



**Boys & Girls Club of Clifton**  
**Camp Clifton**

**2020**

**Summer**  
**CAMP**



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## About Camp Clifton

The Boys & Girls Club of Clifton's Camp Clifton Summer Program is a full day camp for members ages 6 – 14. **(1<sup>st</sup> grade verification on school letter head or a copy of the child's report card is required for campers 6 years of age.)** Sessions run for a one (1) week period and are limited to 240 children per session.

There are eight sessions from which to choose running from July 6<sup>th</sup> - August 28<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Summer sessions are as follows:

Session 1: July 6<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Session 2: July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>  
Session 3: July 20<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Session 4: July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

Session 5: August 3<sup>rd</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Session 6: August 10<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup>  
Session 7: August 17<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Session 8: August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 28<sup>th</sup>

Campers are placed into groups according to their age and will be assigned a designated group leader and aides. Throughout the day the group leader and aide schedule supervised programs for campers' participation.

Camp Clifton will operate on the schedule provided below:

8:15 AM – 10:00 AM	Curbside Drop-off Membership photo ID's required
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	General meeting and announcements Groups' formed and daily attendance taken
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM	Scheduled group activities Groups will rotate every Friday
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Preparation for curbside pick up Campers prepare for departure

**There will be NO extended services this camp season. Children must be dropped off to camp no earlier than 8:15am and no later than 10:00am. Children MUST be picked up by 5:30pm.**

- First offense for late pick up will result in a late fee of \$15.00 per 15 minutes after 5:30pm, payable upon pickup.
- A second offense will result in a \$30 fee per 15 minutes after 5:30pm, payable upon pickup.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> offense will result in a suspension of camp.

Lunch is provided at no cost **MONDAY – FRIDAY** for all campers through the Pomptonian Food Service. Lunch menus will be sent via the Remind App. If packing a lunch from home, please pack in a brown bag – no lunch boxes or backpacks allowed in camp. Please keep in mind we are a nut-free environment.

## **Camp Clifton Fees & Registration**

**C**ampers must be members of the Club and membership fees are non-refundable. **Campers must be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and a copy of your child's report card or letter on school letter head verifying current grade is required at sign up for campers 6 years old.** Pre-registration is required for all trips / activities, and will be on a first come first served basis.

There are a limited number of scholarships/reduced rates available for families who are income eligible. Families applying for scholarship/reduced rate must be residents of Clifton, meet the income eligibility guidelines and **must provide a photocopy of their 2019 Federal Tax Return claiming the child as a dependent.** Do not assume you will be granted a scholarship/reduced rate. Applicants will be notified if they are granted a scholarship/reduced rate.



**C**amp Clifton Program Fees ~ \$140.00 per week for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$126.00 per week each for additional child in the same household.

**M**embership Fee is \$40.00 for the first child and \$30.00 for each additional child in the same household

**S**cholarships (free), Reduced Rate (\$90.00 per week). Only Clifton residents may apply – **do not assume you qualify.** (You will be notified as scholarships / reduced rates are limited). **All applicants, including children currently receiving financial assistance for the After Care Program must re-apply – scholarships / reduced rates do not carry over from program to program.**



If applying for a scholarship or reduced rate you must provide the following to the Club at time of registration:

- Completed Summer Program Application (including immunization records) if the application is incomplete you will risk not being considered for assistance;
- **Attach a photo copy of 2019 Federal Income Tax Return claiming child as a dependent.**

## *Camp Clifton Records & Policies*

**S**ummer Program Refund Policy – once a session has started, no refunds will be granted. If your child becomes ill and is unable to attend camp for three or more consecutive days, the Club will consider a refund if the request is made in writing and is accompanied by a signed and dated medical note. The administrative fee will be waived if a medical note is submitted requesting the participant's withdrawal from the summer camp program. We will not under any circumstance, grant refunds for changes in family vacation, sport camp schedules or other personal reasons. However, if another slot is open, we will make every attempt to place your child in another camp session.

**I**mmunization Records–Camp Clifton's Summer Program is licensed by the State of New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Act Standards, which requires written health history for summer program participants. **The member's immunization history along with any known physical and/or mental condition must be completed and submitted by a parent, legal guardian or physician at the time of registration.**

**C**urbside **S**ign-Out Policy – Due to COVID-19 parents or visitors are not permitted into the building. We request that when you arrive to pick up your child, you call the Front Desk at (973) 773-2697 ext. 127 if your camper attends Camp at the Main Facility. If your child attends Camp at the Elks Lodge, please call (973) 473-9752. A staff member will sign out your child and walk them to you. **If you are unable to pick your child up on any given day, you must notify the Front Desk Assistant and provide the Club with a written note indicating the individual who will pick up your child.** Such individuals must provide identification. If you are going to be late picking up your child on a given day, please notify the Club. **There will be NO extended services this camp season. Children MUST be picked up by 5:30pm.**

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- A second offense will result in a \$30 fee per 15 minutes after 5:30pm, payable upon pickup.
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> offense will result in a suspension of camp.

**C**amp Shirt, and Sneakers (No wedged heels)– are **mandatory every day** for summer camp for the campers' safety. If your child does not wear his/her camp shirt, you will be required to purchase a new one (if available) for a cost of \$7.00. Replacement ID cards are \$5.00.

## *Camp Clifton - Safety First*



**H**Health and Safety ~ For the safety of all campers, the majority of staff are trained and certified by the Iron Hand Rescue / American Red Cross in AED, First Aid and CPR. Pool staff are certified Lifeguards and/or Water Safety Instructors. Pool lockers are available and are staffed by a locker room attendant.

**G**roup leaders and aides supervise all trips and outings and are required, when leaving the Club, to carry first aid kits along with a complete list of all campers' names and contact information, including emergency telephone numbers.

**I**n the event that a child becomes injured during camp, our trained staff will provide aid for the injured child in an appropriate and professional manner, including calling for emergency medical assistance if needed. All incidents will be documented and parents will be notified.

**C**urbside **D**rop-off~ due to **COVID-19** parents and camper(s) are required to remain in their cars. One of our intake staff will be required to do a health screening daily and taking the campers temperature before allowing the camper to attend camp for the day.

**S**ocial **D**istancing – we have re-vamped our Camp to implement social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Reducing the number of campers to 10 per class
- Sanitizing of the building throughout the day and Professionally cleaned at the end of the day
- Each camper will receive their own campers essential care box which includes; crayons, markers, scissors, colored pencils, glue, etc...
- Children will remain in their classrooms for the week
- Lunch will be in their classrooms
- Campers will be required to wear a mask when entering the building and in the common areas such as bathrooms and hallways
- Hand sanitizing will be required when entering the building and throughout the day
- Temperatures will be taken twice daily
- There will be virtual guest speakers and specialty classes such as science and Jr. Chef

**I**f a child becomes sick during the course of the day, parents will be notified to pick up their child. We ask that you **do not send sick children to camp**. Please make certain that we have your **correct phone numbers and emergency phone numbers on file**.

## *Camp Clifton Rules & Regulations*

For the safety of all campers, we request that you read and talk with your child about the rules and regulations of the Club. If your child ignores the rules and regulations on a regular basis, a suspension may be necessary.

- The Club will not tolerate any disrespect to staff or fellow campers, misuse of equipment, fighting, vulgar language, leaving the building, inappropriate touching, violence of any kind or damage to property etc.
- Facial Coverings must be worn every day when entering the building and in common areas.
- Campers are not permitted to wait at the front desk or outside the building to be picked up.
- Backpacks, lunchboxes and toys are not permitted in camp. We will permit campers to bring in one electronic device on Tuesdays if the parents allow. The Club will not be responsible for any electronic devices or personal items lost, stolen, or broken
- Campers are not allowed to share items (food, club equipment, personal items, etc..)
- **The Club is not permitted to administer any kind of medication to any child in the program.**
- We require that your child wear their **CAMP SHIRT** and **SNEAKERS** daily
- Running is not allowed in the hallways and/or in the classrooms.
- Campers are not allowed to use the lockers
- Campers are not allowed to utilize the Club telephone if it is not an emergency
- If the pool opens for camp, bathing caps must be worn in the swimming pool if your child's hair is below their chin and can be purchased for \$4. Goggles are also available for \$7.
- If the pool opens for camp - In order to swim in the deep end, your child must take a deep end water test and pay \$1. The test consists of one lap freestyle and one lap backstroke non-stop. If they lose or forget their bracelet, they will need to retake the swim test and pay the \$1 fee again. We reserve the right to re-test campers.

If these rules and regulations are not adhered to, the following actions will be taken:

- Group counselor/staff will talk with child and attempt to correct the problem;
- If the problem persists, the child will be placed on time out and required to complete a Thinking Plan
- A second occurrence will result in parent notification; and formulating a remediation plan
- Repeated occurrences will result in a parent/staff member conference to determine future actions, which may include suspension/removal from camp.

## *Camp Clifton Programs*



Campers are divided into groups according to grade and each group is assigned a group leader, aide, and possibly counselor in training. Campers participate in programs as part of their group on a daily schedule. A staff member is in charge of each program area. This establishes a child to staff ratio of approximately 10: 1. Staff and Group leaders are responsible for overseeing and conducting program activities. There are 24 groups into which campers will be divided. Approximately 10 campers will be assigned to each group:

*Canaries Blue Jays 1-4 Sparrows 1-3 Robins 1-3  
Cardinals 1-3 Hawks 1-3 Eagles 1-3 Falcons 1-3*

## *Camp Clifton Classrooms & Programs Areas*

*Gymnasium* – physical education activities, sports competitions and contests

*Game Room* – organized games, weekly contests and tournaments

*Media Room* – music, movies, coloring and board games

*Art Room* – arts and crafts, word games and projects

*Swimming Pool* – recreational swimming if allowed to open

*Board/Conference Room* – lunch, movies and table games

*Clifton Parks* – field games and playground if allowed to open

*Special Events* – shows, contests and races

*Learning Center* – computer activities

*Teen Center* – teen program activities – game room, television, stereo & lounge

*Elks Lodge* – classroom & activity space for the Canaries, Blue Jays 1 & 2



## *Camp Clifton Field Day & Spirit Day*

**I**f parks are allowed to open for camp - **A**s part of the daily program campers will attend park trips for one (1) hour each day. The Club transports the campers to Clifton area parks (Oakridge, Sperling or Robin Hood) for outdoor play.

Every Friday as a part of camp, the Club will be busing a designated group of campers over to Robinhood Park, in Clifton for an afternoon outing of recreational play to include: softball, kickball, track & field events, and much more. Campers will depart the Club at approximately 12:30 pm and return at approximately 4:30 pm. The following campers will attend on the dates below:

### CAMP SHIRT, SOCKS AND SNEAKERS ARE MANDATORY

*Canaries & Blue Jays - 7/10 & 8/7*

*Sparrows & Robins - 7/17 & 8/14*

*Cardinals & Hawks - 7/24*

*Eagles & Falcons - 7/31*

### Camp Spirit Days

Challenge Mondays, Tech Tuesdays, Spirit Day Wednesdays, Edible Art Thursdays & Fun Fridays

Challenge Mondays - The group that has the most campers that participate in challenges throughout the week will win a group prize consisting of: pizza/Chinese food/chicken nugget & fries party, ice cream social, etc...

*Canaries - Daisy*

*Blue Jays - Heather Blue*

*Sparrows - Sapphire*

*Robins - Orange*

*Cardinals - Red*

*Hawks - Gold*

*Eagles - Carolina Blue*

*Falcons - Cardinal Red*

**S**uper **H**ero **R**eward will consist of a group party for the group that has the most campers that complete weekly challenges, such as: social distancing, wearing a mask, completing tasks and or exhibits camper spirit. Pizza parties will take place on Fridays.



## *Camp Clifton Spirit*

**S**uper Hero Spirit Day will be every Wednesday. Wear your favorite super hero item such as socks, shorts, hats, sneakers or accessories. Campers cannot wear a super hero shirt – only camp shirts allowed

**S**uper Hero Camper Cards – campers who exhibit positive behavior will be awarded a Super Hero Camper Card that can be used for designated items at the Kids Café or for free camp items.

**G**roup Camper Pride– the group that shows the most camp pride via camp songs & chants, positive behavior, and overall group unity.

**V**irtual Talent Show – campers will have the opportunity to perform in the end of summer talent show.

**S**taff vs. Campers –will compete against each other in various challenges such as: pie/watermelon eating contest, trivia, dance etc.



# *Camp Clifton Summer Education Program*

**Summer Brain Gain** is Boys & Girls Club of America's summer learning initiative created to mitigate or reverse summer learning loss.

The **Summer Brain Gain** Program consists of six weeks of robust summer learning. Each day members spend 120 minutes of academic lead instruction performing engaging theme-based activities.

Project-based learning is the guiding instructional approach for the **Summer Brain Gain** curriculum. The approach establishes Club members as the drivers, and they are highly engaged in both learning and fun. Club professionals and activity leaders support, facilitate and guide these activities in a role more like mentor or coach, rather than a teacher.

**Summer Brain Gain** incorporates the following guiding principles:

- **Project-Based Learning Principles**-Youth engage in a process of learning through discovery, creative expression, group work toward a common goal, and a final project or production.
- **Learner-Centered Activities**-Focuses on the individual.
- **Mastery Programs**-Impart or transfer essential skills and knowledge; provides activities that meet the educational, emotional and physical needs of members ranging from early elementary school (grades 1-2), and upper elementary school (grades 3-5).
- **High-Yield Activities**-Impart fun with a purpose, reinforce and enhance knowledge and skills.
- **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Integration and Linkages**-Provide opportunities to reinforce reading, math, and writing skills through computer use and access to the Internet. Includes expanded learning opportunities incorporating STEAM.
- **Waterbotics**
- **LEGO Mindstorms**
- **Gardening**
- **Nutrition Sessions**



# *Camp Clifton Frequently Asked Questions*

Q: What happens if I am late picking up my child?

A: There will be NO extended services this camp season.

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Q: Does my child have to wear a facial covering/mask everyday

A: Facial covering/mask must be worn every day when entering the building and in common areas such as: bathrooms and hallways.

Q: Can I sign up for more sessions, if I originally only requested 1 or 2?

A: Yes. You must provide **written notice two weeks** prior and pay for the additional session requested at time of request.

Q: My child is in one group, but his/her friends are in another group. Can I change groups?

A: Due to COVID -19 we are not permitted to switch campers to different groups to prevent the spread of the disease.

Q: Does my child automatically go on trips scheduled during the sessions they are enrolled in?

A: No, you must pre-register for trips with the exception of group park trips, field day or movie day if your child's group wins spirit day.

Q: Why do you need my child's immunization (shot) record?

A: To maintain the Club's camp state license

Q: If the pool opens for camp season are swim lessons included in summer camp? And how will my child know to go to their lesson?

A: No. Swim lessons are a separate fee from camp and counselors will be provided a list of swimmers and campers will be sent to their lessons. Campers in the Canaries/ Blue Jays groups will be walked to and from the locker room.

Q: If other trips become available, how will I know there is an opening?

A: Available trips will be posted on the glass window as you exit the building

# Seahawks Swim Team

## Swim Tech Camp

This camp is dedicated to helping serious swimmers work on stroke development, conditioning and preparation for the upcoming swim team season. Swimmers will benefit from instructional videos and conditioning exercises. This camp is perfect for the competitive swimmer.

**Days/Times:** Daily Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Each day consists of 3 hours:

### Schedule

- Dry land in the gym 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Includes running, weight training & intense cardio. Come in your gym clothes and sneakers and meet the coach in the gym.
- Video 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Stroke development in the pool 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Prerequisite: Must have completed Level 6 in swim lessons, swim all 4 strokes that are acceptable for swim team, and must be able to do a flip turn in the water. Proper recommendation from head coach required.*

### Registration: TBA

Space limited to 20 children per week. First come, first serve basis! SIGN UP TODAY!!

<b>Week 1:</b> July 6 – 10	Freestyle
<b>Week 2:</b> July 13 – 17	Backstroke
<b>Week 3:</b> July 20 – 24	Butterfly
<b>Week 4:</b> July 27 – 31	Breaststroke
<b>Week 5:</b> August 3 – 7	Starts & Turns
<b>Week 6:</b> August 10 – 14	Freestyle/Backstroke
<b>Week 7:</b> August 17 – 21	Breaststroke/Butterfly
<b>Week 8:</b> August 24 – 28	Starts & Turns

**Fees:** \$85 per week 1st child and \$78 each additional child in same household plus membership.

*Summer Swim Tech Camp fees are non-refundable.*

# Important Numbers and Dates

## **Boys & Girls Club of Clifton**

**973-773-2697**

### **Administrative Office**

**973-773-0966/ 973-773-3103 (fax)**

Robert Foster, Executive Director	973-773-0966 x 119
Teresa Conroy, Business Administrator	973-773-0966 x 110
Joe Holmes, Director of Operations & HR	973-773-0966 x 121
Gregory Reinhold, Associate Director	973-773-0966 x 133
John DeGraaf, Resource and Dev. Director	973-773-0966 x 111
Paula J. Benjamin, Program Director	973-773-2697 x 147
Andrea Bracco Asst. Program Director	973-773-2697 x 149
John Rusnock, Athletic Coordinator	973-773-2697 x 130
Nahdira Artis, Teen Coordinator	973-773-2697 x 148
Debra M. Lesnick, Director of Education	973-773-2697 x 120
Joshua Tauber, IT Specialist	973-773-2697 x 117
Nadia Stavko, Aquatics Director	973-773-2697 x 131
Elly Simon, Aquatics Program Coordinator	973-773-2697 x 135
Mary Jo Anzaldi-Foster, Early Childhood Director	973-773-2697 x 143
Gingerbread House	973-773-2697 x 143
Amauris Peralta	973-773-2697 x 152

### **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

Club Vacation	June 27 <sup>th</sup> – July 5 <sup>th</sup>
Re-open for Pre-Registered Summer Day Camp	July 6 <sup>th</sup> – August 28 <sup>th</sup>
Registration for Fall Swim lessons	TBA – please see website
Registration for Before & After School Child Care Programs (New Applicants)	Monday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Club Vacation	August 29 <sup>th</sup> – Sept. 7 <sup>th</sup>
Early Childhood & After Care Program Re-Open	Monday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>