

KINGSTON SPRINGS PARKS & RECREATION

SUMMER DAY CAMP

JULY 17-21

AGES 6-8

JULY 24-28

AGES 9-12

FISHING HIKING CANOEING GAMES ARTS & CRAFTS
PLANT, ANIMAL & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

KINGSTON SPRINGS PARKS SUMMER DAY CAMP

Kingston Springs Parks summer day camp is designed to be an introduction to outdoor adventure activities. Activities will be moderately physical and challenging, geared towards learning new ways to enjoy the outdoors environment. All activities are planned to ensure that campers are inspired and develop a deeper respect for nature and the environment.

LOCATION – Campers will start the day on the 95 acres at L.L. Burns Park in Kingston Springs. For some of the activities during the day they will walk to City Park, which is less than 100 yards away. Campers will be picked up in the afternoon at L.L. Burns Park.

STAFF – Camp staff will be directed by the Town's Parks & Recreation Director, Brandy Miniati. She will be directly involved in the camp sessions on a daily basis and has a background in children's programming. Please direct any inquiries or questions to her at (615) 952-9885. She will oversee the Camp Counselors whose backgrounds are children based and will have experience in outdoor activities. Additional support staff will come from the regular full and part-time staff of the Town of Kingston Springs.

ACTIVITIES – Fishing, hiking, pitching a tent, fort building, creek play, canoeing, plant and animal identification, outdoor cooking, arts, crafts and more. The days will be enriched with special visits from guests and teachers. Rain won't stop the outdoor fun, unless it's thundering and lightening. Activities will then move into the Burns Park Activity Center for a day of games and crafts.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

FEES

Each session is \$250 (6-8 Years) and \$300 (9-12 Years) per camper for the 5-day camp.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

Camp registration begins on March 1, 2023 for all camps. To reserve a spot please use the following link.

[Town of Kingston Springs Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp \(myrec.com\)](https://myrec.com)

Session I (6-8 years) – July 17-21 \$150.00 deposit and balance due by June 30th, 2023

Session II (9-12 years) – July 19 – 23 \$150.00 deposit and balance due by June 30th, 2023

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Cancellations made before the registration deadline of June 1st are subject to a full refund less a \$40 processing fee. Cancellations made after June 1st and up to three weeks prior to the start of camp will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be issued to for cancellations made less than three weeks prior to the start of the session. There are no refunds for absences or rainy days.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Kingston Springs Parks Summer Camp reserves the right to change or cancel programs as necessary.

ILLNESS POLICY

Do not send a sick child to camp. A sick camper will be sent home if he has a fever, is vomiting, or is weak and cannot participate in activities. We do not have the facilities or staff to care for sick campers.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

Disruptive children will be given a fair opportunity to change their behavior and continue to participate in the camp group. Campers who will not cooperate with counselor's instructions regarding behavior or who are consistently and intentionally disruptive will be removed from the camp group and the parents will be called to pick up the child. At that point, a determination will be made by the camp administration, whether a disruptive camper will be allowed to return to camp. In the event that the camper is dismissed, all fees are forfeited and non-refundable.

- There is a no tolerance policy for physical or verbal abuse of other campers and staff.
- Profanity is unacceptable.
- Destruction of city property or another camper's property is prohibited.

MEDICATIONS

The camp director will be prepared to administer medications that are prescribed by a physician that are taken by mouth. Injections will not be administered. Parents are welcome to come to camp and administer those injections or to make arrangements to have a caretaker perform the injection. Please discuss this with camp administration PRIOR to registering for camp. Epi-pens will be allowed for self-injection by campers.

- Medications to be administered should be sent in daily with the camper and given to the counselor upon arriving each morning.
- Medication must be in appropriate, prescribed bottle/packaging and should contain no more than a one-day supply.
- Epi-pens must also be turned in daily.

- No over the counter pills will be administered without a letter or prescription from the child's physician, except in the case of an allergic reaction where Benadryl is determined to be needed by a first responder.
- Campers may not be in possession of ANY medication during camp hours or after-care.

CELL PHONE, IPAD, MP3'S ETC.

We want the campers to spend their time enjoying their outdoor experience and feel that social calling and texting can wait until camp is over. Campers may bring their cell phones to camp. However, they must leave them stored in their backpacks. They may check their phone during snack breaks and lunch for calls or messages from parents. Social calling or texting will not be allowed. Violations of the policy will result in the counselor taking the device from the child until camp is over for the day. Kingston Springs Parks and the Town of Kingston Springs will not be responsible for any lost or damaged personal items.

RAINY DAYS

A warm summer shower with no thunder or lightning will not necessarily stop camp activities. Some activities may be moved to the pavilions or the activity center. Some activities may proceed in the rain. In the event of a potentially dangerous storm campers will be relocated to the Activity Center or City Hall until the threat passes.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

WHAT SHOULD THE CAMPER BRING IN THEIR BACKPACK?

- Lunch, beverages will be provided.
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- A refillable water bottle to keep filled for drinking purposes throughout the day.
- A bath or beach towel.
- Change of clothes
- Extra pair of shoes for water play
- A lightweight rain poncho

WHAT'S THE APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR A DAY AT CAMP?

- Shorts or capris and t-shirts are suggested for most of the day.
- Old, comfortable shoes suitable for hiking or playing in the water. Campers are not encouraged to go barefoot. A separate pair of "river shoes" may be used, such as crocs or another old pair of tennis shoes.
- A hat of some kind is encouraged.
- A lightweight rain poncho in case of showers.

WHAT IS PROVIDED?

- Beverages – lots of water will be available. A Gatorade or soft drink will be provided only at lunch.
- Snacks – a variety of fruit, crackers and chips will be available for snack time.
- Fishing equipment
- River equipment including life jackets for boating, craft supplies, camping and gardening equipment.
- The last day of camp lunch will be provided.

CAN MY CHILD BRING HIS OWN FISHING POLE AND TACKLE BOX?

It is not necessary for your camper to bring fishing gear it will be provided.

CAN I STAY WITH MY CHILD?

We do not encourage parents to stay only because this is a good opportunity for a child to learn social skills with other children and feel some independence. However, if you feel that your child needs your presence, we welcome you to stay. Parents that do stay must be willing to help counselors and campers throughout the day.

WHAT IF MY CHILD CANNOT SWIM?

Campers who cannot swim will be allowed to use the Splashpad facility during the time set up for water activities as it does not require any swimming skills.

ARE BACKGROUND CHECKS PREFORMED ON EMPLOYEES?

All employees will have had a background screening through the Kingston Springs Police Department.

WILL COUNSELORS BE WILLING TO ADMINISTER MY CHILD'S REQUIRED MEDICATION?

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HOW WILL EMERGENCIES BE HANDLED?

Employees of the Kingston Springs Public Safety Department who are medical first responders or EMT's will be readily available to address any and all emergencies. Kingston Springs Firefighters are also available medical responders. The County ambulance service is located just a few miles from the camp location.

WHAT IS THE RATIO OF ADULTS TO CAMPERS?

Minimally 1:5 but there will be times that it will be 2:5, such as during water activities.