



# MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

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Vol. 1: Winter (January - February - March)

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## Office Information

Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm

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732-615-2260

Senior Center  
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900 Leonardville Road  
732-615-2265

Tonya Keller Community  
Center  
50 Bray Avenue  
732-615-3250

## MAPLE Syrup

### MAPLE SUGARING FOR SCOUTS

Dates: Saturdays, February 19 or February 26  
Time: 8:30am-2:30pm (pick a 1-hour timeslot)  
Location: Poricy Park  
Fee: \$90.00 (R) | \$108.00 (NR) per group of 15

With cold nights and warm days, the later months of winter are the perfect time for maple sap in New Jersey. Join Recreation to learn why you can collect sap only during this time of the year, how to identify maples and other trees in the winter and how boiling increases solution concentrations to create syrup! The one hour session includes a hike, experiment and checking on tapped trees. These programs will also be available during the week for homeschool groups from Friday, February 11th - Thursday, March 3rd. Pick the day that works best for you!

### MAPLE TREE-TAPPING

Date: Thursday, February 10th  
Time: 4:00pm  
Location: Poricy Park  
Fee: \$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR)

In the dead of winter, trees begin to prepare for spring. Join Recreation to drill holes, hammer in tappers and hang buckets - the first steps of making maple syrup! The walk down and back is approximately 0.5 miles total.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### MARCH MADNESS - DRIBBLE, DISH & SWISH

Date: March 16, 2022  
Time: 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Location: Croydon Hall Gymnasium  
Fee: \$5.00 (R) | \$6.00 (NR) plus food donation

Dribble, dish, an swish your way to victory! Showcase your basketball skills against your peers by competing in your specific age division. Competitors are timed on the ability to complete a basketball skills course which challenges the participants to dribble, pass and shoot accurately, and as quickly as possible.

There are five divisions based on age: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-17, and Adult. Scores will be tallied and then compared only to those in each participants specific age group. Top competitors in each age bracket will receive a prize.

All participants are encouraged to bring a nonperishable food to donate. All donations received will be given to Middletown Social Services to be distributed to residents in need.





**Registration begins March 2022!**



Join in on the fun with our love for learning in our small teacher to student ratios. Our certified Early Elementary Education teachers have over 50 years, combined, of classroom management. The age-appropriate curriculum includes: social skills, arts & crafts, stories, music, numbers, letters, shapes, colors, science, sight words, writing skills, physical education and games.

**PROGRAMS**

*Must be the age by Oct 1st*

**PreK3 (3 yr)**  
4 Days (M-TW).....Full Day & Half Day

**PreK4 (4 yr)**  
4 Days (M-TW).....Full Day & Half Day

**Full Days**  
9 am - 3 pm

**Half Days**  
9 am - 12 pm

**A la carte**  
Afternoon Drop In

50 Bray Avenue, Middletown, NJ 07748  
732-615-3230 • recreation@middletownnj.org • middletownnj.org/preschool

## Special Activities at Poricy Park



### GEOCACHING

Stop by the Poricy Park Nature Center during business hours to rent supplies and take the challenge! Supplies are \$5 per set rental, which includes one Garmin GPS Device and instructions. A credit card and a valid driver's license in the name of the renter required as deposit.

**FOSSIL SCREEN RENTALS**

MONDAY-FRIDAY | 9:00A-4:00P  
PORICY PARK NATURE CENTER  
\$5.00 / SET

*No pre-registration needed, but please call ahead to ensure availability*

Discover some pre-historic finds at your own pace at our Cretaceous-era fossil beds. Equipment includes screening tray, trowel, and field guide to common finds, and directions for hunting in Poricy's fossil beds.

## IT'S A SNOW DAY!

### RENT CROSS-COUNTRY SKIS

If school is closed, but municipal offices are open, drop by Poricy Park to rent cross-country skis. Easy for beginners and no lift ticket required! Recreation stocks a range of child sizes (boots, skis and poles); availability is first come, first served. Rental fees and deposit apply.

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES

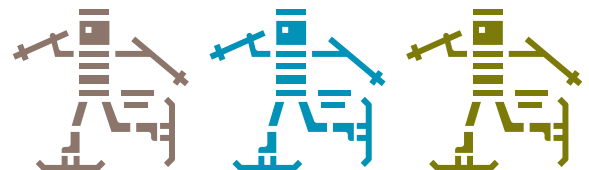
Looking for a different type of birthday party? Why not come to Poricy Park! Choose from one of our standard party options or work with our team to create your own personalized party. Call the office for more information.

### SCOUT PROGRAMS

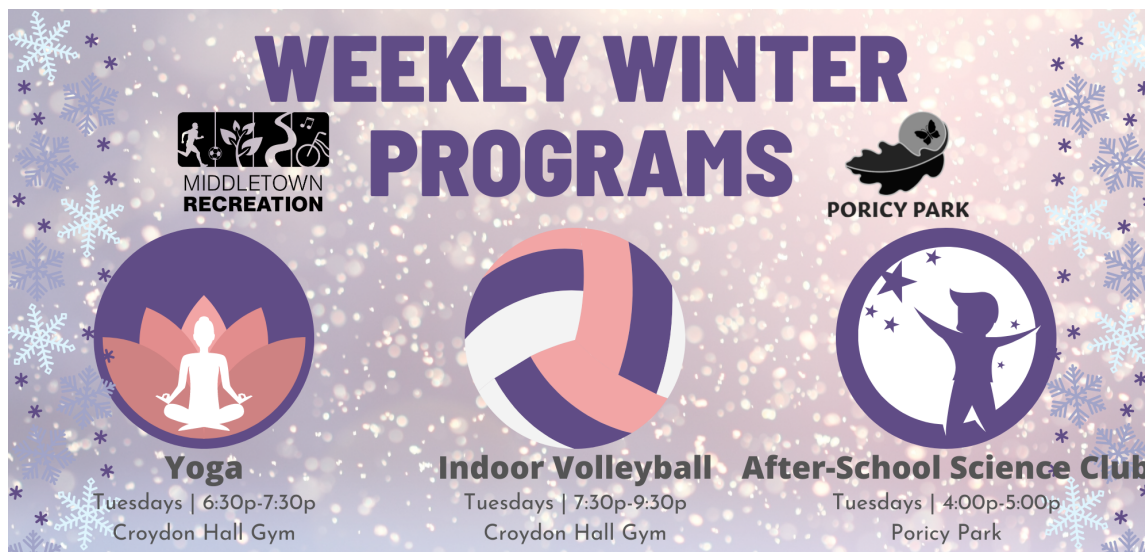
Poricy Park offers special programs for both Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. We have appropriate programs about science, the environment, and history available. We can help your scout group meet badge requirements, plan a guided hike, or schedule a fossil hunt. Great for Homeschool groups and Outdoor Birthday Parties!!

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Poricy Park is a great place for your next class trip. We offer a variety of fun, hands-on programs in Science, Nature, and History for grades Pre-K through 5th.



## Weekly Programs



### YOGA

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm  
Session III: January 4 - February 8  
Session IV: February 22 - March 29  
Ages: 18+  
Croydon Hall Gym  
Ongoing 6-week session, \$65.00 (R)  
Weekly drop-in, \$12.00 (R)



Join June Somma of *Hot and Soul Yoga* in this weekly class. Work through 60 minutes of Yoga that will awaken and restore the body. This total body workout targets and tones every muscle group while elevating the heart rate to create cardiovascular endurance.

[www.hotandsoulyoga.com](http://www.hotandsoulyoga.com)

### AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

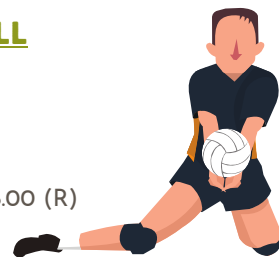
Tuesdays | 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
January 4 - February 22  
Grades: K-3  
Poricy Park Nature Center  
8-week session, \$120.00 (R)



Don't wait for next summer to continue your Poricy science adventures. We've got STEM activities to do, nature to explore, and fun to be had! Each week has a different topic and will include an outdoor hike (weather permitting).

### INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
January 4 - March 22  
Ages: 18+  
Croydon Hall Gym  
Ongoing 12-week session, \$48.00 (R)  
Weekly drop-in, \$5.00 (R)



Great exercise and socialization! Enjoy this co-ed sport with teams picked weekly. No prior experience is necessary.



All prices marked with (R) are for Middletown residents. Non-Resident registration may incur additional fees and is subject to availability.



## Middletown Seniors

The Middletown Senior Center is excited to be open again! Membership to the Middletown Senior Center is free for residents age 60 plus. Non-residents are welcome to join for an annual fee. The Center is a gathering place where you can engage in new friendships and try different experiences, the goal is to provide a place where activity and participation will improve your quality of life.

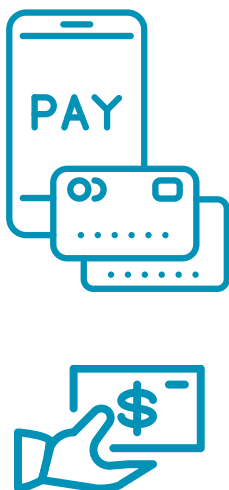
Our programs range from a variety of trips, arts and crafts, painting classes, chorus group, bowling, billiards, knitting group, book club, games, Mahjong, Pinochle, weekly movies, a variety of fitness classes including a Tap Dance Class and Yoga . We also host bi-monthly birthday parties, seasonal events and so much more!

To learn more or to register, please call (732) 615-2265 or visit our website:  
[www.middletownnj.org/seniors](http://www.middletownnj.org/seniors)



## MIDDLETOWN PARKS & FACILITIES

Applebrook Park • Belford Park • Bicentennial Park • Bodman Park • Butler Park • Campo Trails • Chanceville Park • Church Street Park • Clearwater Fields • Countryside Park • Croydon Hall • Crystal Pond Park • Dorsett Park • Dutch Neck Park • Evergreen Park • Fairview Acres • Fairway Park • Gordon Court Park • Greeley Park • Hillside Park • Ideal Beach • Kunkel Park • Leonardo Beach • Lincroft Village Green • Lincroft Acres • McMahon Park • Middletown Arts Center / Memorial Gardens • M.T. Thompson Park • Normandy Park • Nutswamp Turf • Nutswamp Park • Poricy Park • Poricy Park Fossil Beds • Poricy Park – Cotton Tract • Roosevelt Park • Shultz Park • Shorecrest Mini Park • Stevenson Tract • Sunrise Park I • Sunrise Park II • Tindall Park • Tonya Keller Community Center • West Front Street Park • Waloo Park • Wilmort Park



### Registration Information

#### Credit Card Payment

[www.middletownnj.org/signup](http://www.middletownnj.org/signup)

#### Cash / Check Payment

Recreation Administrative Office  
Poricy Park Nature Center  
9:00am-4:00pm, Mon - Fri

### Refund Policy

No refund for any program within 48 hours of the program's start date. For Summer Camps, no refunds after May 15. Please choose carefully. A refund request form must be filled out for processing. Form must be received prior to refund deadline. Please allow up to eight weeks for your credit or refund to be processed. Incomplete Refund Requests will delay processing. All refunds are subject to approval. Effective 2/4/15

