



## CAMP CADICOPIA SUMMER 2025

Letter to Parents

Welcome to the Brookfield Parks & Recreation Department's Camp Cadicopia Program for the Summer of 2025! This year our full day camp will be led by director Natalie Falci and head counselor Jed Rajcula. They will be joined by a excited group of returning counselors who will be ready to greet your campers and create some lasting summer memories.

Each day campers should be dressed for the weather. Because of the variety of daily activities, we encourage campers to wear shorts, T-shirts, and sneakers. A long sleeve layer is recommended for those chilly or damp mornings. Sunscreen should be applied at home, in the morning, and a spray bottle packed for the day. Please pack spray on sunscreen so that counselors can help spray sunscreen onto your camper who can then rub it in to apply. A bathing suit and towel should be packed every day, as campers will have the opportunity to swim at least once a day.

Please pack lunch and snacks for your camper every day. We are an allergy aware camp and ask that you do not send in any snacks or lunches containing peanuts or treenuts. Lunches should be packed with ice packs or in coolers. We also encourage packing extra drinks and water. (But please, no glass bottles.) Campers will have mid-morning and afternoon snacks, so please be sure to send in enough food to last throughout the day.

There are no vending options for food at the beach. A camp-only snack bar will be available to campers during lunchtime. A variety of \$1 snacks will be available each day if your camper wants to purchase something. On a typical day, an ice cream truck visits Cadigan Park in the mid-afternoon. Please send only enough money for the day to help with management. Dollar bills are dropped every day and it's often hard to figure out who they belonged to.

Some rules have been put in place to maximize every child's enjoyment of Camp Cadicopia which can be found on the **Behavior Contract**. We are using the contract to make sure campers understand expectations which will be reinforced at camp. We are asking that you take the time to review the rules with your child before arriving at camp.

Along with the contract, we have also a **Camper Information Form** which is filled out during registration. It is very important that your information is updated so that our staff is prepared for your camper. The link to update this information was included in the body of the welcome email. Please feel free to discuss any information with the camp director that is listed, *particularly any allergies, medical conditions, or medications that affect your camper*. The more we know, the better we can serve your camper.

Should your child require any emergency medication such as an epinephrine pen or inhaler, we ask that you inform the director when dropping off the first day in addition to the camper information form. These products must be in the original prescription containers and accompanied by an emergency plan or orders from the doctor, as

appropriate in a Ziploc bag. If you wish for your child to self-administer, we will follow the plan that you provide us with. As the number of ticks and Lyme's disease increase, parents should check their child each day when they get home.

Drop off and pick up each day will be at will be at the Cadigan Pavilion, 500 Candlewood Lake Road. For the safety of your camper, they need to be signed-in and signed out from camp each day. Our staff will have a clipboard with an attendance list for this purpose. Also, if anyone other than a parent is going to be picking up a camper, please give a note stating this to the staff in the morning. The person picking them up will be asked to provide a photo ID. Campers need to be signed-in and signed out from camp each day. Those picking up a camper must get out of the vehicle and come to our sign-out table each day.

Camp begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. Please do not drop off campers prior to 9:00 a.m., or pick them up later than 5:00 p.m., unless you have made previous arrangements through the Parks & Recreation Office. Early drop off (8:00am) and late pickup (6:00pm) are offered for an additional fee. If you are more than 15 minutes late picking up your camper, it is Parks & Recreation policy that you will be charged \$5.00 for every fifteen minutes that you are late. At times, counselors have worked with parents to babysit campers before or after camp. Please make our office aware of any agreements with counselors.

A weekly calendar of events will be provided with the welcome email (sent Thursday before the camp week begins) and will inform you of what is planned for the week. The group will typically be on the beach side of the road for most of the day. If you need to contact or get information to your camper, there is a camp phone available. Please note that our staff is consistently busy with the camp and the phone may not be answered. Calling our office may get word to the group faster.

Camp phone: 203-460-4273  
Parks & Recreation Office: 203-775-7310

Our staff will be working hard this summer to offer an inclusive camp opportunity with fun activities and games for all campers. We understand the important role that we will play for at least one week in your camper's life. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact our office for more information. Once camp begins our counselors will be available to you at drop-off and pick up times and welcome any suggestions, questions, or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

Dan Gagne  
Recreation Supervisor