

Playground Camp 2026

June 29-July 31 (no camp July 3)

9am-3pm (for all campers)

Phoenixville Recreation Center

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<https://phoenixville.org/2759/Parks-Recreation>

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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp is Monday through Friday from 9 am-3 pm at the Phoenixville Recreation Center. **There is no supervision before 9 am!** Drop off and pick up will be curbside at the main entrance. Please pull into our parking lot at the Filmore Street entrance and form a car line along the building to the Main Entrance. You may exit on the Franklin side of the building. At dismissal, we will walk out as a group and dismiss to your vehicle in the car line. Please remember to be patient as we learn to recognize you and have your child dismissed. If your child needs assistance getting into the car or buckling into their seat, please park your car in the lot and walk to the entrance to pick up your child to not hold up the car line.

Our format will be similar to past years. Children will be split into groups according to their age. Each group will have an opportunity to work with all the counselors. We have a variety of activities planned, including outdoor games, crafts, and special assemblies. Each group will be on a rotating schedule so they can utilize all aspects of the camp activities. We encourage you to apply sunscreen before camp each day since part of every camper's day is spent outdoors.

Campers should bring a backpack with a refillable water bottle with them each day. We have access to a water fountain so we can refill it if necessary. We will take breaks for snack and lunch each day, campers are responsible for bringing their food for the day. It is recommended that snack/lunch be packed in an insulated lunch bag, as refrigeration is not available at camp. Bags should be labeled with your camper's name. We will eat snack and lunch outdoors unless the weather does not permit. Some campers like to have a beach towel to sit on during snack.

EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS

We have some special events and field trips scheduled throughout camp. A camp calendar will be emailed home with important events, and we will send weekly emails with reminders or special instructions. All campers are invited to participate in the field trips, but participation is not mandatory. If your family chooses not to participate in a field trip, it is your responsibility to make other arrangements for the day. Camp will not be held at the Recreation Center during the field trip.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is important that we have all necessary medical information concerning your child.

If your child has allergies that require medication (i.e. Epi Pen/Benadryl) please bring them in a gallon size plastic bag labeled with the child's name with instructions specific to your child. Your child will carry them in their backpack throughout the day. Please let staff know on the first day if they are carrying medications.

BEHAVIOR POLICIES

Camp is a place to have fun, play, and see friends each day. However, we occasionally encounter problems with discipline among campers. The Phoenixville Borough Recreation Department (PBRD) takes behavior issues very seriously and has protocols in place to handle misbehavior. Respectful interactions are always expected between campers and staff. Bullying, fighting, and inappropriate behavior/language will not be tolerated. Continual disregard for camp policies and procedures will not be tolerated. Camp staff will do their best to resolve issues and achieve a positive outcome for all involved. If a positive outcome cannot be achieved, PBRD reserves the right to suspend or dismiss the camper. Campers suspended or dismissed for behavior issues are not eligible for a refund.

Although campers will carry a backpack or bag to camp each day, we suggest that anything valuable be left at home. Phoenixville Recreation Department is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen property. The following are prohibited at camp:

- Electronics including CELL PHONES*, iPads/Kindles/tablets/video games/smart watches
- Cameras
- Knives or any type of weapons including toy guns

If one of these items is found at camp, the item will be confiscated and returned to his/her parent at the end of the day. These items are banned to eliminate any disruption or safety concerns that may arise from their use.

*It is recommended that cell phones are left at home. The site supervisor has access to a phone if parents need to be contacted. If you need to contact your child while they are at camp, you can use the contact numbers listed at the beginning of this email. If a child must bring a cell phone, it MUST remain in the camper's backpack during camp hours.

REFUND POLICY

All refund requests must be made in writing (email acceptable) prior to the start of camp. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER THE START OF CAMP. There are no refunds on field trip payments.

If your child needs to leave camp early, please inform your directors so we can have your child ready for you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact:

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