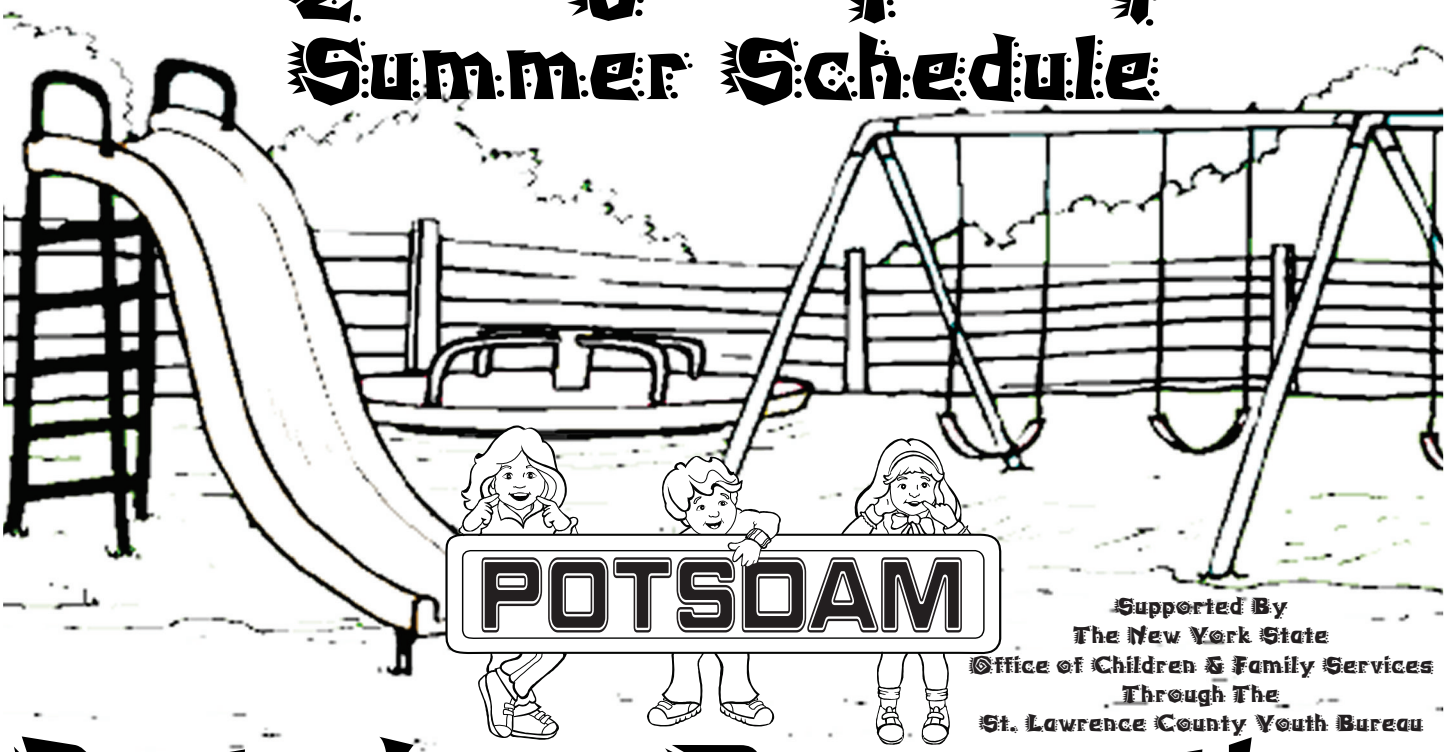
2019 Summer Schedule



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Potsdam Recreation

Dear Citizens of Potsdam and Neighbors,

On behalf of the **Potsdam Joint Recreation Commission**, it is a pleasure to extend an invitation to you and your family and friends to participate in the **2019 Summer Recreation Program**.
We in the North Country, and particularly Potsdam, are proud of our local community and its resources. We can enjoy many fine recreational activities in our community.

As the warm weather approaches, we have a variety of activities planned for the summer that may stimulate, challenge, and entertain us. We urge you to register and participate in those activities that may interest you.

Starting this year, our program will be classified as a Day Camp with Trip Swimming. In response to some new procedures and the need to employ twice as many individuals, we are asking that each family pay a registration fee of $30 for the first child, with each additional child costing $15. A family of four would therefore cost $75.

Scheduled from July 8th to August 16th, this breaks down to $1 a day for the first child, and $0.50 for any additional.

Recreation scholarships will be provided for those who are unable to afford the total costs and can be inquired upon by contacting the Recreation Department at 315-265-4030 or by emailing me at the address below.
We are also asking for support from local businesses and other community members by encouraging individuals to sponsor a child or multiple children this year.

These sponsorships will allow more kids to take advantage of our Program and help pay for local field trips during the six weeks As well.

Campers will have the option of enjoying swim lessons in the morning at Postwood or choosing to participate in the athletic and playground activities at the arena in the morning. We will also have an afternoon bus that will transport campers to Postwood for open recreational swimming and return before 3. The full bus schedule will be released next week but is no different from that of last year.

Our specific sports-themed weekly schedule and planned field trips will be available next week, along with all the registration information.

While the Recreation Commission is always researching new activities and programs that will have a little something for everyone, we encourage you to share your ideas and comments in efforts of making our facilities more inclusive.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at activities and encourage you to enjoy Potsdam's recreational resources such as Sandstoner Park and Postwood Park. **We wish you all a safe and fun summer.**

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Recreation office at (315) 265-4030, or email me at tsmutz@vi.potsdam.ny.us.

Sincerely,

Trey Smutz
Potsdam Recreation Director

Potsdam Youth Soccer

Youth Soccer

Dates:
June 25th through August 15th.
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 PM for U4 through U8, and 6-7:30 for U10 and U12.
Cost: $25
Where: U4 and U6: PCS Turf field
U8: Field located next to Turf field
U10/12: Fields behind high school

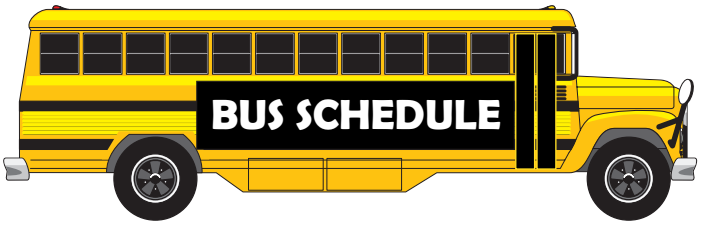
Travel Soccer - The Potsdam Youth Soccer Association runs this program
U12, U15, & U18 are all coed and take place at SUNY Potsdam in a 7v7 format.
Cost: U12 $55, U15 & U18 $65
Where: Turf field located at SUNY Potsdam near Maxcy Hall

Brian Leonard Football Camp

11th Annual Brian Leonard Football Camp

Sunday, June 30th – Wednesday, July 3rd
The Brian Leonard Football Camp is for beginner to experienced football players. The camp includes instruction, skills drills, and game competition (non-contact). Campers are separated by age group and get to learn first-hand from Brian Leonard, Gouverneur native and former National Football League running back. This is a 4-Day Camp that takes place at Sandstoner Park, located next to Pine Street Arena in Potsdam.
Fee: $245

Along with the chance to improve their skills and increase recruitment potential, campers will receive a t-shirt, camp photo, and individual photo with Brian Leonard. This camp is run by Brian Leonard and his assistants. Registration forms can be found at Pine Street Arena and more information can be found online at https://www.leonardcamps.com.



For families' convenience, the Potsdam Recreation Dept. has created a bus schedule in order for children who live in the Town of Potsdam to reach the summer playground and/or swim lessons.

Children must be 4 years old to ride the bus.
Misbehavior on the bus will result in a loss of bus privileges for the entire summer.
Please call if you have questions about the pick-up locations or to clarify if you are on the route.
(315) 265-4030

THE BUSING SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Potsdam Village Bus Run

Leaves Potsdam School at 8:15 with pick-ups at Debra Drive, along Lawrence Ave., Missouri Ave., Grant St, Main St. Market St., and Evergreen Park.

***NOTE:** Children not attending the Afternoon Supervised Recreational Swim will take the bus home at 11:45.

West Potsdam Bus Run

Leaves the arena at 8:30 and takes Rt. 11 to Morley Rd., Slab City, West Potsdam, and the Madrid Road.

***NOTE:** Children on the West Potsdam Bus not attending the Learn To Swim Program or the Afternoon Supervised Recreational Swim will be dropped back home on a bus leaving the Arena at 10:30.

Postwood Learn to Swim Program Bus Runs

A bus leaves Pine St. Arena at 9:30 to go to Postwood Park. Students return to the Arena at 11:45 for parent pick-up or transportation on the 11:45 bus run below.

Afternoon Supervised Recreational Swim at Postwood Bus Run

Children living in the West Potsdam area will be picked up along the route as described above starting at 10:30. The 11:45 drop-off bus will pick up along Market St., Evergreen Park, Grove St., Potsdam High School, Clinton St., Lawrence Ave., Debra Drive, & Potsdam Public Library.

At 2:30 a bus takes kids from Postwood to the arena for parent pick-up or drop-off along the Village route.

Sandstoner Park and Postwood Park

Both beaches will be open June 10th through August 25th. Daily waterfront hours are 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Beach Regulations

1. All swimmers must use the buddy system.
2. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult (No Exceptions).
3. No floatation devices allowed (Except U.S. Coast Guard Approved Life Jackets).
4. Swimmers must stay in confines of designated swimming areas.
5. No cans, bottles or smoking allowed on the beach.
6. No pets allowed.

Swimming Lessons/ Playgrounds & Field Trip

Swimming lessons will be held at Postwood Park beginning July 8th and running through August 16th. Lessons will be at 10:00AM or 10:30AM depending on the child's ability and class size. The swimming lesson preregistration form is included with this brochure. Please indicate your child's swimming ability so that we may place your child in the appropriate group. Testing will take place on the first day of camp. These lessons will run Monday through Friday.

Buses will pick up children taking lessons in the morning at designated preschool points before checking into the arena. Children taking the bus to Postwood for lessons must return on the 11:30 bus.

Summer Playground

The playground program takes place at Sandstoner Park and Pine Street Arena. Planned activities will be offered to children Monday through Friday.

There will be a pre-school program for ages 3-6 and an older kids' program for ages 7 and above.
Playground times: 8:30 AM through 11:00 AM from Monday, July 8th to Friday, August 16th.

Summer Rentals

Kayaks & Paddle Boards

$5 each Per Hour. These are first come, first serve as the beaches open daily. Available in Adult & Youth Sizes.
In addition to our kayaks, we have: 4 Adult Paddle Boards, 4 Inflatable Paddle Boards, 3 Youth Sized Paddle Boards, and 3 Youth Kayaks. We will try to keep 2 of each at Postwood, with one set for Sandstoner Park and are looking to add more to our fleet this summer, but sometimes shuffle them from Pine Street to Postwood for special events, group outings, and recreational programming. Call (315) 265-4030 if you wish to plan your visit and help us serve you better by assisting with any special requests you may have or ensuring we have enough kayaks ready upon your arrival. Discounts can be applied for larger groups. Otherwise, feel free to rent these at your leisure upon arrival at the beach. Just ask one of our lifeguards and they can assist you with the short rental agreement and will get you on your way to enjoying our scenic rivers. Lifejackets included and are mandatory.

Arena Rental

Great for Meetings, Business Gatherings, & Parties
$300 Per Day Or $25 Per Hour for 2 Hours or Less
*Extra Charges May Apply for Larger Special Events

Sandstoner Park Baseball Field Rental

$5 Per Scheduled Game
$10 Per Hour when “Under the Lights”
Visitors are more than welcome to randomly show up and use our baseball fields located behind Pine Street Arena, but in addition to Potsdam Youth Baseball, we several softball teams that also use the fields until the end of August.

Sandstoner Park Picnic Pavilion Rental

$10 Per Hour to reserve the Pavilion/Picnic Area for a specific time and space. The same rules apply here as with the baseball fields. Community members and guests are more than welcome to show up and use the Pavilion and Picnic area for a birthday or family outing for free, but the reservation ensures your spot and special signage for you and your party. Please note we do have an array of summer events and large groups that will have “beach days” at the Arena, so it is always best to call ahead and check availability. We are more than happy to put up a reservation sign and in the event of poor weather, scheduled reservations may have access to the Warm Room upstairs in the Arena for $25 per hour.

PLANNED WEEKLY RECREATION THEMES

Week 1 – Orientation 7/8 – 7/12
Introduction to Summer Recreation and quickly into concepts of teamwork and having fun. Outline safety concerns and take a tour of the arena and facilities.

Week 2 – Soccer 7/15 – 7/19
Potsdam Youth Soccer is growing every year and Potsdam Recreation is happy to have a small part in this endeavor. This week will feature some indoor and outdoors games and activities.

Week 3 – Baseball 7/22 – 7/26
Will practice throwing, catching, pitching and hitting. Culminating in games outdoors on the baseball field and an indoor oversized tee-ball tournament on Friday.

Week 4 – Watersports 7/29 – 8/2
Help beat the July heat with some water-based activities and games. We will have water balloons and our large slip-and-slide this week.

Week 5 – Golf 8/5 – 8/9
New equipment this year will enable us to let children get familiar with golf clubs and practice outdoors with temporary holes and markers. Introduction to Disc Golf.

Week 6 – Floorball 8/12 – 8/16
Floorball week-long tournament and activities based on stickhandling and eye coordination.

Field trips will be announced soon and may include some or all of the following: Miniature golf at SwingTime Golf, Golf lessons at Potsdam Town & Country Club, Visit to the North Country Children's Museum, A matinee movie at the Roxy Theatre, Other local trips currently being considered. We anticipate one field trip every week after Week 1 Orientation.

Campers do not need to participate in sports every week. We will offer a variety of activities!

POTSDAM RECREATION COMMISSION
Parental Consent and Waiver Form

You must Pre-Register. The fee is $30 for the first child, $15 for each additional.

REGISTRATION WEEK: July 1, 2, 3, 5 12:00-5:00 p.m. & Available by appointment.

It will be too difficult for campers to just drop in. Children cannot ride the bus until health records are obtained.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Person to notify in emergency _____ Phone _____

Physician to notify in emergency _____ Phone _____

List any medical problems the Recreation Office should be aware of: _____

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Health records must be screened beforehand.

I, a parent of _____, hereby give my approval for his/her participation in any and all playground/aquatics activities during the summer of 2019. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation, to and from all activities: and I do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local commission, school, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my child to or from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my child.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Swimming lesson placement:

My child has complete Level (check highest level):

___PRESCHOOL 1
___PRESCHOOL 2
___PRESCHOOL 3
___LEVEL 1
___LEVEL 2
___LEVEL 3
___LEVEL 4
___LEVEL 5
___LEVEL 6