

Wellfleet Recreation Summer Program Parent Handbook 2026



Welcome & Program Basics

Welcome to Wellfleet Recreation Summer Program! Whether your family is returning this year or joining us for the first time we are excited to have your family with us this summer. This handbook will give you an idea of what to expect.

Mission Statement

The Town of Wellfleet Summer Recreation Program is dedicated to providing a safe and comfortable environment in which children are encouraged to try new activities and games with their peers, and in the process, strengthen their social skills, self-esteem and leadership potential through physical, social, fun and educational activities.

What should campers bring each day?

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen (please note we cannot apply it. Please apply in the morning and remind them to reapply)
- Snack and lunch if they do not want the Food-4-Kids lunches and snacks provided
- Wearing comfortable athletic shoes that they can run in
- A hat & sunglasses
- **Bathing suit, towel and water-ready shoes. PLEASE NOTE: This is an important one! We are outside all day in the summer heat and we need to let the kids cool off. If they do not have swim gear, we will not stop them from playing in water, and their shoes and clothes will likely get wet.**

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO BRING TOYS OR TRADING CARDS TO CAMP. CELL PHONES MUST REMAIN IN THEIR BACKPACKS OR WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICE UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY.

Contacting Charity Robinson (and other staff) Outside of Business Hours

I welcome and encourage parents to contact me at any time with an urgent, time-sensitive matter or emergency. Please refrain from texting or calling me during non-work hours for matters that can be discussed at work the next day such as questions about schedules, field trips, etc. Please respect that it's my personal cell and time. This applies to contacting all leadership staff as well.

Emergency Procedures

- **Inclement Weather Plan:** In the event of rain during after the day has started, campers will meet under the pavilion. If rain persists, or if there is thunder and lightning, parents will be contacted by text and email to pick up the campers immediately. When we know in advance that it will rain, we often will transfer to the elementary school. You will be notified by text. If you have not been advised by 8:30 that we are going to elementary school we are planning to still go to Baker's
- **Head Injuries:** We are required to report all head injuries to EMS. Once EMS has been contacted, the parent or guardian will also be contacted. EMS will want to speak with you over the phone and in many cases will require you come to Baker's Field.

Wellfleet Summer Recreation Dates and Hours of Operation

The Summer Recreation Program for 2026 begins on Monday, June 29 and runs through Friday, August 14th. The standard program runs from 9 A.M. until 12 noon and our Afternoon Program, commonly referred to as “After Rec” from 12:00 to 3:00, Monday through Friday, for seven weeks.

- Drop-off begins at 8:50.
- Please park your vehicle at Mayo Beach and escort your child across the crosswalk and approach their head counselor in front of the building to check them in. PLEASE NOTE: **Beginning this summer there is a new crosswalk that leads into the grass area at Baker’s Field. Please utilize that entrance and not cross the street into the parking lot.** Your child will then place their backpacks and lunch boxes on a table behind the stage (pavilion) in their designated section.
- Snacks and lunch are provided by Food-4-Kids. Campers are also welcome to bring food from home if they prefer, or particularly if they have food allergies or aversions
- Pick-up is between 11:45 and 12:00
- Afternoon Program begins at 12:00 and ends at 3:00
- Pick up is any time in the afternoon prior to 3:00, but if you know you have to pick your child up early please let their head counselor know so that we can try to be sure they are nearby when you arrive
- Gull Pond swimming is offered one day per week to any Afternoon Program Attendees who signed up for it during registration. The swim schedule will be posted by Monday, June 29th. If your child attends after-rec, they must have been registered for this option.

Field Trips & Special Events

We have a great many fun trips and special events planned for this summer! I have attached a list of the schedule. There will also be some special events at After-Rec. The dates for those will be published soon and sometimes as they are added.

We request that you bring cash to pay for field trips. We *can* take a check if necessary, but it hinders payment for the trip upon our arrival at the facility.

Please note that we do offer field trip scholarships for qualifying families. If you require one for your child(ren) please let the person taking the field trip sign-ups know, or, if you are more comfortable, you can email Assistant Recreation Director & Summer Program Director Charity Robinson at Charity.Robinson@wellfleet-ma.gov.

If you would like to donate to our field trip or any other scholarships, please visit Wellfleetrec.com where you will find a donations section under our Programs.

Please do not send extra money with your child on any field trip unless we specify it is ok to do so. Currently the only trips we allow campers to bring money for food, ice cream, etc., are the Whale Watch and the Wicked Waves Water Park. We do not visit gift shops and don’t want imbalanced play time at arcades, etc. This year, we will not have Food-4-Kids lunches available at Wicked Waves Water Park. Children can purchase lunch on site or bring a lunch from home. If your child needs lunch provided, we have vouchers available.

Bullying Definition, Policies and Procedures

The Summer Recreation Program is a safe and friendly environment for children and counselors alike. Bullying or harassment of any type will not be tolerated. Our goal is to teach the children to blend into a cohesive & cooperative group. We will be stressing acceptance of all participants and staff in our program, and we will not allow put-downs, threats or taunting behavior. Please be highly sensitive to any harassment or bullying that may be taking place in your age group. Bullying is defined as the repeated use by one or more students of a written, verbal, or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at a victim that:

- ☐ Causes physical or emotional harm to the victim or damage to the victim's property
- ☐ Places the victim in reasonable fear of harm to himself or of damage to his property
- ☐ Creates a hostile environment for the victim
- ☐ Infringes on the rights of the victim
- ☐ Materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school
- ☐ For the purposes of this section, bullying shall include cyber bullying.

MGL: Chapter 92, Section 5

Bullying often takes the form of verbal harassment which is usually said quietly out of ear shot of a counselor. At its worse, bullying and/or harassment could escalate into a fist fight. If counselors are vigilant in supervising their respective age groups, the likelihood of this happening will be minimized.

Camper Discipline Procedure

Please see the attached copy of our Behavior Contract which you read and signed while registering your child. For the enjoyment and safety of all campers, we ask that attendees be respectful to staff and peers and to adhere to rules. All incidents regarding breaking should be fully documented in a discipline report. Campers will be held under a strict 3-strike policy:

- First offense: Counselor gives verbal warning to camper and advises Lead Counselor. Parents are advised at end of day.
- Second offense: Camper will sit out of activity by Lead Counselor who will advise Director Charity Robinson to determine if parents should be called to pick camper up.
- Third offense: Camper will be brought to Director Charity Robinson. Parents will be called to pick child up, and suspension or discharge may be issued at the discrepancy of the Wellfleet Recreation Department.

Campers MUST:

- Respect staff and peers
- Stay with their assigned groups at all times
- Listen to their counselors at all times

Campers MUST NOT:

- Hit, fight, or put their hands on anyone in a disrespectful manner
- Swear or use inappropriate language
- Touch or take anyone else's personal belongings without permission
- **Bring toys to camp unless they are participating in a scheduled show and tell**
- Damage camp equipment or facilities
- Go in the parking lot or leave their group until they are checked out by an authorized adult.
- Campers found to be constantly uncooperative and/or responsible for endangering the well-being of another camper or staff member will not be allowed to continue in our program.

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Participant Behavior Contract

Good sportsmanship is a mandate of the Recreation Program. All players are expected to behave in a reasonable and civilized manner while participating in an activity, and to not take away from the enjoyment of participation for their teammates and coaches.

If the behavior of a participant, either verbal or physical, disrupts practices and games, the coach or activity leader will contact the Recreation Director or Assistant Director. The Recreation Department will investigate the issue and respond appropriately. If a "Strike" is issued, that stays on record for one year. Any child who receives 3 strikes in a year's time may be suspended from participation or excused from the program entirely. **The Recreation Director or Assistant Director may determine suspension or exclusion from the program is appropriate on the first offense depending on the level of the behavior.** In the case of physical violence or egregious language, the participant will at minimum be asked to sit out the remainder of the current practice/game **and will be ineligible to play in the next scheduled game.**

Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to, fighting, hitting, name-calling, bullying, disrespect to others, refusal to follow directions, use of profanity, racist or derogatory language.

By registering for a program, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agreed to the above policies. I have made behavioral expectations clear to my child.

In Closing...

The Wellfleet Recreation Summer Staff and I are so looking forward to working with your children! We assure you that our two main goals are to keep kids safe and having fun. Thank you for choosing us to be part of your summer. Now let's have some FUN!!



WELLFLEET REC 2026

SPECIAL DATES

7/3 - AMAZIN' GAMIN' OF CAPE COD
REGULAR CAMP HOURS AT BAKERS FIELD (LASER TAG, VIDEO GAMES, ETC.)
\$15 PER CAMPER

7/10 - WELLFLEET CINEMAS
9:00 AM DROP OFF AT WELLFLEET CINEMA
11:45 PICK-UP AT WELLFLEET CINEMAS
AFTER-REC CAMPERS WILL GO BY BUS BACK TO BAKER'S, FFK AVAILABLE AT BAKER'S
NO MORNING CAMP AVAILABLE AT BAKERS
\$ PER CAMPER

7/17 - RYANS AMUSEMENTS BOWLING & AIR PARK
8:30 AM DROP OFF,
3:00 PICK-UP AT BAKER'S
\$45 PER CAMPER INCLUDES \$12 FOR ARCADE. PLEASE DO NOT SEND \$\$ ON TRIP

7/16 - WOA FARM TOUR - MAYO BEACH
REGULAR HOURS KIDS WILL BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF SHELLFISH BEDS WITH WOA
PLEASE BRING EXTRA SHOES THAT CAN GET WET/MUDDY
FREE

7/24 - CHARLES MOORE ARENA - ICE SKATING RINK
9:00 AM DROP OFF AT CMA 11:45 AM PICK UP AT CMA
AFTER-REC CAMPERS WILL GO BY BUS BACK TO BAKERS, FFK AT BAKERS, NO MORNING REC AT BAKERS
\$5 PER CAMPER

7/31 - WATER & INFLATABLE FUN DAY
MARCONI & LECOUNT ONLY: BAKERS FIELD FUN DAY (INFLATABLES, WATER PLAY, AND MORE) REGULAR DROP OFF TIME, PICKUP ANYTIME BETWEEN 12-3.
\$10 PER CAMPER
CAHOON & NEWCOMB ONLY: WICKED WAVES WATERPARK, W. YARMOUTH. 8:30 AM DROP OFF, 3:00 PM PICKUP AT BAKERS FIELD. CAN BRING \$ FOR FOOD. NO ARCADE. PLEASE DON'T WEAR CAMP SHIRTS. **\$45 PER CAMPER**

8/4 FAMILY WHALE WATCH - DOLPHIN FLEET
9:00 AM DROP OFF AT MACMILLAN WHARF. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
CAMP STILL IN SESSION THIS DAY
PRICING WILL BE UPDATED ASAP

8/7 - COLOR WARS
A FUN, "LEGENDARY", REC EVENT! DETAILS TO COME!
FREE!

8/12 - TALENT SHOW
CAMPERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR AMAZING TALENTS! START PRACTICING!
FREE!

8/13 - GEOGRAPHY SHOW WITH NEAL NICHOLS
SPECIAL PRESENTATION JUST FOR REC KIDS
FREE!

DONT FORGET CAMP SHIRTS FOR ALL FIELD TRIPS AND LAST DAY CELEBRATION!

8/14 - LAST DAY JAMBOREE
REGULAR CAMP HOURS AT BAKERS FIELD, WATER PLAY, BOUNCY HOUSES, GAMES, COOKOUTS, T-SHIRT SIGNING, AND LOTS OF FUN AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER!
\$10



Scholarships always available for families. If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please see wellfleetrec.com and go to donations under programs.