

# LOCAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

## WESTPORT CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**Note to parents:** Continuing Education offers many different programs for all children. Students in elementary school can bring lunch and stay for lunch bunch and afternoon programs. If determined at a PPT, the Westport School District will work alongside Continuing Ed to place students that qualify, into these programs, and an aide may be provided.

### Programs for Elementary School

[https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes\\_Elementary.asp](https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes_Elementary.asp)

### Programs for Middle School

[https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes\\_MiddleSchool.asp](https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes_MiddleSchool.asp)

### Programs for High School

[https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes\\_HighSchool.asp](https://www.westportsummerschool.com/CourseCatalog/Classes_HighSchool.asp)

## WESTPORT PARKS AND RECREATION

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**Note to parents:** Inclusive camp, 1:1 aide (high school or college student) provided at NO extra charge. Aide can be exclusively for child or can be assigned to a group as a whole. Camp is entirely outdoors. Before registering it is recommended that you talk to Cindy Palaia. Registration starts on March 13th.

### Tot n Play

For children ages 3 and 4, children ages 5 may sign up for Week 1 and 2

This exciting and action-packed camp is located at Burying Hill Beach.

This summer, we're offering NEW activities, special guests, and will have access to an INDOOR facility in case of inclement weather.

Campers will work with Integrated Sports Training's pro-staff and be introduced to different sports and activities, play games, participate in arts & crafts, and more! Each week focuses on a fun theme, which will connect the activities and arts & crafts for that week. Our structured, action-packed program allows plenty of room for creative individuality and varying ability levels in a non-competitive environment. Tot'n Play is run by Sara Holland, owner of Kids Sports Zone and Growing Tree Yoga.

<http://www.westportct.gov/index.aspx?page=259>

## Camp Compo

For children entering grades K through 4 in Sept, 2017

Camp Compo is happy to offer seven, one week sessions.. A spectacular summer camp program, Camp Compo offers children a variety of activities throughout the summer. The camp specializes in offering a well-balanced core of activities daily that includes arts and crafts, sports, games, yoga, beach and playground time. Camp Compo offers every camper the chance to be creative and explore their imagination while making new friends and enjoying a positive camp experience. Several different special events will highlight each week as well. Each camper must bring their own lunch and several drinks for the day plus towel, bathing suit and water shoes. Severe inclement weather will cause the camp to cancel for the day or shut down if the program is already in progress. There are no group placement requests accepted.

<http://www.westportct.gov/index.aspx?page=258>

## RECing Crew

For children entering grades 5 to 8 in Sept. 2017

RECing Crew offers middle school children a variety of activities throughout the summer. During each week long session, the camp goes on two field trips to different local entertainment places and attractions. Every Friday is spent at Longshore Club Park where campers may take part in a variety of planned recreational games and activities, including a time for swimming in the in-ground public pool. RECing Crew will make its home base at Coleytown Middle School where all campers will enjoy sports, games and special events when not traveling. On days of field trips, pick-up times may vary and will be noted in the parental information guide. Each camper must bring their own lunch, several drinks for the day and a bathing suit and towel when attending on days of water activity. Depending on the day and the field trip, inclement weather will cause the camp to stay at the school for the day.

<http://www.westportct.gov/index.aspx?page=260>

## **WESTPORT ARTS CENTER**

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### Special Arts

This high-quality arts program is designed for students of differing and special needs who might need additional attention in the classroom. This course offers insight into artistic processes and techniques while promoting self-awareness and self-esteem through projects, fostering critical thinking and creative innovation through adaptive methods. \*When registering, please be sure to include a description of your child's specific needs and any learning or behavioral techniques that work best for them. We can accommodate a limited number of parent-provided 1-on-1 aides for students who require one.

**JUNE 26 – JUNE 30**

**4PM TO 5PM**

## EARTHPLACE

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**Note to parents: Our committee recently spoke to Earthplace, This is an inclusive camp, Earthplace will provide a counselor/aide if required, at no extra charge. Camp includes indoor spaces for severe weather. Younger age groups use both indoor and outdoor spaces. Before registering please contact Camp directors Ameer Borys or Becky Newman to discuss your child's needs.**

### Summer is a great time for nature exploration and discovery at Earthplace!

At Earthplace Summer Camp, we welcome campers of all abilities from age 2-15 divided into eight age groups including Counselors in Training. All enjoy an unspoiled natural setting—on the trails, by the pond, in the fields or under the shade of our pine grove. Camps run in weekly sessions from mid-June through mid-August.

- Hands-on experiences with our resident animals under the guidance of trained naturalists
- Every class has a rotating nature-based activities so each week is sure to be a new and exciting experience for even the most frequent camper
- Counselors trained in CPR, First Aid & Medication Administration and we have a nurse on staff daily

To register please visit: [earthplace.org/page/welcometosummercamp](http://earthplace.org/page/welcometosummercamp)

For more information, or to discuss your child's needs, don't hesitate to contact our camp director, Becky Newman, at [b.newman@earthplace.org](mailto:b.newman@earthplace.org) or 203.557.4400 ext.107.

## ZANIAC

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**Note to parents: Inclusive camp, Zaniac is an inclusive camp. They do not provide 1:1 aide but will work with you on other accommodations such as smaller class size. Please contact Zaniac to discuss your child's needs.**

### Grades K-2 (half day or full day)

Robotics, Engineering, Computer Programming, Minecraft, Math and Chess camps available!

### Grades 3-5 (half day or full day)

Popular camps include Minecraft, Advanced Robotics, GarageBand, Modding, Coding, 3D Printing, App Creation, Math and Chess!

### Grades 6-8 (half day or full day)

Challenging and fun camps like 3D Game Design, Fashion Design, Python & Java Coding, Chess for Experts, Advanced Robotics and Advanced Electronics!

## WESTPORT Y

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**Note to parents: Inclusive camp, 1:1 aide (high school or college student) provided at NO extra charge. Aide can be exclusively for child or can be assigned to a group as a whole. Camp is entirely outdoors. Before registering it is recommended that you talk to Meg George.**

### Camp Mahackeno

Camp Mahackeno offers our campers a chance to experience a traditional outdoor summer camp close to home. Kids are encouraged to try new things, have fun, make new friends and be silly. Don't be surprised if you find yourself getting caught up in the stories and humming our camp songs.

#### SPECIAL CARES

This group is for campers in grades K-5th who need a 1:1 aide at camp. Campers in the Special Cares program will be provided their own counselor who will help them navigate the camp day. Our Special Cares Counselors are high school and college students who have experience and/or interest in working with children with special needs. We also welcome trained para professionals if your school continues to provide them during the summer.

If you have questions about whether or not YMCA Camp Mahackeno is right for your child, please contact Meg George, Director of Camp and Family Services at (203) 226-8981 x 119, [mgeorge@westporty.org](mailto:mgeorge@westporty.org). Please note that spaces are limited.

### YMCA Camp Hafaday

FOR AGES 4-8

Monday-Friday - 8:30 am-12:30 pm

YMCA Camp Hafaday is a first and foremost a "learn to swim" summer program. During their time at Hafaday, our campers will improve their swimming ability and their knowledge of water safety. YMCA Camp Hafaday runs primarily inside the YMCA Bedford Family Center, using our indoor pool, gymnasium and meeting room. Campers also have the opportunity to go outside for activities and nature walks. YMCA Camp Hafaday is arranged into 4 co-ed groups based on your camper's age. The program consists of ten 1-week sessions. Each Friday, parents are invited to observe their child's swim lesson and to see their progress firsthand!

## WILTON Y

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**Note to parents: See Special Needs below. Wilton Y also offers a CIT program.**

### Camp Gordyland

"Make Friends, Make Memories and Make a Difference"

Welcome to Camp Gordyland! Our camp directors dedicate year-round planning and collectively have over 100+ years of camp experience to ensure our campers learn life-lasting skills and foster friendships in

a safe environment. Our camp sits on 22 acres where we enjoy a 50 meter pool, 25 yard indoor pool, pond, mini-golf course, ropes course/climbing wall, 2 ball fields, fishing area, archery range and more!

## **SPECIAL NEEDS**

Camp Gordyland is an all-inclusive camp. We take every step to ensure that all children have the opportunity to experience a fun-filled camp day. If your child needs additional support from a one-on-one staff member (paraprofessional), please contact Chris Foley, Special Needs Director @ 203-762-8384x207. Families will work closely with the Special Needs Director to make sure both your family's and Camp Gordyland's expectations are met. Campers will be assigned to a group and work with their paraprofessional who will have the flexibility to modify activities to meet the child's needs. Camp Gordyland reserves the right to deem if a camper requires additional support throughout the camp day. At this time, the Special Needs Director will contact the family to discuss a proper plan.

## **PILOT HOUSE**

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**Note to parents: This is a special needs camp with good student to staff ratio.**

### **Camp Fun in the Sun**

Come and enjoy a great summer filled with fun and exciting activities for all ages and abilities at The Pilot House Summer Camp. Each camper is placed in a group according to his/her age and ability ages 4-16. We provide a favorable camper to staff ratio (1:5). Campers will participate in various activities rotating throughout the day.

Activities include: Sports & Games, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Baking, Photography, Yoga and more! Each Friday we have a special outing day: bowling, dance party, field trip, or a BBQ in our field with a giant waterslide, slip and slide, blow up basketball game and more!

For dates and prices – <https://www.thepilothouse.org/summer-camp-2017/>

### **Counselor In Training Program**

Our Counselor in Training program offers young adults the opportunity to learn team building, leadership skills, and how to work with peers, while gaining self confidence and independence in a supportive environment. CITs are integrated into the camp program and receive hands-on training working with an experienced staff. Each week they will work with a different group and will assist with activities.

Ages 17-25.

<https://www.thepilothouse.org/young-adults-summer-counselor/>

### **Summer Equestrian Program**

Summer Riding : The Pilot House Community Farm offers an exceptional program for all levels of riders. Riders will learn the fundamentals of horsemanship in a safe and encouraging environment.

<https://www.thepilothouse.org/summer-riding-camp-2017/>