

GENERAL INFORMATION

Six (6) one week sessions for children ages 8-14. Each week will be a different theme and consist of a variety of hands-on activities including but not limited to arts and crafts, sports and games, science, swimming, and cooking activities. Each week will include an off-site trip and a special guest. The program is designed to encourage the development of recreation skills through the participation in a variety of activities. Only 15 children will be accepted into the program. Attendees must be able to function in a group setting of 15 participants to 3 staff. All participants must be independent in all areas of personal care and toilet trained. Program is structured and designed for children with a learning disability, Asperger's Syndrome, high functioning autism or a mild/moderate Intellectual disability.

Anyone new to the TR department will require an assessment by the TR staff and it may be required for anyone that does not regularly participate in the TR programs. Transportation is not provided.

An extended day program is available before and after hours at an additional cost but must be contracted for prior to the beginning of the program. *Minimum number required for the extended day program..*

Please call 908 526-5650 for additional information. Individuals with a hearing or speech impairment, please use the relay service @ 711.

FEES

Per weekly session

Participating Municipality	\$175.00
Non-Participating Municipality	\$250.00
Out-of-County (as of May 1, 2020)	\$332.50

HOURS

9:00 am-3:00pm

STAFF

A fulltime TR Program Coordinator will lead the program and will be assisted by Recreation assistants who are minimally 18 years of age.

LOCATION

Summer Explorations will be held at the TR Activity Center, North Branch Park, 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ

TR MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE

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

Proof of eligibility for Special Education Services and a copy of your child's IEP may be requested. Final acceptance into the program is at the discretion of TR Staff.

DONATIONS

Many children are in need of assistance to enable them to attend Summer Explorations. A scholarship fund has been established by the Somerset County Park Foundation. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please contact the TR office for more information.

Somerset County Park Commission

Therapeutic Recreation Department



**A Summer Day Program
For Children with
Learning Disabilities,
Aspergers Syndrome,
High Functioning Autism or a
Mild Intellectual Disability
(ages 8-14)**



www.somersetcountyparks.org

SUMMER EXPLORATIONS APPLICATION
(Please Print)

Child's Name _____ Birth Date _____
Street Address _____ Town _____ Zip Code _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Municipality _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____ Child's Disability _____

I am interested in: Enchanted Earth Big Top Adventures Inventors Workshop Game On Space is the Place Mission Impossible
Additionally, I am interested in: Payment Plan* Financial Assistance Extended day program
* Payment plan option is only available if registering for 4 or more weeks

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card Check Cash (exact change) If paying by credit card, you can fax your application to 908 429-5508.
Card number _____ Expiration Date CVV2 No. (security code) _____
Signature _____ Date _____

You must submit this application with your \$175.00 deposit.

SESSIONS

Enchanted Earth

June 29-July 2 (No program July 3)

We will explore a variety of facets about the Earth from gardening to wild weather, creepy bugs, recycling, and going green. Trip is to the Trenton Museum for a workshop and a visit to the planetarium.

Big Top Adventures

July 6-July 10

Step right up! The circus is a fun place for everyone! You will be amazed by all the fun we will have learning circus skills from balancing, juggling, spinning, and more as well have a spectacular time learning about circus animals. The fun continues as we participate in circus/carnival activities such as arts and crafts, spin art, and sand art. Trip is to the Mount Olive Carnival.

Inventors Workshop

July 13-July 17

We live in a world of fantastic and wonderful inventions. Learn to think outside the box as you come explore the most important inventions and inventors and discover how they transformed the world! Test your creativity at this crafty camp! Create your own games, musical instruments, a green screen movie clip with Tony Kennette, and more! Technology will be explored. Trip is to the Da Vinci Science Center.

Game On

July 20-July 24

How many games can we fit into a week? Participants will play familiar games from Foursquare to tag and learn new games as well. We will build our skills playing a variety of sports including soccer, tennis, and baseball. The Somerset Patriots will visit us to teach us baseball skills and have lunch with all the participants! Games happen inside too when we try our hand at a variety of board games and also learn how to create a new game electronically! Trip is to YESTERCades.

Space is the Place

July 27-July 31

Science meets space exploration. Did you ever wonder what outer space was like? Here at mission control we will learn what it takes to be an astronaut. From creating our own solar oven and moon rocks, cooking using the power of the sun, learning how to make astronaut ice cream, to participating in fun space-themed games as well as making and launching our own rockets, it will be a week of exciting adventures in space. There are many other fun activities planned this week. Trip is to Monster Mini Golf and our guest is Mad Science.

Mission Impossible

August 3-August 7

Do you think you have what it takes to be a spy? This program features fun-filled, hands-on, secret agent-themed science activities that allow kids to play detective, explore forensic science, sharpen their surveillance skills, and crack encrypted messages. Join us this week for some mysteries, fun and games. Trip is to Gravity Vault.

REGISTRATION

Please complete the attached application form and submit it with a non-refundable **\$175.00** deposit. Deposit will only be returned if the TR staff finds your child ineligible or if there are no spaces available.

Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, if space is available, by mail, walk in or fax between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. No email or phone registration will be accepted. The fax machine is in a public area and it is HIGHLY recommended that you fax only during the hours listed above.

Visit our website @www.somersetcountyparks.org.

If paying by check please make your check payable to Somerset County Park Commission.

Somerset County Park Commission
TR Department
P. O. Box 5327
North Branch, NJ 08876

Applications must include a \$175.00 deposit.

Upon receipt of application and deposit, you will be sent a registration packet. Financial aid may be available to eligible families who reside in Somerset County.

All applicants are screened for appropriateness. This program is not appropriate for those with oppositional/defiant behavior and/or a history of aggression or a high likelihood of aggression.

It is the discretion of the TR staff to determine if your child is appropriate for the program in order for the experience to be fun and safe for all children and staff.

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