



CAMP CADICOPIA SUMMER 2026

Letter to Parents

Welcome to the Brookfield Parks & Recreation Department's Camp Cadicopia Program for the Summer of 2026! Natalie Falci returns as camp director for her third summer and is excited to meet new campers and continue making memories with our returning campers. She will be joined by our enthusiastic returning counselors, including Francesco, Kayla, Liv, Katie, Owen, Maggie, James, and Maia, to name a few. They are all ready for another summer of fun in the sun!

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. Spray sunscreen should be applied at home, in the morning, and a 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. Campers are welcome to bring toys or games with them to camp, however camp and staff are not responsible for lost or broken items. Do not pack anything valuable and label everything with your child's name.

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 tree nuts. Lunches should be packed with ice packs or in coolers. We also encourage packing extra drinks and water. (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.

As an alternative option, Rich's Wings & Things food truck will be at the park again this summer, however, are not there every day. A camp menu will be provided each week, that indicates the days they will be on site. Campers can order lunch from the camp menu or from the regular menu. Order forms can be handed to counselors in the morning, and they will help facilitate the order and delivery of food.

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. Our staff is certified to administer an epi-pen, if needed, however they are not certified to administer medication. If medication needs to be taken during the camp day, and your child cannot self-administer, arrangements must be made for a guardian to come to camp to administer. 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, 465 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. If there is anyone who should not be picking up your child (for custody purposes), please indicate the person on the camper information form.

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 Coordinator: 203-512-2415

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,

Brookfield Parks & Recreation