



Boys & Girls Club of Clifton
Camp Clifton

2022



SUMMER
CAMP

The word "SUMMER" is written in large, colorful, 3D block letters: S (green), U (yellow), M (pink), M (purple), E (blue), R (red). Below it, the word "CAMP" is written in large, black, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A smiling sun with sunglasses is positioned behind the letters.

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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. (1st 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 nine sessions from which to choose running from June 28th – August 27th. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Summer sessions are as follows:

Session 1: July 5th – July 8th
Session 2: July 11th – July 15th
Session 3: July 18th – July 22nd
Session 4: July 25th – July 29th

Session 5: August 1st – August 5th
Session 6: August 8th – August 12th
Session 7: August 15th – August 19th
Session 8: August 22nd – August 26th

Campers are placed into groups with a ratio of 20:1 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:

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Curbside Drop-off
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast
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
5:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Preparation for curbside pick up Campers prepare for departure

Children must be dropped off to camp no earlier than 8:30am 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 3rd offense will result in a suspension of camp.

Lunch and snack are 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 a cold lunch or hot lunch in a thermos. Staff are not permitted to heat up lunch for children. Please keep in mind we are a nut-free environment. If a camper is going on a trip lunch will be provided. If packing a lunch from home please pack in a plastic bag and we request you do not pack any glass containers or foods containing nuts.

Camp Clifton Fees & Registration

Campers must be members of the Club and membership fees are non-refundable.

Campers must be in 1st 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 2021 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.**



Camp Clifton Program Fees ~ \$140.00 per week for the 1st child and \$126.00 per week each for additional child in the same household.

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

Scholarships (free), Reduced Rate (\$90.00 per week must be paid in full by due date). 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 2021 Federal Income Tax Return claiming child as a dependent.**

Camp Clifton Records & Policies

Summer 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. If there is space in the group that your child was previously in we will do our best to accommodate.

Immunization 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.**

Curbside **S**ign-Out Policy – **parents or visitors are not permitted into the Elks or Club buildings.** If your camper attends camp at the main facility our Outtake staff will direct you to what line to get in for pick up. 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.**

- 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 3rd offense will result in a suspension of camp.

Camp Shirt and Sneakers (no wedged heels or sneakers w/wheels) – are **mandatory every day** for summer camp for the campers' safety, and will be strictly enforced by staff. 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 \$8.00.

Trip Shirts are required for every trip with the exception of the bowling trips. Trip shirts will be available for purchase at the front desk starting in June at a cost of \$8.00 each.

Camp Clifton - Safety First



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.

Group 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.

In 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 accidents will be documented and parents will be notified.

Curbside **D**rop-off-parents and camper(s) are required to come to the front door for check in to make certain your camper(s) is signed up for that session.

Social **D**istancing – we have re-vamped our Camp to implement social distancing

- Reducing the number of campers to 25 per class
- Sanitizing of the building throughout the day and Professional cleaning at the end of the day
- Upgraded water fountains to a touchless water bottle refill water fountain
- Children will remain in their classrooms for the week
- Breakfast, lunch and snack will be served in their classrooms
- Campers are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while indoors
- Hand sanitizing will be required when entering the building and throughout the day
- Virtual guest speakers (unless outside/proof of fully vaccinated under tent) and specialty classes

If 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

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.
- Campers are not permitted to wait at the front desk or outside the building to be picked up.
- Campers are not permitted to leave their rooms or go into another camper locker without permission
- The Club will not permit outside food deliveries.
- Backpacks, toys and electronic devices are not permitted in camp. The Club will not be responsible for any electronic devices or personal items lost, stolen or broken
- **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
- Trip shirts are required for every trip with the exception of bowling
- Running is not allowed in the hallways, pool deck, locker rooms or in the classrooms.
- Campers are not allowed to utilize the Club telephone if it is not an emergency
- If your child brings a cell phone to camp they cannot video tape any camper or staff. A two-day suspension will be issued if this rule is broken. We request that all electronics remain home
- Campers are not allowed to share their deep end swim band. If shared swim privileges will be suspended – no exceptions.

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 written parent notification
- Repeated occurrences will result in a parent/child conference to determine future actions, which may include suspension/removal from camp.

Camp Clifton Trips & Dates

DATE	DESTINATION	AGE	COST	Time
07/07	Hurricane Harbor	9 & 10	\$40	8:30 – 5:30
07/11	Wild West City	5 & up	\$25	9:00 – 5:30
*07/12	Dorney Park	11 & up	\$35	8:30 – 5:30
07/14	Mini Golf	5 & up	\$15	9:00 – 1:00
07/19	Bowling	5 & up	\$20	11:00 – 2:30
07/20	Liberty Science Center	6 & up	\$25	9:00 – 5:30
07/21	Fireball Mountain Jello Laser Tag Requires waiver see below	11 & up	\$40	8:45 – 5:30
*07/25	Fun Plex	6 & up	\$30	10:00 – 5:00
07/26	Jenkinson's Aquarium & Rides	5 & up	\$40	9:00 – 5:30
07/28	Six Flags	11 & up	\$40	8:30 – 5:30
07/27	Yestercade Arcade	Falcons	\$25	11:00 – 4:30
*08/01	Fun Plex	6 & up	\$30	10:00 – 5:00
08/02	Fireball Mountain Jello Laser Tag Requires waiver see below	9 & up	\$40	8:45 – 5:30
08/04	Mini Golf	5 & up	\$15	9:00 – 1:00
08/09	Turtle Back Zoo	5 & up	\$15	9:00 – 4:00
*08/11	Keansburg Amusement Park	6 & up	\$40	8:30 – 5:30
08/15	Bowling	5 & up	\$20	11:00 – 2:30
*08/16	Dorney Park	9 & 10	\$35	8:30 – 5:30
08/24	Dave & Busters	Falcons	\$30	11:00 – 4:00

Trip registration will be held on June 6th starting at 9:30am using our online parent portal. Please make sure you are signed up for the parent portal by June 2nd in order for a successful registration experience. Trips are non-refundable/transferable and is on a first come first served basis. It is your responsibility to make sure your camper arrives to camp 15 minutes earlier before departure time. The bus will not wait for late arrivals. Spending money is recommended for all trips. Please place money in an envelop with your child's name on it. Trips marked with an asterisk (*) requires a bathing suit, a towel, strap on water shoes or sneakers no flip flops allowed as some of the rides will not let them on. [Click here for How to Register for parent portal.](#)

Trips highlighted in **BLUE** are trips that parents may sign up to be a chaperone. If selected you will receive a phone call from our Trip Coordinator notifying you were selected to serve as a chaperone. Chaperones must be 21 or older and the Club will pay the cost of the trip for chaperone and credit your childcare account for the camper going on the trip. Chaperones will be responsible for up to 8 to 10 kids in a group. Campers under your care are not allowed to separate from the group for any reason. We request that chaperones do not purchase food items for children as they may have an unknown allergy or dietary restrictions.

Cold lunch will be provided for trips. If packing a lunch from home please do not pack any glass or foods/snacks containing nuts. We are nut free environment as we have many campers/staff with severe allergies.

Please complete the CORRECT waiver for Fireball Mountain – link provided below – if not completed camper will not be able to participate – the Club will not have access to waivers

[Waiver for 11 & up trip on July 21st](#)

[Waiver for 9 & 10 trip on Aug 2nd](#)

Camp Clifton Field Day, Spirit Day & Swimming

If parks are allowed to open for camp - As 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 1:30 pm and return at approximately 4:30 pm. If park trips are not permitted campers will participate in various outdoor activities to include water games, tournaments, sports, etc. The following groups will attend or participate in messy activities on the dates below:

CAMP SHIRT, SOCKS AND SNEAKERS ARE MANDATORY

Eagles & Falcons - 7/8

Cardinals & Hawks - 7/15

Sparrows & Robins - 7/22 & August 12

Canaries & Blue Jays - 7/29 & August 5



CAMP SPIRIT DAYS - MUST WEAR CAMP SHIRT

Mondays-Zombie Day

Tuesdays- Tournament Tuesdays - Competitions and Tournaments

Wacky Wednesdays- Wacky Dress Day

Thursdays- Nerd Day

Fridays- Pajama Bottom Day

CAMP GROUP SHIRT COLORS

**Canaries (Daisy) Blue Jays (Heather Blue) Sparrows (Texas Orange) Robins (Orange)
Cardinals (Red) Hawks (Gold) Eagles (Carolina Blue) Falcons (Cardinal Red)**

Swimming - in order for campers to swim in the deep end of the pool they must pass the deep end swim test 25 yds free style and 25 yds back stroke. There is a \$1 fee to take the deep water test the first. If you lose or forget your bracelet, you will need to pay \$2 and re-take the test. Sharing bracelets or giving a bracelet to someone who has not taken the deep test will result in confiscation of the bracelet and loss of swim privileges. Campers with hair chin length or longer must wear a swim cap. Swim caps (\$5) or goggles (\$10) may be purchased in the swim office.

Swim schedule (subject to change). Campers must be 48 inches or taller to swim in the pool - no exceptions.

Mon: Canaries & Falcons 1 (2:00 - 2:50) Mon: Blue Jays 1 & Eagles 1 (3:00 - 3:55)

Tues: Blue Jays 2 & Hawks 1 (2:00 - 2:50) Tues: Blue Jays 3 & Cardinals 1 (3:00 - 3:55)

Wed: Sparrows 1 & Robins 1 (2:00 - 2:50) Wed: Sparrows 2 & Robins 2 (3:00 - 3:55)

Thur: Eagles 2 & Hawks 2 (2:00 - 2:50) Thur: Falcons 2 & 3 (3:00 - 3:55)

Fri - reserved as a special group swim as a prize of the week - announcement will be made on Thursdays.

Camp Clifton Spirit



Wacky Wednesday Spirit Day will be every Wednesday. The group with the most campers participating in Wacky Wednesday will win a pizza party on Friday.

Thoughtful Thursdays – campers will have the opportunity to thank a camper or staff for a good deed by presenting them with a Thoughtful Thursday card.

Mystery Day – Staff will secretly nominate campers who exhibit positive behavior and their name will be placed in the mystery box. Names will be pulled on Fridays for a chance to win funny money that can be used for designated items at the Kids Café or for free camp items. Staff can nominate each other by filling out the Mystery Day form.

You **G**ot **C**aught **D**oing **G**ood – Campers can recognize and nominate their fellow campers for a good deed. Campers will be featured throughout the Club

Group **C**amper **P**ride– the group that shows the most camp pride via camp songs & chants, positive behavior, and overall group unity will win an ice cream sundae party.

Virtual **T**alent **S**how – campers will have the opportunity to perform in the end of summer talent show. Parents will be provided with a zoom link to watch the talent show

Staff vs. **C**ampers –will compete against each other in various challenges such as: pie/watermelon eating contest, trivia, dance off etc....

Cake **B**oss – the group will select one camper from their group to compete against the counselor to decorate a cake. May the best cake boss win.

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 60 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.

TCNJ Tutoring Corps-Tutors will deliver the Illustrative Math Curriculum to members in Camp, preparing children for school in the Fall.

Gardening-Campers will have fun learning about all aspects of gardening from planting to maintaining, to harvesting and consuming their harvest.

Nutrition Education-Cooking lessons, My Plate and Portion Distortion are all part of our summer camp nutrition education offerings.

STEM-Campers will learn to think like engineers when engaged in such activities as, sinking or floating your boat, building a pyramid of cups using rubber bands, designing a marble maze, and engaging in fun math activities.

Campers will also participate in **Endangered Species Adventure** where they will learn about Monarch Butterflies, Bats, Sea Turtles, Frogs and Elephants.

ROBOTICS-Campers will learn how to design water robots that catch ping-pong balls culminating in a water robot competition.

Camp Clifton Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What changes has the Club made to assure the safety of campers?

A: The Club will practice the following:

- social distancing and mask wearing optional
- handwashing/hand sanitizing
- fewer students in groups
- sanitizing of toys, equipment and building daily
- **upgraded water fountains to a touchless water bottle refill water fountain**
(campers may bring a water bottle from home to refill)

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

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

A: Facial covering/mask are strongly recommended but is optional (subject to change)

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

A: You must provide **written notice two weeks** prior. We cannot guarantee that your request will be honored, but we will do our best to accommodate. Payment will be required upon approval.

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

A: To maintain the Club's state camp license

Q: If my child does not like the lunch provided, can we have lunch delivered?

A: No. Due the virus we are limiting the number of visitors entering the building. The front desk or staff are not allowed to accept or wait for a delivery. If packing lunch from home, please do not pack anything containing nuts as we are a nut free environment. We request that you send lunch in a brown bag. The Club do not have the ability to warm lunches.

Q: How will parents communicate with counselors if not permitted in the building?

A: Parents may communicate with counselors by calling the front desk or by writing a note to the counselor.

Q: Are flip flops allowed in camp or on trips?

A: No, campers must wear sneakers daily for camp and if going on trip must wear strap on water shoes/sneakers as many rides will **not** allow them to ride the rides if wearing flip flops

Q: Should I send my child to camp with a mask

A: Mask are optional for camp but strongly recommended **however most indoor trips require campers to wear a mask.**

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
Alexandra Zeszotarski, Executive Admin Assistant	973-773-0966 x 114
Gregory Reinholt, Chief Operating Officer	973-773-0966 x 133
Alisa Koch, Business Administrator	973-773-0966 x 110
Vilmary Hernandez, Director of Operations	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
Ivonne Salazar, Resource Development Director	973-773-0966 x 144
Chris Street, Special Events Coordinator	973-773-0966 x 155
John Rusnock, Athletic Coordinator	973-773-2697 x 142
Nahdira Artis, Teen Coordinator	973-773-2697 x 148
Debra M. Lesnick, Director of Education	973-773-2697 x 120
Tara Dittus, Front Desk Assistant	973-773-2697 x 127
Joshua Tauber, IT Specialist	973-773-2697 x 117
Nadia Stavko, Aquatics Director	973-773-2697 x 131
Mary Jo Anzaldi-Foster, Early Childhood Director	973-773-2697 x 143
Gingerbread House	973-773-2697 x 143

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Trip Registration (make sure you sign up for the parent portal by June 2nd)	June 6 th on parent portal -9:30am start
Camp Shirt Pick Up at Club	June 13 th – 17 th (4:30 – 6:00pm)
Parent Zoom Camp Orientation (Meeting ID: 814 3744 1845	June 18 th at 3:30pm Passcode: 606187)
Club Vacation	June 25 th – July 4 th
Re-open for Pre-Registered Summer Day Camp	July 5 th – August 26 th
Independence Day Observed – Club Closed	July 4 th
Registration for After School Child Care Program (New Applicants)	August 1 st
Club Vacation	August 27 th – Sept. 11 th
Early Childhood & After Care Program Re-Open	September 12 th