



Boys & Girls Club of Clifton
Camp Clifton

2024

A cheerful yellow sun with a smiling face and blue sunglasses, wearing a small blue hat. It is positioned behind the word 'SUMMER' in the main title.

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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 letterhead 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 campers per session. There are eight sessions from which to choose running from July 1 - August 23rd. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM. Summer sessions are as follows:

Session 1: July 1st – July 3rd

Session 2: July 8th – July 12th

Session 3: July 15th – July 19th

Session 4: July 22nd – July 26th

Session 5: July 29th – August 2nd

Session 6: August 5th – August 9th

Session 7: August 12th – August 16th

Session 8: August 19th – August 23rd

Campers are placed into groups with a ratio of 15:1 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

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 pick up



Campers must be dropped off to camp no earlier than 8:30am and no later than 10:00am. Campers MUST be picked up by 5:30pm. If your child is picked up late 3 times during the camp season your child will be suspended from the program. If, after reentry to the program, your child is picked up late a 4th time they will be removed from camp. Please be aware that if your child is not picked up by 5:45 pm we will have to turn custody of your child over to the Clifton Police Department and notify the Department of Human Services of child abandonment.

Lunch and snack are provided at no cost MONDAY – FRIDAY for all campers through Pomptonian Food Service. Lunch menus will be sent out via the Remind app. If packing a lunch from home, please pack a cold lunch or hot lunch in a thermos. Staff are not permitted to heat up lunch for campers. Please keep in mind that 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. 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 and 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 2023 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 - \$150.00 per week for the 1st child and \$130.00 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 campers 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 2023 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.**



Sign-Out Policy – To ensure the safety of all campers, we require that you sign out your child every day. **If you are unable to pick your child up on any given day, please provide the Club with a written note indicating the name of the individual who will pick up your child.** Such individuals must check in at the front desk and present a photo ID.

Late Pick Up – If you are going to be late picking up your child please notify the Club. There will be late pick-up charge of \$5.00 for up to every 15 minutes late payable upon pick up in order for camper to return to camp. If your child is picked up late 3 times during the camp season your child will be suspended from the program. If, after reentry to the program, your child is picked up late a 4th time they will be removed from camp. Please be aware that if your child is not picked up by 6:00 pm we will have to turn custody of your child over to the Clifton Police Department and notify the Department of Human Services of child abandonment.



Camp Shirt and Sneakers 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. Camp shirts may be picked up in advance on Mondays & Wednesday from 3:30pm – 6:00pm starting June 3rd – 14th.

Trip Shirts are required for every trip. Trip shirts will be available for purchase at the front desk starting in June at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Camp Clifton - Safety First

HHealth and Safety – For the safety of all campers, the majority of staff are trained and certified by 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 an outing, 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.

Arrival – upon arrival campers must be wearing their group color T-shirts, sneakers and must go directly to their groups for attendance. The group leader and/or aide will take attendance twice daily. Parents will also be notified, if their child leaves the building or his/her group. Campers are not permitted to be outside of the Club building unsupervised for any reason.

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 child to camp**. Please make certain that we have your **correct phone numbers and emergency phone numbers on file**.



Food Delivery – we will not permit the delivery of food from outside vendors i.e. Door Dash, Uber Eats or any other food delivery service, nor will we allow parents to cash app/Zelle counselors to purchase food for the campers. If your child is a picky eater please pack a lunch from home.

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.
- Vaping of any kind will not be permitted. If a camper possesses any vaping tool or illegal item a suspension/removal from camp will be in order (no exceptions).
- 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's locker without permission.
- The Club will not permit outside food deliveries.
- 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.
- 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 may not photograph or 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 meeting with the Director to determine future actions, which may include suspension/removal from camp.

Camp Clifton Trips & Dates

DATE	DESTINATION	Cost:	Age/Group	Lv/Rtn (appr)
07/08	Dave & Busters	\$35.00	All Ages	9:30 – 4:30
07/09	Jenkinson's Aquarium	\$40.00	5 - 8	9:00 – 5:30
07/10	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:00
07/11	IPlay America	\$45.00	5 - 8	9:00 – 5:00
07/15	Liberty Science Center	\$25.00	5 & up	9:00 – 5:00
07/16	* The FunPlex w/splash park	\$40.00	9 & 10	9:00 – 4:30
07/17	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:00
07/18	* Frogs Fall	\$30.00	5 – 8	8:30 - 5:00
07/19	Urban Air	\$35.00	Falcon Group	10:00 – 2:30
07/22	Pups of War	\$40.00	8 & 9	9:45 – 2:00
07/23	* The FunPlex w/splash park	\$40.00	5 - 8	9:00 – 4:30
07/24	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:00
07/25	* Dorney Park	\$40.00	9 & 10	8:30 – 5:30
07/26	Garden State Mall	\$25.00	Falcon Group	9:30 – 5:00
07/29	Monster Mini Golf	\$30.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:30
07/30	* The FunPlex w splash park	\$40.00	11 & up	9:00 – 4:30
07/31	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:00
08/01	* Dorney Park	\$40.00	11 & up	8:30 – 5:30
08/05	Pups of War	\$40.00	10 & up	9:45 – 2:00
08/06	* Camel Beach Water Park	\$40.00	9 & 10	8:30 – 5:30
08/07	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	
08/08	* Frogs Fall	\$30.00	5 – 8	8:30 – 5:00
08/09	Urban Air	\$35.00	Falcon Group	10:00 – 2:30
08/12	Monster Mini Golf	\$30.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:30
08/13	* Camel Beach Water Park	\$40.00	11 & up	8:30 – 5:30
08/14	Bowling	\$25.00	All Ages	11:00 – 2:00
08/15	Turtle Back Zoo	\$20.00	5 – 8	9:30 – 4:00
08/16	Garden State Mall	\$25.00	Falcon Group	9:30 – 5:00

Please complete the CORRECT waiver for Pups of War. The link is provided or you may print out the and return to the Club 2 weeks prior to the trip. If the waiver for Pups of War is not completed camper will not be able to participate and you will not be refunded / credited for trip.

The Club will not have access to waivers

Trip registration will be held on June 8th starting at 9:30am using our online parent portal. Please make sure you are signed up for the parent portal at least 2 weeks prior in order for a successful registration experience. Trips are non-refundable/nontransferable and registration is on a first-come first-served basis. **The cart will not hold your trip spot.**



It is your responsibility to make sure that your child arrives to camp at least 15 minutes before departure time wearing their trip shirt. If your child does not have their trip shirt, we will provide them with a shirt and payment must be made at the front desk in order for your child to attend the trip. The bus will not wait for late arrivals. Spending money is recommended for all trips. Please place money in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Trips marked with an asterisk (*) require 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 chaperone. If selected, you will receive a phone call from our Trip Coordinator notifying you that 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 the chaperone. Chaperones will be responsible for a group of up to 10 kids. 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 campers 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.

If your child is placed on the waiting list for trips, please explain to them that they are on a wait list and we will do our best to fit them on the trip. We request that you send your child to camp prepared to go on the trip in the event we can fit them on the trip. You will receive a phone call from us if we can fit them on trip the day of the trip and we will request payment at that time.

If a trip is canceled/postponed due to inclement weather, we will send out a notification on the Remind app. If a trip is canceled/postponed and you are unable to attend, we will provide you with either the ticket, credit to your account or refund at the end of summer. Please do not assume a trip is canceled due to the weather forecast in Clifton. Often times the weather is clear/sunny in other areas permitting us to continue with our trip.



Please check the summer camp trip window as you exit the building as some changes in trips may occur. As trips becomes available they will be posted on the exit windows.

Camp Clifton Field Day, Camp Hope, Camp Themes & Swimming

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 (Oak Ridge, Sperling or Robin Hood) for outdoor play.

Field Day - every Friday, as a part of camp, the Club will be busing a designated group of campers to a local Clifton park for a mid-morning outing of recreational play to include: softball, kickball, track & field events, and much more. Campers will depart the Club at approximately 10:00am and return at approximately 12:30pm. Lunch will be served at 1pm for groups going to field day. The following groups will attend or participate in messy activities on the dates below:



FIELD DAY SCHEDULE (subject to change)

Robins 1 & Robins 2 - 7/12
Hawks 1 & Hawks 2 - 7/19
Cardinals - 7/20

Sparrows 1 & 2 - 8/2
Blue Jays 1 & 2 - 8/9
Canaries & Blue Jays 3 - 8/16

Camp Hope (West Milford) will also serve as part of our weekly camp schedule. We request that all campers wear their bathing suits to camp, and bring a towel and sunscreen. The bus for Camp Hope will leave at 9:00am and return at approximately at 3:30pm. Campers will enjoy a day of swimming in an outdoor pool, arts & crafts, nature walks, field day games and more. If you do not want your child to participate in Camp Hope trips please ask the front desk for an opt-out permission slip, otherwise we will assume you want your child to attend. Camp Hope dates will be posted on Summer Camp Trip Window.

GROUP SWIMMING

Campers who wish to swim in the deep end of the pool must pass the deep end swim test: 25 yds freestyle and 25 yds backstroke. There is a \$1 fee to take the deep water test the first time. If you lose or forget your bracelet, you will need to pay \$2 and re-take the test. Sharing bracelets is not permitted and 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. Campers must be 48 inches or taller to swim in the pool - no exceptions.



Groups swims will take place weekly and will be scheduled throughout summer. Please make sure to download the Remind app with the new code provided in your confirmation packet to receive group swim updates. If you have the old code(s) you will not receive notifications.

Camp Clifton Summer Education Program

Summer Brain Gain is the 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 led 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.

NJ Tutoring Corps-Trained Tutors will deliver the evidenced-based Curriculum Associates I-Ready curriculum for math and ELA. (TBD).

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 and then removing them one by one using rubber bands, designing a marble maze, and engaging in fun math activities such as Crazy 8's card games and math bingo. Campers will also solve coded messages. Science experiments include crystal and snow making kits. DIY Ferris wheel, music box and Beblox building kits are also featured.



Campers will also participate in **Endangered Species Adventure** where they will learn about monarch butterflies, bats, sea turtles, frogs and elephants.

Camp Clifton Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I sign up for more sessions?

A: We strongly recommend that you sign up for weeks needed as it will be difficult to add sessions once camp begins due to availability. You must provide **written notice two weeks prior** and pay for the additional session(s) upon approval.

Q: What comes in the bagged lunch for the trips?

A: Bagged lunches consist of a cold cut sandwich, juice, milk and snack/fruit.

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

A: We will do our best to accommodate; unfortunately, no changes will be made the first week of camp. If switch is granted you must purchase 2 shirts for the camper's new group

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, Camp Hope or field day

Q: If I signed up to chaperone a trip and cannot make it – what should I do?

A: Please notify us ASAP to ensure that we are within ratio for campers' safety. If you would like to have someone else chaperone, they must be 21 and approved by the Program Director/Assistant Program Director.

Q: Do I get a refund if my child misses the bus for a trip? Will the bus wait?

A: No, the bus will not be able to wait for late arrivals. **Trips are non-transferable/refundable.** If space permits, we can switch camper to another trip.

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

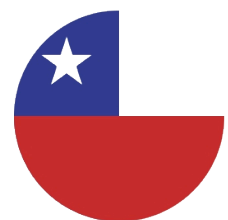
A: To maintain the Club's camp state license

Q: 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. 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 on/by exit door



Important Numbers and Dates

Boys & Girls Club of Clifton	973-773-2697
Administrative Office	973-773-0966 / 973-773-3103 (fax)
Gabriel Blau, 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
Director of Operations	Please contact Greg Reinholt
Paula J. Benjamin, Program Director	973-773-2697 x 147
Andrea Bracco, Asst. Program Director	973-773-2697 x 149
Maureen Cameron, Resource Development Director	973-773-0966 x 144
Chris Street, Special Events Coordinator	973-773-0966 x 155
Tyler Andreas, 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, 4C's & 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

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Trip Registration	June 8 th on parent portal -9:30am start
Camp Shirt Pick-up at Club (Mon & Wed)	3:30pm – 6:00pm starting June 3 rd (shirts will not be handed out on June 17 th due to the parent meeting)
Parent Zoom Camp Orientation	June 17 th at 5:30pm
Meeting ID: 828 3268 1923	Passcode: 748135
Early registration for childcare (only for members currently enrolled in before or afterschool programs)	May 6 th – May 24 th
Club Vacation (Closed)	June 22 nd – June 30 th
Re-open for Pre-Registered Summer Camp	July 1 st – August 23 rd (Closed July 4 th & 5 th)
Registration for After School Child Care Program (New Applicants)	June 10 th in person starting at 9:30 – 12:00
Club Vacation (Closed)	August 24 th – Sept. 3 rd
Early Childhood & After Care Programs Re-Open	September 9 th

Calendar subject to change.