



What You Need To Know 2025

East Fishkill Summer Camp

Location	Hopewell Rec Park - 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Recreation Director	Christine Selback - Office Number - 845-226-8395
Summer Camp Director	Danielle Keenan
Assistant Directors	Kit Intravaia Nick Howe Connor Wade
Camp Nurse	Lissette Torres Perez
Office Phone	(845)- 226-6695
Camp Email	summercamp@eastfishkillny.gov
Camp Dates	June 30th-August 15th

What to Bring to Camp:

- Mark all personal belongings with the campers name.
- Sneakers (mandatory).
- Sunscreen & water (bottles that can be refilled).
- Lunch OR money to purchase lunch.

What NOT to Bring to Camp:

- We are encouraging our children to “Unplug and Connect” with one another. ALL electronic devices including iPod, tablets, gaming devices, etc. are not permitted at camp. We will be device free this summer, **LEAVE ALL ELECTRONICS AT HOME** ☺
- Your child **MUST** communicate with parents through the proper channel at camp (a camp director or counselor), not through a personal device. Please call the Camp Office to communicate messages to or about your child.
- Toys or personal belongings from home (unless otherwise directed from camp for a specific activity).
- East Fishkill Summer Camp is not responsible for the loss of any personal or valuable belongings.

Medical Forms:

If we do not have ALL paperwork on file your child will NOT be permitted to attend camp and no refunds will be given. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All forms are required to participate in any camp program according to the NYS Department of Health.

- ALL of these documents are required to be on file and must be current within the last year:
 1. Physical Form
 2. Immunization Record
 3. Signed Physician's Orders - only if medication is required
- These forms MUST be emailed to recreation1@eastfishkillny.gov or delivered directly to the recreation office, 4 Anne Ave., Hopewell Junction at registration.

Medication & Illness:

- All medication must be turned into the Camp Nurse on the first day of camp or at daily check in. The camp nurse will hold those items and assist with administration.
- Without proper doctor documentation on file, medications cannot be allowed on site.
- Should your child be ill with a **fever or vomiting**, it is recommended by the Department of Health that they do not return to camp for 24 hours after being symptom-free.
- Please notify the camp office if your child was absent due to a health-related issue so that we can properly document any cases of illness and recognize patterns to keep everyone healthy by being aware of symptoms.

Arrival/Departure Procedure:

- Regular drop-off and pick-up takes place in front of the main pavilion. With everyone's safety in mind, please be sure to adhere to all signage.
- **ARRIVAL (8:30am – 8:50am)**
 - At 8:30am, counselors will begin sign-in for the day. Please park in the large lot located in front of the main pavilion at Hopewell Rec Park. The morning drop off is typically very busy so please drive carefully and slowly.
 - Campers will be grouped by age so be on the lookout for signs where to sign in. Counselors will help campers locate their group's table and the counselor will take attendance/lunch count.
- **PICK-UP (starts at 2:00pm)**
 - For the car line, please use the entrance located in front of the Town Hall (330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction) then make a left. Cars will be lined up at the bottom of the parking lot and at 1:45pm the car line will begin. There is no need to get out of the car when you pull up as there are multiple directors and counselors helping. Once your camper is in the car, the car line then proceeds to exit the park to Route 376.
 - **CampSTEAM participants (2pm-5:30pm)** will be supervised and transitioned to this camp program. Pick up/dismissal for CampSTEAM will be at the Community Center each day at 5:30pm. **Community Center address is 890 NY-82 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533.**

Late Drop Off/Early Pick Up

- **It is important to have your child to camp on time in order to ensure they have the best camp experience!**
- If **arriving late** (after 9:00am) to camp, you must park in front of the tennis courts and bring your child into the Camp Office to ensure they are checked in for the day and brought to the appropriate activity group.
- **Purchasing lunch will not be an option after 9:00am as we need to place our lunch order with our vendors early.**
- If you need to **pick your child up early** for any reason (before the regular camp day ends) please park in front of the tennis courts and walk down to the Camp Office to ensure they are checked out for the day. It is always helpful if we have advanced notice when you are picking up your child early. Please let us know via phone, email or written note.

Lunch:

- Children must bring their own bagged lunch or money to purchase lunch.
- Lunches cannot be refrigerated or heated at camp.
- See attached lunch menu
- Friday is Pizza Day (optional)

Typical Daily Schedule:

- **8:30am - 9:00am** - Sign into groups based on age. Counselors will direct campers to their table for the day. Counselors will also survey the group and choose activities for the day. Campers have a variety of choices for daily activities. Campers can choose activities such as matball, wiffleball, table board games, arts & crafts, volleyball, ect. and also have the option to sign into a tournament which will take place for a majority of the day.
- **9:10am - 10:00am** - First activity of the day. Campers will travel with their group to the first activity they have chosen.
- **10:00am - 10:20am**- Snack and water refill break. Campers can use this time to have a snack, refill up water bottles, and take a short break at their table.
- **10:20am - 11:15am** - Second activity of the day.
- **11:20am - 12:00pm** - Lunch time. Campers who purchased lunch will be directed to the area to pick up their lunch. Campers will also have the option to purchase chips/water/gatorade/iced tea throughout the day at the concession area. A camp wide clean up occurs after lunch each day to ensure our park stays garbage free.
- **12:15pm - 1:30pm** - Afternoon activities.
- **1:30pm**: Campers will be instructed to begin cleaning up from their activities and put all equipment back into the equipment garage. Campers will prepare for dismissal by returning to their table and gathering all belongings.
- **2:00PM: Dismissal**

Parent Expectations:

- Follow arrival/dismissal procedures to ensure everyone's safety.
- Issues or concerns about your child, camp directors can be reached on the camp phone, via email, or by appointment. The Recreation Director is also available at the Recreation Office. Our camp day can get busy and we value setting aside the time for you as parents to communicate about your child's camp experience with no distractions.
- **Communication** should always be done through a staff member, never to your child's personal device during camp hours. **We are a device free camp - electronics should be kept at home** (unless needed for a specific and pre-arranged camp activity) to make the most out of the camp day.

Parent Reminders:

- Always speak with your child about their day at camp.
- Check your child each night for ticks.
- Check your child's backpack daily for any notes or camp/group reminders.
- Make sure your child comes to camp prepared with all belongings labeled each day.

Lost and Found:

- Please remind your camper it is his/her responsibility to keep track of their belongings.
- Water bottles, clothes, sunscreen, shoes, and more go unclaimed all summer long.
- The lost and found is found in garage.

EAST FISHKILL SUMMER CAMP CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the goal of the East Fishkill Summer Camp to provide a healthy, safe, secure environment for all camp participants. The East Fishkill Summer Camp teaches the core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility all while having fun. Children who attend camp are expected to follow the Code of Conduct below and to interact appropriately in a group setting.

- I am responsible for my own behavior.
- I will respect other people's ideas and values, even if they are different from my own.
- I will stay with a buddy when moving around camp and will always ask a counselor before leaving a group.
- I understand that all community members are expected to share responsibility for keeping personal and community areas neat and clean, and I will help with these tasks.
- I will not bring my music player, video games, radio, or other electronics to camp, because they detract from enjoyment of and interaction with others and with the natural world.
- I will take care of all facilities, program supplies, and equipment. I will put equipment away when I finish using it and will leave an area I use better than I found it.
- I will abide by all other safety standards and respect direction explained by the staff.
- I understand that firearms, pocket knives, and other weapons are not allowed.
- All of my actions and language will have a positive impact on others in the East Fishkill community.
- I understand that any behavior that could harm a camper or staff member, or which is disrespectful, is unacceptable in the East Fishkill community.
- **My behavior at camp will never include violence, physical or emotional bullying, or harsh words.**

If a camper has difficulty following these behavior expectations, staff will:

- 1st offense: remind the camper of expected behavior and give a verbal warning with explanation.
- 2nd offense: camper will have time away from the scheduled activity, camp staff will notify parent/guardian and a written incident report submitted.
- 3rd offense: removal from camp program without refund of camp payment. The parent/guardian is responsible for picking up a dismissed camper immediately.