park
Wednesday, July 17  A Day on Broadway/
                     Mystic
Thursday, July 18  The Intrepid + The Beast Speedboat
Friday, July 19  Splashdown Beach

Week 3
Monday, July 29  Beach/Water Day - Westport
Tuesday, July 30  Brownstone Adventure Park
Wednesday, July 31  Six Flags New England
Thursday, August 1  Museum of Natural History + Central Park
Friday, August 2  Playland Park

Week 4
Monday, August 5  Beach/Water Day - Westport
Tuesday, August 6  Brownstone Adventure Park
Wednesday, August 7  Mystic Seaport + Downtown Mystic
Thursday, August 8  The Spy Museum + Central Park Zoo
Friday, August 9  Lake Compounce Amusment & Water Park

You can find more information on the Travel Camp website: sites.google.com/view/reddingtravelcamp/

Intro to Martial Arts Camp

Grades: 3-9  7/8-7/12  12:30-3:30PM
Grades: 3-9  8/19-8/23  12:30-3:30PM

Students will learn basic kicks, strikes, blocks and self-defense moves. Learn how to break a board!
This intro to martial arts will incorporate fun summer games. Master “Sensei June” Fagan is a 5th Degree
Black Belt in Kempo Karate.
She’s studied the martial arts for over 30 years and has trained in Isshinryu, Aikido, Kung Fu, Tai-Chi,
and Qi Gong.

Location: RCC Gym.
Fee: $180.00

CAS Community Soccer Camp
Full and Half Day options

Ages: 5-7  8/5-8/9  9:00am-10:30am
Ages: 8-14  8/5-8/9  9:00am-12:00pm
Ages: 8-14  8/5-8/9  9:00am-3:00pm

CAS Community Camps focus on creating a fun,
learning environment while fostering a love for the
game through skill acquisition, conditioned practices,
and small-sided games. Community Camp Themes
are Ball Mastery (fakes, moves, and turns), Passing
and Receiving, Dribbling & Moving with the Ball,
Shooting & Finishing and Worlds Games and
Tournaments. Each camper will receive a CAS Dri-fit
jersey& soccer ball.

Location: RCC Field 2 – rain location – RCC gym
Fee:
9:00am-10:30am - $132.00
9:00am-12:00pm - $174.00
9:00am-3:00pm - $228.00

Fairfield County Tennis Camp LLC

Ages: 3-4  6/24-6/27  9:00am-9:30am
Ages: 5-16  6/24-6/27  9:30am-12:30pm

Ages: 3-4  7/8-7/11  9:00am-9:30am
Ages: 5-16  7/8-7/11  9:30am-12:30pm

Ages: 3-4  7/22-7/26  9:00am-9:30am
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Ages: 3-4  8/5-8/8  9:00am-9:30am
Ages: 5-16  8/5-8/8  9:30am-12:30pm

Campers will be split into groups by age and ability.
Each camper will learn a different stroke each day.
This camp includes instruction on the forehand,
backhand, serve, and volley in game situations.
Bring your own racquet or racquets are available for
sale through instructors. Children should bring a nut-
free snack to camp each day.

Location: RES Tennis Courts.
Fee: PeeWee $65.00
     Juniors  $195.00

*This camp is held Monday through Thursday.
Friday is used as a rain date.
Junior Chef Camp

Grades: 3-8  7/8-7/11  9:00am – 12:00pm
Grades: 3-8  7/15-7/18  9:00am – 12:00pm

This small group of children will explore and create a wide variety of fun foods to prepare and sample. Besides being involved in several actual cooking projects, participants will learn about food safety issues, take home all recipes, and personalize their own chef’s apron. Children who love to eat and create are welcome! Junior Chef Camp is not appropriate for children with serious food sensitivities. *Either session can be made nut-free upon written request at time of registration.
The camp is supervised by Mary Jo Dix, Director of Park & Rec’s Extended Day program. She has over 30 years of catering experience and is a Certified Food Safety Manager.

Location: RCC Multi-Purpose Room & Kitchen
Fee: $195.00
*Camp is held Monday – Thursday

Paint, Draw & More! – Art Camp

Ages: 5-13  7/8-7/12  9:00am-3:00pm
Ages: 5-13  7/15-7/19  9:00am-3:00pm

It’s time for summer art! Paint, Draw & More! allows students to express creativity while learning technical skills, which helps build self-esteem through artistic accomplishments. Whether students continue in the arts or choose another path, this creative development will enhance intellectual growth and understanding of math, history, and the sciences. Each day consists of creating a variety of art projects, including some or all of the following: drawing, painting, mask making, sculpture, puppet making, bookmaking, cartooning, collage, printmaking, fiber arts and group projects. Indoor and outdoor activities will depend on the weather.

Students will be grouped according to grade level. Students will have snack time and a lunch break, play art games with plenty of outdoor fun time. Please provide a nut-free lunch, snack & a drink each day. Please send your children to camp in ‘art’ clothes or provide a smock.

Location: Georgetown School of the Arts – 25 Old Mill Rd. Redding
Fee: $375.00
(All materials are included in the program fee).

LEGOb CAMPS

Animal Adventures with LEGO®

Ages: 5-7  6/24-6/28  9:00am-12:00pm

Let your imagination run wild with tens of thousands of LEGO® parts as we design and build leaping dolphins, buzzing beehives, and towering giraffes. Play, create, and learn in a world inspired by the animal kingdom.

Location: RCC Gym
Fee: $160.00

Minecraft Master Engineering using LEGO®

Ages: 7-12  6/24-6/28  1:00pm-4:00pm

Bring your favorite Minecraft adventures to life with our enthusiastic Play-Well instructors. In a Minecraft world powered by LEGO® resources, we will build shelters to keep out creepers, craft mystical items that only true masters can wield, and perfect our crossbow skills to stop the Wither from taking over! If you can imagine it, we can build it!

Location: RCC Gym
Fee: $160.00

STEM FUNdamentals with LEGO® Materials

Ages: 5-7  7/22-7/26  9:00am-12:00pm

Level up your engineering skills with Play-Well TEKnologies and tens of thousands of LEGO® parts! Apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering, and architecture through engineer-designed projects. Projects are rotated seasonally to ensure that even returning students get a new experience, join us to design and build as never before and explore your craziest ideas.

Location: RCC Gym
Fee: $160.00

LEGOb Engineering Design Challenge

Ages: 7-12  7/22-7/26  1:00pm-4:00pm

Are you ready to up your engineering game? Our instructors will introduce mechanisms to get your gears turning; then, it’s your job to take it to the next level! Go head-to-head or work towards a new personal best as we get ready to apply real-world concepts to LEGO® challenges!

Location: RCC Gym
Fee: $160.00
Skyhawks Multi Sports and Games

Ages: 7-12  7/29 - 8/2  9:00am-3:00pm

Skyhawks provides a wide variety of fun, safe and positive programs that emphasize critical lessons in sports and life, such as teamwork, respect, and sportsmanship. Our programs are designed to give each child a positive introduction into sports while fostering a lifelong love for a healthy lifestyle. For this camp, our patient and knowledgeable staff use a variety of skill-building games and activities to give each athlete a complete understanding and overview of many different popular sports and games. Sports and games include capture the flag, soccer, ultimate frisbee, basketball, kickball, baseball, 4 square, flag football, team handball and many more. Kids will play 2-4 different games/sports each day.

Location: RCC Field
Fee: $219.00

Mini Hawk Multi Sports and Games

Ages: 5-6  7/29 - 8/2  9:00am-12:00pm

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Sports are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through exciting games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace.

Location: RCC Field
Fee: $159.00

Mini Hawk T-Ball Camp

Ages: 2's  7/1-7/3  9:00am – 9:45am
Ages: 3-4  7/1-7/3  10:00am – 10:45am
Ages: 5-6  7/1-7/3  11:00am – 11:45am

This program teaches America’s greatest pastime in a fun, non-competitive environment. Participants will learn throwing, catching, and hitting skills through mini games and drills. Each class will conclude with a T-ball scrimmage.

Location: RCC Baseball field
Fee is $75.00

Mini Hawk Golf Camp

Ages: 5-8  8/12 – 8/16  9:00am – 12:00pm

Skyhawks Beginning Golf is powered by Payne Stewart Golf Experiences, the recommended entry-level golf program for PGA Junior Golf Camps. The unique, games-based play program and modified learning equipment make it easier for kids to hit the ball and experience early success. Putting, chipping, pitching and full swing, are all taught through games, simple repetitive motions and learning rhymes that make it easy for young kids to remember and repeat. Specially designed, age-appropriate golf equipment is provided.

Location: RCC Field
Fee: $159.00

MVP Baseball Camp

Ages: 7-13  7/29-8/2  9:00am-12:00pm

This camp helps players develop hand-eye coordination, throwing, catching, and batting skills through different drills, baseball mini games and scrimmages. Participants also learn the rules and strategies of the game of baseball. As the class progresses and players become more developed the advanced concepts of hitting, throwing, fielding, and base running are taught. This camp is taught by former college and high school baseball players and coaches.

Location: RCC baseball field
Fee: $180.00

MVP Basketball Camp

Ages: 7-13  8/12-8/16  9:00am-12:00pm

Join the MVP Sports team as we take it to the rim! This basketball camp is focused on fundamental basketball instruction including dribbling, passing, and shooting. Participants will be able to practice what they’ve learned in various fun basketball mini games and scrimmages during the camp.

Location: RCC gym
Fee: $180.00
**Pickleball Camp**

**Grades:** 3-6  
7/15-7/19  
9:00am -12:00pm

**Grades:** 6-9  
7/15-7/19  
1:00pm - 4:00pm

 Come learn and play the fastest growing sport in America. Pickleball is a combination of tennis, ping pong, and badminton and is played on a smaller sized court. If your child loves racquet sports, fast-paced action, or would enjoy learning a new sport, come try this exciting camp. This camp is taught by HK Rook, a certified Pickleball instructor through international Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA). Wear Sneakers, comfortable clothing and bring water bottle. Paddles will be provided if you do not have one.

**Location:** RES Pickleball Courts.

**Fee:** $180.00

**Field Hockey Camp**

**Grades:** 3 – 5  
7/22 – 7/26  
9:00am – 12:00pm

 In this field hockey camp you will learn skills, play games, and have fun! All skill levels are welcome, whether you are just picking up a stick for the first time or have played for a few years. Camp will start with a fun warm up activity, we will then go to skills and drills, break for a snack, and end with a game or scrimmage. Campers will need to come prepared with a field hockey stick, mouth guard, shin guards, water, and a nut-free snack. Alison Kopec, our instructor, is a current collegiate field hockey player at Clark University and can't wait to work with your kids!

**Location:** RCC Field

**Fee:** $180

**Ultimate Frisbee Camp**

**Ages:** 6-17  
7/1-7/5  (no 7/4)  
9am-12pm

 The rapidly growing sport of ultimate frisbee is a fun, healthy, and collaborative activity for kids of all ages. As college ultimate players, we aspire to introduce kids to the basics of the game we know and love. We will teach our campers skills such as throwing, catching, and defense through a variety of drills and mini-games. Each day we will play a scrimmage where kids will have an opportunity to apply the skills they have learned. We will also have a daily miscellaneous activity such as kickball, wiffle ball, or soccer to develop athleticism and teamwork outside the game of ultimate frisbee. Campers should bring water, snacks, and cleats.

**Location:** RCC Field TBA

**Fee:** $176 “this camp is 4 days
IMPORTANT CAMP INFO:

**Registration**

A non-refundable deposit of $50 per camp ($100 for Travel Camp) per week holds your spot. Payment is due in full by June 6th for all sessions. After April 30th, 2024, only payment in full will be accepted.

If your child has any special needs or circumstances, please indicate that on the Camp Medical release form or contact the office. If your child needs to take medication while at camp, there are required Authorization to Administer Medicine forms on our website and at the office that we need to have at least 1 week prior to your child's first day at camp along with properly labeled medication.

Space is limited, so waiting to the last minute can also result in you being shut out. Registration will close on June 13th 5:00pm for Week 1 camp registrations. **The Wednesday prior to a session start date is the last day to register online. Thursday registrations are required to be done in the office by 5pm, with 100% of the completed required paperwork.**

**Refunds**

Camp fees (minus non-refundable deposit) are refundable up until the Monday before camp starts. Beginning the Tuesday before camp begins only 50% of the cost of camp will be credited. Switching camp weeks will result in a loss of deposits plus any other fees as per our refund policy. Once the camp week begins there will be no credit given for any reason. All credits are issued to the household account. Minor illnesses, homesickness or a change of parent’s plans are not sufficient grounds for credit.

For Travel Camp, refunds (less non-refundable deposit) will be issued only if your child withdraws from camp with at least 2 weeks’ notice. Less than 2 weeks will result in only a 50% credit. Less than 1 week’s cancellation will result in no refund/credit.

**General Information**

The camp will not assume responsibility for loss or damage of property brought to camp. Please mark all belongings with your child’s name so that we can try to get them back to you. Please DO NOT BRING valuables of any kind, personal toys, gum, handheld games, make-up, knives, collector cards and of course, CELL PHONES! Pictures taken at camp may be used in camp brochures, videos, slide shows, website and/or newspaper publicity unless advised otherwise in writing. If you do not want your child’s photograph to be used for publicity, please notify us in writing prior to the start of camp.

Campers are grouped by grades and sometimes subdivided. Camper placement will be at the discretion of the camp director. **Special requests are not guaranteed.** The camp experience is largely about making new friends.

Each camper should come to camp daily with a **nut free lunch**, snack, water bottle, bathing suit, sunscreen, towel, shirt, shorts, and sneakers. A light jacket or wind breaker on cool or wet days is highly recommended.

Campers whose behavior seriously interferes with the positive camp experience of other campers may be subject to dismissal, without a refund. Any use of drugs, alcohol, weapons, or tobacco will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from camp.

Children with special needs are welcome at our camps. Should your child require special accommodation, notify us in writing at the time of registration so we can make proper arrangements to help your child have a fun and safe camp experience.

**A Quick Recap:**

- Pay a $50 (non-refundable) deposit per week through April 30, 2024.
- **Travel Camp $100 (non-refundable deposit per week) through April 30, 2024.**
- Beginning May 1, 2024, all registrations must be paid in Full for each week of camp.
- Balance for all camps is due by June 6, 2024. Payments after 6/6/24 will incur a $25 late fee per camper/camp.
- **The Wednesday prior to a session start date is the last day to register online. Thursday registrations are required to be done in the office by 5pm, with 100% of the proper paperwork.**
- All camper paperwork MUST be submitted to Park and Recreation no later than one week before your child starts camp. No camper will be permitted to attend without the proper paperwork.

**Additional Fees & info:**

- Sibling Discount – 10% off from SAME week of Day Camp and Travel Camp. (Discount applies to the lower camp fee)
- Non-residents registration will begin on April 1st, 2024.
- A late pick-up fee of $20 for every part of fifteen minutes you are late will be charged to your household account and a bill will be sent home.