

MIDDLETOWN RECREATION

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SPECIAL EVENTS

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Date: Saturday, April 9th

Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Middletown Arts Center

Fee: FREE!

Ages: All

Join us for a family fun day of crafts, activities, plant your own flower, Peter Cottontail show, and photos with the Easter Bunny! Event is outdoors. Goodie bags for the first 300 kids at the event. Let us know you are coming, sign-up today: middletownnj.org/signup.



BIKE RODEO

Date: Wednesday, May 4th

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Kunkel Park

Fee: FREE! Sign-up required: middletownnj.org/signup

Age Range: K-5th grade

Mayor Perry invites you to a youth Bike Rodeo as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and in partnership with Middletown Police Department, Trek Bicycle, and Hackensack Meridian Health. Here kids K-6th grade will have a chance to bring their bikes and helmet and practice bike safety. Kids will work through stations learning about proper helmet and bicycle fit, hand signals, and following traffic rules. Bring your group, fulfills boy & girl scouts requirements.



MOTHER-SON CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Date: Friday, May 6th

Time: 5pm-8pm

Location: Croydon Hall Turf

Fee: \$25.00 per mom | \$15.00 per son (R), includes dinner

Ages: K-5th grade

Sign-up: middletownnj.org/signup

Team up with mom for an exciting night of cornhole! Double elimination format guarantees each team at least 2 games. A custom cornhole set will be awarded to the top mother-son team in each grade. Fiesta-themed! Enjoy tacos and a piñata. Wear your best matching fiesta outfits for the chance to win a prize.



More Special Events

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup
Non-resident registrations are subject to out-of-town fees.

TOWN-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Dates: Sat May 14th & Sun May 15th

Time: 8:30am-4:00pm

Location: Homes across Middletown Township

Fee: Free for shoppers! Seller registration \$8: middletownnj.org/signup



Join us for a Town-Wide Garage Sale! Sellers who register will be able to enter their featured items in our database and receive an official partner lawn sign, while supplies last. Sellers have the option to participate on Saturday, Sunday or both dates. Check back closer to the date for listings and an official map: middletownnj.org/garagesale.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - BIKE PARADE

Date: Monday, May 30th

Time: 10am (Check-in begins at 9:30am)

Location: Bayshore Elementary School

Fee: FREE! Registration is required for all riders: middletownnj.org/signup

Age: All!

Middletown Township welcomes you to celebrate with us in our Bike Parade as a component of our annual Memorial Day Parade! Best decorated bike wins a prize! This is not a race. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who also must be registered. Walkers are not allowed, all participants must ride their bike for the ~2 mile route.



DADDY-DAUGHTER LUAU

Date: Friday, June 17th

Time: 5pm-8pm

Location: Ideal Beach

Fee: \$30.00 per dad | \$20.00 per daughter (R), includes dinner

Ages: K-5th grade

Sign-up: middletownnj.org/signup



Daddy-Daughter is headed to the beach this year for a fun themed luau night! Enjoy our DJ, beach games, and a bonfire! Prize to the best dressed Hawaiian matching outfits. Bring your beach chairs and blanket for a picnic barbeque dinner and save room for smores around our bonfire at dusk!

MOVIES IN THE PARK - SPACE JAM 2: A NEW LEGACY

Date: Thursday, June 23rd

Time: 8:30pm, approximate start time

Location: Poricy Park Lawn, in front of the Nature Center

Fee: FREE

Let us know you are coming: middletownnj.org/signup

Our Free Summer Movie series kicks off with Space Jam 2: A New Legacy. Superstar LeBron James and his young son, Dom, get trapped in digital space by a rogue AI. To get home safely, LeBron teams up with Bugs and the rest of the Looney Tunes squad for a high-stakes basketball game against the AI's digitized champions of the court - a powered-up roster called the Goon Squad. Rated PG.

Bring the whole family! Make sure to pack your chairs and blankets. Movie snacks are welcome and available for purchase.



Special Activities at Poricy Park

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup
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SPRING BREAK POND NETTING

Monday, April 18th | 11am & 3pm

Tuesday, April 19th | 11am

Ages: PreK-6th grade

Fee: \$5 per participant (R)

Find what's at the bottom of the Murray Pond. Look for frogs, turtles, and snakes. Use our nets to catch tadpoles, fish, insect larvae, snails, and other critters. Dress to get muddy!

SPRING BREAK FOSSIL HUNTS

Wednesday, April 20th | 11am & 3pm

Ages: 5-Adult

Fee: \$5 per participant (R)

The Poricy Brook Fossil Beds have Cretaceous-Era marine fossils in abundance, and spring rains uncover new treasures. Our guide will supply equipment for screening for fossils and identify your treasures.



EARTH DAY WATERSHED HIKE

Friday, April 22nd | 10am | Free to All!

Celebrate Earth Day by getting outside for a hike and learning about how you can help your backyard watershed. We'll start under our green-roofed pavilion for an introduction to watersheds, and then follow the local watershed out to Poricy Pond and back. Hike is approximately 1 hour and covers 2.5 miles of moderate terrain, including some steep hills and stairs.

Fossil hunting is great family fun all summer long! Join us for these guided public sessions:

Sunday, April 24th | 11am-12pm

Wednesday, May 11th | 4pm-5pm

Sunday, May 22nd | 11am-12pm

Wednesday, June 15th | 4pm-5pm

Sunday, June 26th | 11am-12pm

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Available Monday-Friday (9:00a-4:00p) without reservations at the Poricy Park Nature Center.

Ever Tried Geocaching?

Our geocaching challenge course is the perfect introduction for geocache beginners! We'll supply you with a GPS Garmin Device (\$5.00 rental per device), instructions, map, and challenge. Find all three locations hidden in the park and get a prize. Course takes about an hour to complete on easy trails.



Find Fossils in Middletown!

Ready to head out to the Poricy Fossil Beds but not sure where to start? Drop by our Nature Center to see the types of fossils you will find and rent an equipment set (\$5.00 per set) including screen, trowel, field guide and directions.



MURRAY FARMHOUSE OPEN HOUSES

Saturday, April 30th | 10am-5pm

Sunday, May 1st | 12pm-5pm

Free to all!

The Murray Farmhouse is proud to be one of the 50 historic sites in Monmouth County opening its doors to visitors for the 2-day event "Weekend at Old Monmouth." See this outstanding example of a middle-class, colonial-era farmhouse and barn. Staff and volunteers will be onsite to give short tours and answer questions.



CALLING ALL SCOUTS!

SCOUT PROGRAMS

Poricy Park offers guided programs for Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, both weekday afternoons and weekends. Rates start at \$90.00 for a 90-minute program. Whether you're a Brownie or a Bear (or any other level), we have a badge-specific program for you!

Fossil Hunts! By far our most popular program. Perfect for an outdoor adventure; our guide will supply materials for screening fossils and take the lead in identification and where to dig to find the best stuff.

Want something shorter? We offer 30-45 minute guided hikes that are perfect for a quick after-school meetup. \$5.00 per child. Topics include: Evergreens, Tracks, Nature Photography, Invasive Plants, and many more!

Space permits available for rental: Fire Pit, Fossil Beds, Green Pavilion
Hint! Hint! Scout programs also make great trips for homeschool groups or outdoor birthday parties!!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Looking for an outdoor adventure for your child's next birthday party? Poricy Park has themed science and nature parties appropriate for ages 4-10. Popular topics include Fossil Hunting, Pond Netting, and Wild Kratt Adventures.

Each 2-hour party includes 90-minutes of instructor-led activities and 30 minutes of "party room" time. Basic paper goods provided; all food is supplied by birthday family. Price is \$315 for 15 children (\$8.00 per additional, up to 25 total).

Want something simpler? Check out our Scout Listings!





2022 SUMMER CAMP

MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/CAMP

TRADITIONAL CAMPS

TKCC Pioneers Camp (PreK)

Croydon Hall Camp (K-6th)

Poricy Park Camp (PreK-6th)

Trail Blazers Travel Camp (7th-9th)



We're Hiring

Your summer job is here, 6 weeks of fun!

Coordinators \$17+/hr

Counselors \$13+/hr

EMTs \$15+/hr

Apply at middletownnj.org/recjobs

SPECIALTY CAMPS

Snapology Camp (6-12 yo)

Poricy Park | 6/27-7/1, 8/15-8/19, 8/22-8/26

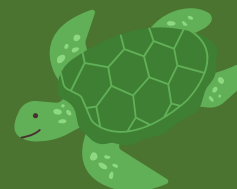


US Sports Institute Multi-Sports Camp (5-11 yo)

Croydon Hall | 6/27-7/1, 8/15-8/19, 8/22-8/26

Marine Science Camp (K-8th grade)

Ideal Beach | 8/29-9/2

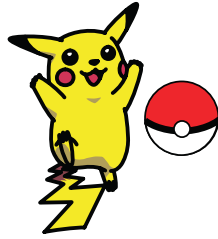


Weekly Programs & Middletown Preschool

Pre-Registration is required for all paid programs. Register online at www.middletownnj.org/signup
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SNAPOLOGY

Wednesdays | 4pm - 5pm
April 6th - May 18th
Ages: 6-11
Poricy Park Nature Center
7-week session, \$120.00 (R)



Join Snapology for Pokemania Class! Students will learn about habitats, architecture, and explore their creativity as they build their world of Pokemon.

YOGA

Tuesdays | 6:30pm - 7:30pm
Session V: April 12 - May 17
Ages: 18+
Croydon Hall Gym
Ongoing 6-week session, \$65.00 (R)
Weekly drop-in, \$12.00 (R)

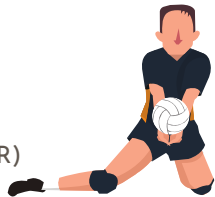


Join June Somma of *Hot and Soul Yoga* in this weekly class. Work through 60 minutes of Yoga that will awaken and restore the body. This total body workout targets and tones every muscle group while elevating the heart rate to create cardiovascular endurance.

www.hotandsoulyoga.com

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Session III: April 5 - May 31
Ages: 18+
Croydon Hall Gym
Ongoing 9-week session, \$36.00 (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. Adults aged 18 and older only.

GONE RUNNING SPRING TRAINING

Choose Mon and/or Wed | 4:30pm - 5:30pm
April 11 - June 16
Grades: 3 - 10
Poricy Park
Registration Coming Soon!



Gone Running, LLC is a youth program that provides positive experiences through running and fitness training that ultimately leads to living a vibrant and healthy lifestyle! The program is designed to make fitness enjoyable so the child gets the best, most consistent and most lasting results. Proper form, nutrition, and racing strategies are learned. Registration includes t-shirt, competition (Sat, June 5th), and award. Please wear running shoes and bring water.

Middletown Preschool

OPEN ROLLING REGISTRATION

PREK3 (3 YR)
PREK4 (4 YR)

FULL DAYS
9AM- 3PM
&
HALF DAYS
9AM-12PM

50 BRAY AVENUE, MIDDLETOWN NJ 07748
CALL US 732-615-3230
MIDDLETOWNNJ.ORG/PRESCHOOL

You're invited!
to explore local preschools at the

Preschool Fair

Thursday, April 28th
6pm-8pm
Middletown Library

PRESCHOOL FAIR - Thursday, April 28th

Finding the perfect preschool for your child can be tough, we're here to save the day! Middletown Recreation is bringing preschools throughout the town together in one place for your convenience. Representatives from various schools will be present to speak to about class options, program structure and answer any questions you have have.

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.

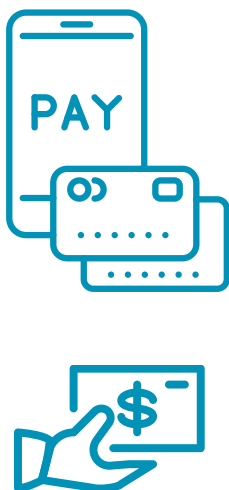
Our programs range from a variety of trips, arts and crafts, painting classes, chorus group, bowling, billiards, knitting group, book club, games, Mahjong, Pinochle, weekly movies, a variety of fitness classes including a Tap Dance Class and Yoga . We also host bi-monthly birthday parties, seasonal events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

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



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

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

