



THE JAGUAR JOURNAL

Respect, Ready, Responsible, Proud

April 28, 2017



May 2, 2017

Band concert
1:30 pm and 7:00 pm
BMS

May 12-13, 2017

Alice in Wonderland

May 16-17, 2017

Marching band
practice (Rain date
May 19th)

May 18, 2017

4th Grade Field Trip
Bronx Zoo

May 19, 2017

Fifth Grade Social
BMS

May 21, 2017

Memorial Day
Parade

May 23, 2017

5th Grade Field Trip
Putnam Park
Revolutionary War
Encampment

May 26, 2017

Professional
Development
Early dismissal
12:56 pm

May 29, 2017

Memorial Day
No school

May 31, 2017

5th Grade Field Trip
Old Sturbridge Village

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

When we consider the skills and habits of mind that our children must develop, resilience is an attribute which rises to the top of the list. As we begin to prepare children so that ultimately they will be ready for college and career, resilience has been heralded as an essential life skill. So how then do we as parents and educators help our students?

Research shows that we all can develop resilience, and we can help our children develop it as well. It involves behaviors, thoughts and actions that can be learned over time. In essence, through our actions and reactions, we can build and hone this attribute.

The following are tips to building resilience.

1. Make connections with your child.
 - Teach your child how to make friends, including the skill of empathy, or feeling another's pain. Encourage your child to be a friend in order to get friends. Build a strong family network to support your child through his or her inevitable disappointments and hurts.
2. Help your child by having him or her help others
 - Children who may feel helpless can be empowered by helping others. Engage your child in age-appropriate volunteer work, or ask for assistance yourself with some task that he or she can master.
3. Maintain a daily routine
 - Sticking to a routine can be comforting to children, especially younger children who crave structure in their lives. Encourage your child to develop his or her own routines.
4. Take a break
 - While it is important to stick to routines, endlessly worrying can be counter-productive. Teach your child how to focus on something besides what's worrying him/her. Be aware of what your child is exposed to that can be troubling, whether it be news, the internet or overheard conversations, and make sure your child takes a break from those things if they trouble him/her.
5. Teach your child self-care
 - Make yourself a good example, and teach your child the importance of making time to eat properly, exercise and rest. Make sure your child has time to have fun, and make sure that your child hasn't scheduled every moment of his or her life with no "down time" to relax. Caring for oneself and even having fun will help your child stay balanced and better deal with stressful times.
6. Move toward your goals
 - Teach your child to set reasonable goals and then to move toward them one step at a time. Moving toward that goal — even if it's a tiny step — and receiving praise for doing so will focus your child on what he or she has accomplished rather than on what hasn't been accomplished, and can help build the resilience to move forward in the face of challenges.

7. Nurture a positive self-view

- Help your child remember ways that he or she has successfully handled hardships in the past and then help him understand that these past challenges help him build the strength to handle future challenges. Help your child learn to trust himself to solve problems and make appropriate decisions. Teach your child to see the humor in life, and the ability to laugh at one's self.

8. Keep things in perspective and maintain a hopeful outlook

- Even when your child is facing very painful events, help him look at the situation in a broader context and keep a long-term perspective. Although your child may be too young to consider a long-term look on his own, help him or her see that there is a future beyond the current situation and that the future can be good. An optimistic and positive outlook enables your child to see the good things in life and keep going even in the hardest times.

9. Look for opportunities for self-discovery

- Tough times are often the times when children learn the most about themselves. Help your child take a look at how whatever he is facing can teach him "what he is made of."

10. Accept that change is part of living

- Change often can be scary for children and teens. Help your child see that change is part of life and new goals can replace goals that have become unattainable.

Very Truly Yours,
Alison Salerno
Principal

Miren los eventos que vienen pronto a nuestra escuela!



<https://youtu.be/AHBCe9JvEo>

Veem os proximos eventos na nossa escola!

<https://youtu.be/o3bBRht8JdE>

CALLING ALL CAREERS

DO YOU HAVE A CAREER YOU WANT TO SHARE?

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to be part of a very special day at Johnson School in Bethel. On June 2nd, Johnson School will have its annual career day. This event will be a chance for professionals to share their careers with Johnson School students. We would like to use this event to expose the students to several different career options that they may be interested in obtaining in their future.

Each participant will be asked to give 3 twenty-minute presentations to a small group of students. The presentations should consist of an explanation of the career and the education and/or training required. If possible, a demonstration or activity for the students to participate in would be an exciting addition. Presenters should plan for about 15 students in each session.

The day will begin with a complimentary "coffee and" for the presenters at 8:00 a.m. The sessions will run consecutively from 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m.

If you would like to be a presenter at career day, you can email your response to our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Alana Weinberg, at weinberga@bethel.k12.ct.us Please be sure to state what career you will be sharing with the students, as well as a brief explanation of your career.

Please respond no later than Monday May 15th so we can plan accordingly

Presenter's Name: _____

Presenter's Career: _____

Description of career:

Student's Name: _____

Presenter's Email: _____

SAVE THE DATE

What: Fifth Grade Field Trip
When: Wednesday, May 31st, 2017
Depart: 7:30 am **Return:** 5:30 pm
Where: Old Sturbridge Village
1 Old Sturbridge Village Road
Sturbridge, MA 01566

What is Old Sturbridge Village?

Old Sturbridge Village is the largest outdoor history museum in the Northeast. It depicts a rural New England town of the 1830s. Students will be invited to visit more than 40 original buildings, including homes, meetinghouses, a district school, country store, bank, working farm, three water-powered mills, and trade shops - all situated on more than 200 scenic acres. They will meet heritage breed farm animals and interact with authentically costumed staff.

Cost: \$40.00 per student.

This cost includes a Coach bus and OSV fees. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact your child's homeroom teacher ASAP. There are a limited number of spaces available. Chaperones will also have to pay the \$40.00. We will not be collecting money for the trip at this time. A formal permission slip will go home later in the year, when it is time to collect money and give out additional information about the trip, departure and pick-up.

Sturbridge Village Field Trip Permission Form and Payment

Date: May 31, 2016

Location: Sturbridge Village

Cost: \$40 for the coach bus and admission

Leave: 7:30 am ****BEFORE SCHOOL****

Return: 5:30 pm ****AFTER SCHOOL****

Special Instructions:

- Please ensure your student has transportation **BEFORE** and **AFTER** school, as buses will **NOT** be an option.
- If your child is going home with someone else, please send a signed note with him/her to school on the field trip day.
- Children should wear sneakers and comfortable clothing as there will be a lot of walking.
- All lunches must be brought from home and be 100% disposable.
- Checks should be made out to Johnson School Activity Fund.

Save this part of the form for future reference.

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Sign this part of the form and return it to your homeroom teacher.

_____ has permission to attend the field trip to **Sturbridge Village** on **May 31, 2016** from **7:30 am** to **5:30 pm**. I understand that I am responsible for bringing my child to and from school on this day as buses do not align with travel times. Please find cash/check in the amount of **\$40** to cover the cost of the trip.

In an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

On Tuesday, May 23rd, 5th grade students will be participating in the Living History Program at Putnam Park. Students will have the opportunity to interact with volunteers that re-enact various roles from the American Revolutionary time period. **The cost of this trip is \$12 per student.** This is an outdoor walking field trip and students should be dressed for a day at the park. **Students should bring a bag lunch, extra water, sunscreen, and a towel for sitting on the ground.**

Please fill out the slip below and return it along with the \$12 to your child's teacher as soon as possible. **Checks should be made out to Johnson Activity Fund.**

I give my child _____ permission to attend the Living History Program at Putnam Park on Tuesday, May 23.

(Parent Signature)

(Emergency Contact)

(Emergency Contact Phone Number)



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PTO CORNER

PTO membership and directories still available! For only \$15 you will be a member, and that money funds scholarships and other events! PLUS, you get the directory for all the schools!

Fundraisers:

- Spring Coupon Book: We are still missing some books! Please return them to the school, or if you would like to keep your book, you can still send in payment!
- 5/11-5/12: Mother's Day plant sale. Details to follow!
- 5/31-6/2: Spring book fair (BOGO!)
- Every Thursday morning the school store is open!

Upcoming PTO Events:

- 5/1-5/5: Teacher Appreciation Week!
- 5/1-5/5: Screen free week is coming! Be on the lookout for all the fun un-plugged activities!
- 5/19: 5th & 6th grade social at BMS from 2:45-3:45.
- Upcoming PTO meetings:
 - 5/16 @ 9:15 am

Want to get involved? All are welcome at our meetings, even our littlest family members.

Contact us: rmtjohnsonpto@gmail.com

PTO EVENT



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Mother's Day Plant Sale

Thursday, May 11th and Friday, May 12th
Johnson School Cafeteria
11:00am-1:00pm (during lunch periods)
2:45pm-3:30pm (after dismissal)

There will be a variety of annuals to choose from in the following containers...

6 pack (cube) **\$3.00**

*Flats (8 x 6 pack ~ mix & match) **\$20.00**

4" pot **\$5.00**

*10" hanging basket **\$15.00**

***If your child plans to buy a hanging basket or flat, please arrange for parent pickup that day as it will be difficult for these items to be transported home by bus. We will hold these purchases in the cafeteria.**

Cash and check (payable to Johnson PTO) will be accepted during the sale.

Contact twachnuik@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to help during the plant sale. We will need a number of volunteers to help the children make their plant selections and bag them up for transport home.

Do you want your son to...

Help Our Community

**Make New
Friends**

**EXPERIENCE THE
OUTDOORS**

Build His Confidence

And Have FUN at the same time?

Then Cub Scouting is the program for you and your son!

Cub Scouts is a family and neighborhood centered program designed to support and encourage the character development of boys in 1st through 5th grades. It is a fun and exciting program that helps boys:

- Develop creative and physical skills through crafts, sports, music, and games
- Learn how to get along with others and show respect for home, country, and community
- Develop confidence, independence, and leadership skills
- Learn to make values-based decisions and to always "Do Your Best"



Come Learn More About Our Program!



Cub Scout Pack 156
Information Session and Open House

Walnut Hill Community Church
Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30PM

For additional information, email [**cubmaster@bethelpack156.org**](mailto:cubmaster@bethelpack156.org)

Enjoy Quality Time with Your Son! Join Cub Scouts!

Learn more about Scouting Programs at beAscout.org

EARN YOUR
**"EXPERIENCE UNLIKE
ANY OTHER"** BADGE.



**JOIN
CUB SCOUTS!**

Open House

Monday, May 1, 2016

6:30pm

Walnut Hill Community Church

Questions?

email cubmaster@bethelpack156.org



BETHEL PARKS & RECREATION

Activities for Summer 2017

REGISTRATION BEGINS

Monday, May 15th

From 9:00am-4:30pm (in person)

ONLINE REGISTRATION

At www.bethel-ct.gov

***Go to the Parks and Rec. Department**

***Click on the Online Registration Link**

Credit Cards now accepted



*****NO REFUNDS AFTER FIRST CLASS *****
Cancellations must be made in writing.



Like us on Facebook at Bethel Parks and Recreation

CLIFFORD J. HURGIN MUNICIPAL CENTER, 1 SCHOOL STREET, BETHEL, CT 06801

PHONE: 203-794-8531 • FAX: 203-778-7519

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SUMMER REGISTRATION

DATE: Monday, May 15th
TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Municipal Center Parks & Rec. Office
DEADLINE: **You must register at least 2 weeks prior to program starting.**

Once a program has begun, no registrations will be accepted.



OFFICE HOURS

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please note: The night staff is not permitted to take registrations or payments.



PHONE IN REGISTRATION

If you do not have access to online registration please feel free to contact our office Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. We will be happy to process your registration over the phone.



LATE FEE

A \$10 late fee per program will be assessed for all registrations submitted after the deadline date. *Programs may reach maximum capacity before the deadline date – early registration is recommended.*

NON-RESIDENT

Registrations for non-residents will not be accepted until Friday, May 26th (not including Summer Camp) for an additional \$15.00.

AGE REQUIREMENT

Children must meet the age requirement within the session of the program for which they're registered. Proof of age may be required.

SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

Participants ages 60 and up are eligible for a \$10 discount **per person** (not activity) excluding trips and health exercise classes under \$50.00.



Staff

Eileen Earle, Director
Rachael McGrath, Assistant Director
Janet Beote, Secretary
Maureen DeFazio, Program Coordinator

Parks Staff

Troy Andros
Sean Fesh
Matt Hunt
James Robinson

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All Bethel Parks and Recreation programs are inclusive. We are committed to assuring equal access to programs, activities and services to all individuals. During the course of our programs we may be, at times, taking photos or filming the activities and its participants for instructional purposes or Public Television. For more information, please contact the office at 794-8531.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If Bethel schools are closed or cancelled, all Parks and Recreation programs will be cancelled. Athletic fields may close due to inclement weather. The cancellation information may be obtained by calling us at 794-8531 and choosing option #1.

WEEKEND CANCELLATIONS

Please contact your SPORTS ASSOCIATION or COACH.

Bethel Baseball Association

www.bethel-baseball.com

Bethel Youth Soccer Association

www.bethelsoccer.org

Bethel Softball Association

www.leaguelineup.com/bethelsoftball

Bethel Youth Lacrosse Association

www.bethellacrosse.com

Bethel Youth Football

www.bethelyouthwildcats.com

Bethel Women's Softball

www.eteamz.com/bethelsoftballwomen



REFUND POLICY /RETURN CHECK

Return check charge fee is \$28.00. All refunds are subject to a \$10 administration surcharge.

If the Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program a full refund is given. No refunds will be given after the first class, unless extenuating circumstances arises.

Commission

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NYSCA Clinic & Background Checks

All parents interested in coaching or helping out with any sports **MUST** be certified by the NYSCA, and have a yearly background check. You may renew, add a sport or take the initial clinic online. You will need your membership number if you're currently certified.

You can find a link on how to get NYSCA certified, and the link to our online background check on our website:

1. www.bethel-ct.gov
2. Go to the Parks and Rec. Department
3. Under Additional Links click on "Coaches Certification and Background Check"



Please contact our office if you have any questions at 203-794-8531

Special Offers

Discount Lake Compounce

We are pleased to offer you the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to Lake Compounce Amusement Park.

Tickets will be available beginning June 1st until August 25th and can be used for daily admission through September 1, 2017.



Lake Compounce Fee: \$30.00 per ticket Adult & Junior
****CASH, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS ONLY!****

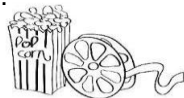
Movie Nights

Movie Nights on the Municipal Center Front Lawn are BACK!!

Admission is FREE. Bring your family and friends along with blankets and chairs.

The **movie begins at dusk**, **BUT** there will be a popcorn and drink concession stand starting at 7:00pm.

June 29th Sing (rated PG)
July 27th Moana (rated PG)



Swim Team

Bethel Parks & Recreation will be partnering with the Brookfield Muskrats for summer 2017. The Muskrats are a competitive summer swim program for swimmers ages 6-16 who are able to swim a minimum of 25 yards. More information regarding the Muskrats use can be found on the town's website, www.bethel-ct.gov

Choose the Department tab, then on the left side choose Parks and Recreation. Located on the right side there will be a link with the Swim Team information.

Brookfield Swim Lessons, Beach and Boat Pass Information

Information regarding Brookfield Town Park use can be found on the town's website, www.bethel-ct.gov

Choose the Department tab, then on the left side choose Parks and Recreation. Located on the right side there will be a link with the Brookfield information.



ENGINEERING FOR KIDS

Engineering for Kids provides a fun, hands-on, inquiry based academic enrichment program focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Minimum Number of campers 8 Max: 14-20

Dates: August 14th – 18th

Location: Municipal Center G.P. Room

JR Rockets & More (JR. Aerospace Engineering)

Grades: K-2 Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

The Junior Aerospace Engineering camp introduces our youngest engineers to fundamental concepts of aircraft and spacecraft design. Through open and focused exploration, students explore and construct airplanes, rockets, hot air balloons, and more.

JR Robotics (WeDo Robots)

Grades: K-2 Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

This camp is a perfect mixture of fun and learning, using LEGO® WeDo™ Robots. Using LEGO® bricks, students build a dancing bird, a smart spinner, soccer goal, cheerleaders and more. They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop computer.

MINECRAFT

Grades: 3rd – 8th Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

We will immerse students in the expansive world of Minecraft, and will challenge student's ingenuity and problem solving skills as they navigate through virtual reality computer game of their own design to manage several engineering challenges. Students will learn how to use teamwork and manage resources like an engineer in the real world. Building in Minecraft allows students to experiment with designs and materials, all without the risks associated with building structures in reality.

Grades: 3rd – 8th Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

This camp is designed to introduce campers to a variety of engineering fields and disciplines through various hands-on activities. Examples of projects: Wind Power Challenge (Environmental Engineering), Power Boats (Marine Engineering), and Candy Catapults (Mechanical Engineering).

Fee: \$200* for 1 half day program (includes \$40 supply fee)

\$300* for full day program (includes \$50 supply fee)

***There is a \$15 non-resident fee.**

***Full Day participants should bring a bag lunch**

Ready, Set, Go to Kindergarten

This class is for children entering **Kindergarten in the fall of 2017**. It will be one week of fun and work refreshing old and new skills for the start of the school year. Class will cover letter recognition, sequencing, patterns, graphing and much, much more.

Minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 20.

Day: Mon. – Fri.

Date: 8/7-8/11

Time: 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Fee: \$125

Place: Municipal Center Gym

Instructor: Sharon Dibuono



Field Hockey Camp

Do you want to learn how to play field hockey? Join former BHS players & current college players to learn (or master) new and exciting drills and the rules of the game.

What you need to bring to camp: Stick, mouth guard, shin guards, eye goggles and a water bottle. (Sticks can be borrowed)

Grades: 5th – 9th

Day: Wed. – Sat.

Dates: 6/21-6/24

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Place: Rockwell Field

Fee: \$150 (includes t-shirt)

Instructor: Reece Freebairn, Shenandoah University

Former BHS Varsity Field Hockey Captain

If rain is forecasted Camp may be moved to Municipal Center.

Lacrosse Camp

BHS Varsity Head Coach Shelly Rinas will be offering a one week clinic for girls **entering 4th-6th & 7th-9th grades.**

We encourage both experienced and brand new players to attend! Our program will focus on developing fundamental lacrosse skills, including stick work, defense, shooting, scrimmaging and more!

The 7th-9th grade session will have a particular focus on transitioning into Senior level/High school level play.

Summer is a great time for lacrosse!

Day: Mon. – Fri.

Dates: 6/26-6/30

Time: 8:00am-10:00am (Grades 4-6)

10:00am-12:00pm (Grades 7-9)

Fee: \$100 per session (includes t-shirt)

Place: DeSantis Football Stadium

Instructor: Shelly Rinas, BHS Varsity Head Coach & current BHS Athletes.



Bethel Wrestling Camp

The Bethel Wrestling Camp is for grades K-8.

Dates: 6/26-6/30

Time: 6:00-8:00p.m.

Fee: \$100.00, second child \$75.00

Place: Bethel Municipal Center G.P. Rm.

****Current wrestlers that sign up a friend will be able to register for \$80, with the same deal for their friend!!****

Wrestling Shoes required

For more info, questions, and to **sign up go to the** BYWC website: www.bethelyouthwrestlingclub.com

Youth Track & Field Series

A Youth Track Series will be offered this summer on **Wednesday evenings, July 5th, 12th, 19th & *26th** for children **3 years of age thru 8th grade.**

50M Dash – 5 and under

100M Dash

200M Dash

50M Mini hurdles



400M Dash

800M Run

Mile Run

Field clinics will be offered following the completion of the races:

Long Jump, High Jump, Mini Jav. and Shot Put.

Registration is at 5:30 p.m. the night of the race.

Events start at 6:00 p.m. Maximum 3 events.

Fee: \$2.00 per athlete for the 1st three meets

*** \$5.00 per athlete for July 26th with entry being donated to**

MLD research in the memory of Oliver Ciparelli.

Fees are paid at the track the day of the meet.

Instructor: Yvonne Grimes

Basketball Camp

Bethel High School Head coaches Dennis Morsey and Anderson Rawlins, along with current High School Players, will be hosting a variety of basketball camps for boys **entering 4th-9th grades** and **girls entering 4th-10th grades.**

Camps will involve individual player skills, working on knowledge of the game, daily competitions and full court games.

SPACE IS LIMITED SO DON'T WAIT!!

Girls Grades 4-6

Dates: 6/26-6/30

Boys Grades 7-9

Dates: 7/10-7/14

Boys Grades 4-6

Dates: 7/17-7/21

Girls Grades 7-10

Dates: 7/24-7/28

Days: Mon. – Fri.

Time: 8:45am-2:45pm

Fee: \$175 (siblings are \$100)

Place: Bethel High School Gym



*Drop off begins at 8:30am. Lunch from 12-1
(Bring a lunch or buy a slice of pizza for \$2.)

Basketball HS Intensive Clinic

Bethel High School Head coaches Dennis Morsey and Anderson Rawlins will be running an intensive clinic for **players going into 9th-12th grade.**

SPACE IS LIMITED SO DON'T WAIT!!

Boys & Girls Grade 9-12

Dates: 7/5-7/7

Days: Wed. – Fri.

Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Fee: \$75 (no sibling discount)

Place: Bethel High School Gym



*Drop off begins at 8:45am.

Martial Arts

**Lil Warriors (Ages 5-6), Junior Warriors (Ages 7-9)
& Junior Warriors (Ages 10-14)**

****This program is a one time ONLY sign-up. If you have taken this class in the past – you cannot take it again.****

Your child will be introduced to the great benefits of the martial arts like focus, discipline, respect, physical fitness, confidence, self-defense and safety.

Class is twice a week.

Days available: Must write down which 2 days

	<u>Lil Warriors (5-6)</u>	<u>Jr. Warriors (7-9)</u>	<u>Jr. Warriors(10-14)</u>
Mon	4:45pm	5:15pm	6:00pm
Tues.	5:30pm	6:00pm	4:45pm
Wed.	4:45pm	5:15pm	6:00pm
Thurs.	5:30pm	6:00pm	4:45pm
Fri.	4:00pm	4:30pm	5:15pm

Dates: 7/10-8/18

Fee: \$69 (6 weeks) Place: Bethel Academy of Martial Arts

Students must purchase a uniform from Bethel Academy of

Martial Arts before starting the program:

Please call: 203-792-1050

Tennis

Tennis Clinics

Bethel welcomes back Camp Director Greg Sansonetti for his tenth season alongside his exceptional adult staff. For more information on Bethel tennis programs, contact Greg at 203.414.9453 or visit www.fairfieldcountytennistennis.net

Classes will be held on **TUESDAYS** at the Tennis courts by the HS baseball field.

Session 1: June 20 – July 18 No Class: 7/4

Session 2: August 1 – August 22

Minimum of 4 participants - Maximum of 18

Tennis Clinic

Pee Wee Clinic: Ages 3-4

Time: 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Fee: \$49



Junior Clinic, Beginner/Advanced Beginner: Ages 5-7

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fee: \$85

Junior Clinic, Beginner/Advanced Beginner: Ages 8-11

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$85

Tennis Camp

Classes will run **Monday through Thursday with a rain date on Friday.** Camp will be held at the Tennis courts by the High School baseball fields.

Session 1: July 10 – July 13 Rain date: 7/14

Session 2: July 24 – July 27 Rain date: 7/28

Pee Wee Tennis Camp - ages 3 - 4: This action packed class offers children a fun introduction to the sport of tennis. Class time will emphasize forehand, backhand and volleys in game situations. Minimum of 3 per class, maximum of 10.

Time: 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$49

Junior Tennis Camp - ages 5-7, 8-11 & 12-16: Campers will learn a different stroke each day. This camp includes instruction on the forehand, backhand, serve and volley in game situations. There is also an optional cross-training component to this camp to facilitate coordination as well as improve endurance.

USTA 10 and under tennis Match Play will be played on a modified court with tennis balls designed for their specific skill level. This will provide players with an opportunity to play "real" tennis and learn the rules of the game. **Children should bring a NUT free snack.**

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Fee: \$159

Bring your own racquet or racquets are available for sale through instructors.



****Weekend cancellations/after hours at 203-283-5629***

Skyhawks Sports Camps

Skyhawks Summer Sports Camp

Under the expert care of our sports camp coaches, kids not only learn individual sport-oriented skills, but also develop personally and socially, all while learning teamwork and building character and life skills through sports.

REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT:

www.skyhawks.com

Skyhawks registration forms are also available at the Bethel Parks & Recreation Office.

Mini-Hawk – This baseball, basketball, and soccer program gives young children a fun and positive first step in athletics.

Ages: 4-7 yrs

Dates: 6/26 – 6/30 Time: 9am – 12pm

Fee: \$119 residents/\$134 non-res.

Place: Berry School Fields

Multi-Sport Camp – This camp is designed to introduce young athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. The rules and essential skills of each sport will be taught.

Grades: 2-5

Dates: 6/26 – 6/30 Time: 9am – 1pm

Fee: \$119 residents/\$134 non-res.

Place: Berry School Fields

Beginning Golf Camp – Boys & girls will learn the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning. Using the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) system, we have simplified instruction so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment provided.

Grades: K-2

Dates: 7/5 – 7/7 Time: 9am – 12pm

Fee: \$89 residents/\$104 non-res.

Place: Berry School Fields

Flag Football Camp -- Skyhawks flag football is the perfect program for boys and girls who want a complete introduction to America's Game or for those who simply want to brush up on their skills in preparation for league play.

Grades: 2-5

Dates: 7/17-7/21 Time: 9am – 12pm

Fee: \$119 residents/\$134 non-res.

Place: Bethel Middle School/Benzing Field

Basketball Camp- This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. An active week of passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding makes this one of our most popular programs. Boys and girls will learn vital life lessons such as respect, teamwork and responsibility.

Grades K-2

Dates: 7/31-8/4 Time: 9am – 12pm

Fee: \$119 residents/\$134 non-res.

Place: Bethel High School Gym

Grades 3-4

Dates: 7/31-8/4 Time: 9am – 3pm

Fee: \$139 residents/\$154 non-res.

Place: Bethel High School Gym

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SENIOR CAMP Fee per week: \$175 Week 2 Fee: \$150 no camp on 7/4	Entering grades 4 – 6	Middle School	9am – 3pm	Mon.-Fri. 8-9am Fee per week: \$40 Week 2 fee: \$35 Extended am drop off is at Middle School
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Summer's Best and Summer School

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Summer 2017 Theatre Productions!

From the team who brought you *Annie Junior*, *Into The Woods Junior*, and *Seussical the Musical* comes two EXCITING summer shows!



Hairspray The Musical

Directed by Anthony DePoto and Music Direction by Erin Volpintesta
Performances July 29th and 30th at Bethel High School!

Have your young performer be a part of the Tony Award winning musical Hairspray as they dance their way into Baltimore with Corny Collins, Tracy Turnblad and The Nicest Kids In Town.

Registration: Signups begin 4/24. Limited space available! Click [HERE](#) to register*!

Or go to www.bethel-ct.gov Click on the Parks and Rec. Dept. and on the right hand side will be a link to "Online Registration"

Audition: May 6&7 1-4 (*auditions are for registered participants. Everyone gets a part!*)

Ages: 11 to 18 years old

Tuition: \$350 Per Child, Non-Bethel residents pay an additional \$15

Schedule: May 15-July 30th Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 6pm-9pm in the General-Purpose Room of the Municipal Center.

Peter Pan Jr.

Directed by Rachel Volpe & Produced by Erin Volpintesta and Anthony DePoto
Performances August 11th and 12th at Bethel High School!

Come join the magical fairies, Lost Boys, Pirates, Mermaids, Darling Family, Hook, Tink and Peter Pan as they bring Neverland to life! #pixiedust

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Ages: 6 to 13 years old

Tuition \$335 Per Child, Non-Bethel residents pay an additional \$15

Schedule: June 19th- Aug 5th. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 4pm-6pm in the General-Purpose Rm of the Municipal Center

*If you need assistance registering please call 203-794-8531**

BYSA SUMMER CAMP 2017



www.bethelsoccer.org



www.uksoccer.com

August 7th-11th at the Berry School Fields

Mini Camp	(Ages 4-6)	9AM-10:30AM	\$75 per player
Half Day Program	(Ages 6-14)	9AM-12:00PM	\$115 per player
Full Day Program	(Ages 7-14)	9AM-3:00PM	\$170 per player
Play the Game	(Ages 8-16)	12:30PM-3:00PM	\$100 per player

BYSA is once again proud to announce its continued partnership with U.K. International this year for our soccer camp. After developing a fantastic relationship with U.K. International in our travel program and the great response to the last 9 years of summer camps, we are glad to welcome them back for our summer program. Many new concepts, techniques, drills and fun new ideas on how to improve soccer skills will be introduced.

U.K. International is renowned for their ability to consistently create
"The Best Possible Soccer Experience" in a safe, educational and fun environment.

Comments from past camps:

"Always my son's favorite camp-now it's my daughters too, Great job!"

"My son loved it, learned the rules and has more interest in soccer now."

"My daughter is having a great time. Coaches are enthusiastic and encouraging"

Registrations can be done at the Parks and Recreation office during normal business hours, 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Monday – Friday or you can register online at: www.uksoccer.com. Registration # 81068061.

For information regarding the program contact UK Soccer at (855) UK-SOCCER

Registration ends July 31, 2017.

FREE! – 9th Annual BYSA Summer Soccer Nights - 2017



July 6th – July 27th, 2017 at Rourke Field

Tuesday & Thursday Nights 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FREE Pickup Soccer games for ALL kids ages 7-12 years old.



Organized pick up soccer games will be put together each night based on # of kids and ages. These are intended to let kids get out and free play for FUN. Adult supervision will be on site, but games will not be officiated.

ALL PLAYERS THAT WISH TO PARTICIPATE MUST COMPLETE A BYSA REGISTRATION FORM
AND LIABILITY RELEASE, IN ORDER TO PLAY.

Registration forms are available at the Parks and Recreation office or at the BYSA web site: www.bethelsoccer.org

For additional information contact: Soccer Night Coordinator: Kevin Kurtz kwkurtz@gmail.com

Bethel Supercross BMX

Mitchell Park - Old Hawleyville Road.....go to www.bethelbmx.com for more information

Behind the baseball fields



BETHEL SUPERCROSS BMX - 2017 SCHEDULE

Don Olson, Track Operator: 203-744-7962 (home)
Track Phone: 203-798-6373

April	Work days	Saturdays & Sundays Weather Permitting	
April	New Rider Orientation And Registration	Saturday, April 29th Membership in USA BMX- \$60 Copy of birth certificate REQUIRED	1:00-3:00pm
May	Race	Wednesdays: 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 31 st CLOSED the 24 th	
June	Race	Wednesdays: 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	
July	Race	Wednesdays: 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	
August	Race	Wednesdays: 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	

Cost: \$10 for award of the day and points; \$5 for ribbon and points (cash only)

Registration on Wednesday for races – 4:30pm-6:15pm

Practices on Wednesdays – 5:00pm-6:45pm

Race on Wednesdays – 7:00pm

Parent NEEDS to be present for rider under 18



www.bethelsoccer.org P.O. Box 178, Bethel, CT 06801

2017 Fall Intown Registration

**Intown
Registration
Ages
Amount**

Pay with credit card on the Bethel Soccer website:

www.bethelsoccer.org until August 26th, 2017.

4 ½ by the start of the season through 8th grade.

\$85 per child (\$170 per family maximum - excluding travel soccer fees). Checks should be made payable to "BYSA".

Late registrations are subject to space limitations.

The *Intown Recreational Program* has various leagues broken down by age group starting with the beginners learning the basics of soccer through fun, interactive ballgames and small field competitions and continuing through our full field leagues for children up through the 8th grade.

For additional information contact:

Girls Director:	Nick Vitti, Jr	203-297-3356	nvittijr@yahoo.com
Boys Director:	Kevin Kurtz		kwkurtz@gmail.com
Intown Program Director:	Matt Chamberlain	203-744-0324	mattchamberln@aol.com

BYSA 2017-2018 Travel Team Tryouts

CJSA Recognized Age Divisions for the Seasonal Year 2017 – 2018

Under 9	1-1-09 to 12-31-10	Under 12	1-1-06 to 12-31-06
Under 10	1-1-08 to 12-31-08	Under 13	1-1-05 to 12-31-05
Under 11	1-1-07 to 12-31-07	Under 14/15	1-1-03 to 12-31-04

Tryouts will be scheduled as follows and further details will be distributed at a later date.

Wednesday, June 7th (Rain date June 14th)

Boys U9, Boys U10, Girls U9, Girls U10, Girls U11, & Girls U12	5:00–6:30PM @ Rourke Field
Boys U11, Boys U12, Boys U13, Boys U14/15, Girls U13, & Girls U14/15	6:30–8:00PM @ Rourke Field

Friday, June 9th (Rain date June 14th)

Boys U9, Boys U10, Girls U9, Girls U10, Girls U11, & Girls U12	5:00–6:30PM @ Rourke Field
Boys U11, Boys U12, Boys U13, Boys U14/15, Girls U13, & Girls U14/15	6:30–8:00PM @ Rourke Field

For additional information please contact betheltravelsoccer@gmail.com.



FUTURE WILDCATS BASEBALL CAMP

The Future Wildcats Baseball Camp for players ages 7-13 will be run by Bethel High School's varsity baseball coach Ray Turek. Coach Turek will bring along numerous players from the wildcat program to help throughout the week.

This camp will offer an opportunity to meet and interact with numerous Bethel High baseball players. Learn the drills and strategies utilized within the BHS baseball program. Emphasis is on fundamental development, team play, attitude, concentration and effort. The goal is to have each student leave camp a stronger baseball player and a better leader both on and off the field. There will also be prizes and awards.

****Players need to bring: Glove, bat, cleats, sneakers, hat, LUNCH, water bottle and sunscreen**

Day: Mon. – Thurs Dates: 7/10-7/13 (rain date 7/14)
Time: 9:00am-1:00pm
Fee: \$175 (includes t-shirt)
Place: Mitchell Park
Instructor: Ray Turek, Head Varsity Baseball Coach BHS



BETHEL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

www.bethel-baseball.com

FALL BASEBALL 2017

All registrations will be done ONLINE.

If you require financial aid please contact Kurt Dyer at kurtrdyer@aol.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION: www.bethel-baseball.com

THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.

FEES:	Tee	4-5 YR. OLD	\$125.00
	Rookie Prep	6 – 7 YR. OLD	\$135.00
	Rookie	7-8 YR. OLD	\$150.00
	Minors	9 – 10 YR. OLD	\$160.00
	Majors	11 – 12 YR. OLD	\$160.00
	Babe Ruth	13 - 15 YR. OLD	\$185.00

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

MANAGERS/COACHES ARE NEEDED IN ALL LEAGUES – LET US KNOW ON REGISTRATION NIGHT.
PARENTS ARE ALSO NEEDED TO ASSIST IN RUNNING YOUR CONCESSION STAND.

For more information please go to the Bethel Baseball Website.

BUSINESSES

SIGN AND TEAM ADVERTISEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT MITCHELL PARK – please email:
dans43@att.net

MAY-AUGUST, 2017 PROGRAMS AT THE BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Children's Programs		
May 5	10:30-11:00	Family Fun Storytime: May 5, 12 and 19.
May 5	5:30-7:30	Puppet Workshop and Performance*. Sponsored by the Krauss Estate.
May 10	10:30-11:00	Spring Pre-School Storytime: May 10 and 17.
May 15	6:30-7:00	PJ Storytime: For kids age 3-8 without a parent/caregiver. No registration required.
June 19		Summer Reading Registration begins.
June 26	11:00-12:00	Summer Reading Kickoff Program. No registration required.
June 28	11:30-12:00	Lunch Bunch Storytime: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2.
July 6	10:30-4:00	Summer Craft Day: July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3.
August 5		Summer Reading Program ends.
		Please check our online calendar for more Children's Summer Programs
Teen Programs		
May 3	4:00-5:30	Teen Everyfandom.*
May 5	5:30-7:30	Puppet Workshop and Performance*. Sponsored by the Krauss Estate.
May 11	6:30-7:45	Teen Tech Thursdays.*
May 20	10:15-11:30	Teen Craft.*
		Please check our online calendar for more Teen Summer Programs
Adult Programs		
May 1	6:00-7:45	iPad Basics.*
May 3	6:30-7:45	Line Dancing Fun*. Sponsored by the DECD.**
May 4	6:00-7:45	Art Class with Adele Moros*. Sponsored by the DECD**. May 4, 11, 18 and 25.
May 7	2:00-3:30	Jewelry Making Workshop*. Sponsored by the DECD.**
May 8	6:00-7:30	Introduction to 3D Printing for Adults*. May 8 and June 12.
May 8	6:30-7:45	Sleep Talk with Kenneth Hoffman.*
May 10	6:30-7:30	Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop*. Sponsored by the DECD.**
May 17	6:00-7:45	Writers Group for Adults *. Sponsored by the DECD**. May 17 and June 14.
May 22	6:30-7:45	Evening Book Discussion: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
May 24	10:15-11:30	Morning Book Discussion: Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt
June 3	1:00-4:00	Digital Photography Workshop*. Sponsored by the DECD**. June 3, 10 and 17
June 21	6:30-7:45	Quarterly Classic Book Discussion: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams.
June 26	6:30-7:45	Evening Book Discussion: Wickett's Remedy by Myla Goldberg
June 28	10:15-11:30	Morning Book Discussion: Wickett's Remedy by Myla Goldberg
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		Call (203) 794-8756 ext. 4 for more information, or go to www.bethellibrary.org .

*Requires registration.

**Supported in part by the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, the Office of the Arts, and the National Endowment of the Arts.

All programs sponsored by the Bethel Public Library are open to the public, and meet accessibility requirements for the disabled. Those needing special accommodations should contact the library at least two weeks before the program date.





JOHN DEMILLE 52nd ANNUAL FIRECRACKER 8K ROAD RACE TUESDAY, JULY 4th 2017



SPONSORED BY: BETHEL PARKS & RECREATION
ALL RACE PROCEEDS GO TO: *SCOTTY FUND AND BEN'S BELLS*

TIME: 8:00 a.m. Kids Mini Cracker Races: 3-9 years old
9:00 a.m. 8K Road Race

LOCATION: 1 SCHOOL STREET
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center
Bethel, CT 06801

ENTRY FEE: Road Race Pre-Registered \$25.00, after June 23rd through race day \$30.00
60+ Racers \$20.00
Kids Mini Cracker \$5.00

AMENITIES: Tech Shirt and Race packets to first 400 'Pre-registered' runners.
*Pick up of Shirt & packet is day of race only.

T-shirts to first 50 Mini Cracker runners.

*Mini Cracker shirt sizes are limited and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis,
therefore for "Mini Cracker" only, shirt sizes are not guaranteed.

\$200.00 Cash Prize to the first place male and first place female to complete the road race.

\$100.00 Cash Prize to the second place male and second place female to complete the road race.

\$50.00 Cash Prize to the third place male and third place female to complete the road race.

Woodbridge Running Company/Brookfield gift certificate to the top finishers in each category and
to the first Bethel Male and Bethel Female to complete the road race.

Awards given to top three male and female runners in each of the following age category:

14 & under, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+

Chip timing and split time, with finish time posted at the end of road race by Fast Track Timing, LLC.

Water stations and refreshments will be available to all participants.

Musical Entertainment!

REGISTRATION: Online Registration: <http://register.fasttracktiming.com> (till 12:00 p.m. on July 3rd)

Mail Application and Entry Fee to: Eileen Earle, Race Director
Bethel Parks & Recreation 203-794-8531
One School Street
Bethel, CT 06801

Make checks payable to: Bethel Parks & Recreation

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, Intending to be legally bound, do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against any and all race sponsors, or the cities and towns in which the race is contested, their representatives, successor or assignee, for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for completion of this event and a licensed Medical Doctor has verified my physical condition within the last six months. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any purpose whatever without compensation or remuneration. Have a fun race!

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Sex: Male/Female _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Road Race: _____ Kids Mini Cracker Race: _____

Running shirt: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ Age on Race Day: _____ Adult Date of Birth: _____

Mini Cracker T-shirt sizes: S (6-8) _____ M (8-10) _____ L (12-14) _____ Child's Date of Birth: _____

How did you hear about this race? _____

Signature: _____ Race # _____

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SUMMER'S BEST Online Registration is now open! We are offering many new and exciting programs for Johnson students... along with some tried and true summer favorites! Tests your skills at Robotics with Ms. Claridge or challenge her and teammate in Four-Square and more. Join Mr. Schrader for Wilderness Survival and Project Adventure or make and blast off rockets with Mr. Ford. Enjoy art with Ms. McCue or join a Band Camp! Check out the online brochure for all programs offered.

Online Registration: Registration for Summer's BEST enrichment programs is online (only) this year. Go to www.bethel.k12.ct.us and look under the For Parents tab for "Summer's BEST/ Summer School Program". You can now view all the amazing course offering for the summer at this site.

A few notes about registration:

1. Registration is now open... register now before programs close.
2. Each section of the registration form must be filled in. If you do not plan to take a program during any given session, choose "None"
3. Courses that are filled will not show on the drop-down list.
4. When you have completely filled in the registration form, hit the submit button. You will receive a confirmation email (to the email address you entered).
5. The confirmation email will have the programs that you registered for and their prices. Carefully add the cost of the programs and remit payment.

Three ways to pay:

1. By Credit Card- If your child is currently a student in the Bethel Public Schools you can pay through your My School Bucks account. You must pay online within 24 hours to hold your program seats.

Go to www.myschoolbucks.com and log into your account. Click on the ACTIVITY FEE option (go to school store), then BROWSE ALL ITEMS. Choose SUMMER'S BEST TUITION and enter the amount due and your child's name.

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If you have questions, please email Linda Anderson at AndersonL@bethel.k12.ct.us