

Specialty Camps

These camps are only offered once per summer, and are all half day (9:00am-12:30pm). Campers from Rev and Civ may join Frogs in the afternoon for a full day of camp.

Revolutionary Kids (3rd-5th)

Week 2: July 10-14

Take a trip 250 years back in time to a historic 18th century farmhouse, barn, and kitchen garden. You will learn about life in colonial America and help out on the farm just like a colonial child would. We'll make colonial crafts, play games, dress in colonial attire, cook at the hearth, and learn about early American history.

You won't want to come back to modern times!



Civil War Kids (3rd-5th)

Week 6: August 7-11

Why read about history when you can experience it first-hand? Campers will explore the worlds of both Civil War soldiers and their families back on the home front. Experiences include cooking over a hearth fire, homestead chores, making and playing period games, and dressing in period attire. The Civil War era comes to life in this engaging camp designed just for kids!

Surviving Outdoors (6th-8th)

Week 4: July 24-28

What would you do if you were lost in the woods? In this camp, you will learn how to find your way home (using maps, GPS, and compasses), build shelters, start campfires, and many other vital outdoor skills. Do you have what it takes to survive?



Registration Details

Summer camp registration begins March 15th and may be done online via Community Pass or in person at Poricy Park. **No refunds will be given after May 31st, please choose carefully.** Registration closes the Wednesday prior to the camp's start date, unless the camp is already filled.

Age Groups

Tadpoles	ages 3-5 (<i>half day only</i>)
Frogllets	grades K-2
Frogs	grades 3-5

Times

9:00am-12:30pm (Half Day)

9:00am-4:00pm (Full Day)

Fees

Middletown Resident

\$150 per week (Half Day)

\$240 per week (Full Day)

Non-Resident

\$180 per week (Half Day)

\$288 per week (Full Day)

Contact Us

Middletown Recreation

345 Oak Hill Road
Middletown, NJ

(732) 615-2260

recreation@middletownnj.org

www.middletownnj.org/recreation

SUMMER CAMP

with Middletown Recreation
at Poricy Park



Camp Overview

Poricy Park Camps give children the opportunity to experience and explore the great outdoors. Each weekly camp focuses on a different nature or science theme. Campers' days are filled with hands-on science investigations, stories, crafts, and lots of hiking adventures. Ideas and activities are adapted to be irresistibly engaging for each age group.

Week 1: July 5-7

Growing Up Muddy

The summer finds local ponds brimming with life. Many animals start life in a pond, which makes the perfect nursery. Expect to do lots of netting this week, plus other activities for getting muddy. Learn about frogs, ducks, dragonflies, snails, and even mosquitos! Not all of their babies are cute and cuddly, but wonder can be found in the strangest places.



Week 2: July 10-14

Food Science

A bevy of science experiments happen in kitchens every day. This week looks at the science of eggs, yeast, fermentation, sugar, baking soda and more! Keep your kitchen clean by making messes with us. Some of our results might even be edible!



Week 3: July 17-21

Native Plants

Native plants play an important role in our local ecosystem. Many insect species cannot survive on foreign plants (including butterflies!). Camp this week will work on identifying some of the most common, helping to combat invasive species, and work in Poricy's native plant garden. Activities with flowers, butterflies, planting, squirrels and nuts, and birdwatching.



Week 4: July 24-28

Dinosaurs of NJ

Did you know NJ is the birthplace of modern paleontology? Meet Haddy, NJ's state dinosaur and step back into NJ's geologic past. A past filled with not just dinosaurs, but also giant crocodiles and sharks! Investigate fossils, dinosaur tracks, and coprolite. Imagine if they still walked our neighborhoods today!



Week 5: July 31-Aug. 4



Whose Woods?

Who does Poricy Park belong to? Learn to track the animals that call Middletown home and spend the day

in the life of a deer, owl, or raccoon. Where do they eat, sleep, and play? Each fills a unique spot in our local ecosystem and has a story to tell.



Week 6: Aug. 7-11

How Stuff Works

Ever wondered what was inside your toaster? This camp is a chance to take apart some common machines with no pressure to ever get them back together again. We will explore simple machine and electronic concepts before venturing to make our own contraptions and putting them to the test. Builders needed!

Week 7: Aug. 14-18

The Air Up There



Campers take to the air this week to float, fly, and soar. We will explore the weather that makes wind, look at the chemicals in air, and experiment with the weight of air. Lots of breezy projects including balloon powered cars, sail boats, wind socks, musical instruments, and more.

