

Township of Lower Merion

Department of Parks & Recreation

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Various Township Parks & Playgrounds are staffed to provide activities for the children of Lower Merion. The Playgrounds [General Wayne Park, South Ardmore Park, McMoran Park and Wynnewood Valley Park] will be staffed June 22 – July 31, 2026, 9:00am–3:00pm. **The playground program ends promptly at 3:00pm.**

This program is for participants ages six (6) years old and above (must have completed Kindergarten) prior to the start of the program.

Participants will be involved in a range of activities including arts and crafts, games, group activities and special events. **Please review the Summer Calendar to ensure you are aware of the trips, days we are closed and the final day, which has a 12:00 noon closing time for all playground sites.**

In case of inclement weather, the playground program will be cancelled. It is expected that you make arrangements to have your child picked up as soon as possible so the staff can be assured that your child has departed the facility.

Participants will be required to remain with the counselors until the end of the program, unless you indicate otherwise. On the ***Participant Information Sheet***, please indicate whether your child will be picked up and by whom or if they will be walking/biking home when the program is dismissed.

The Township will offer various trips. Each participant **must** have a signed permission slip and the appropriate fee to attend the trip. Please be sure to complete the *Permission Slip* portion of the ***Participant Information Sheet***. *For the trips to the Belmont Hills Pool, your child will be required to pass a swim test in order to participate.*

Read and discuss the ***Playground Program Rules*** with your child, as well as those posted at your Playground. A violation of any of these rules may lead to disciplinary action. Be sure to sign the *Parent's Acknowledgement* portion of the ***Participant Information Sheet***.

Neither the Township of Lower Merion, nor its employees are responsible for any theft or damage of property. The Township strongly encourages all valuables be left at home.

Your ***Participant Information Sheet*** should be completed and handed in to the camp staff on the first day of camp.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Parks & Recreation or the playground staff on the park.

Thank you and have a happy and safe summer!

Playground Program Rules

If any of these rules are not being followed, it may lead to disciplinary action, which can include, but are not limited to: sitting out of an activity, missing a trip, temporary suspension, or permanent suspension from the program.

- No Bullying.
- No abusive or profane language.
- No Fighting.
- No water fights of any kind.
- No weapons of any kind. (Toy or otherwise.)
- No bike riding, rollerblading, skateboarding or use of other wheeled transportation in the playground.
- No defacing of other people's or Township property.
- All equipment must be kept clean and in working order.
- All sites must be kept neatly.
- Disrespectful behavior toward participants or staff will not be tolerated.
- All Township park rules are to be followed as posted.
- Additional park specific rules may be posted.

Participants' personal property is their responsibility. Please discourage your child from bringing personal items, such as cell phones, handheld gaming devices, MP3 players, Game Boys, iPods, toys, etc. to camp. The Township of Lower Merion Parks & Recreation will not be held responsible if an item is lost, misplaced or stolen.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Parks & Recreation or speak with the Playground staff at the park.