



**CALVERT COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION**
RECREATION DIVISION



2026 Camp Information Packet



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Calvert County Parks and Recreation's **2026 Summer Camp Program!** We are happy you have selected to participate in our program and look forward to providing your child with a fun-filled recreational experience and a memorable summer.

We have designed this packet to provide you with as much information as possible regarding our registration process, rules, regulations, program guidelines and discipline policy. Please read all enclosed information. Your attention to all information will assist us in reaching our common goal, which is a safe, fun and enjoyable summer.

Full Day Camp starts on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. Normal hours of operation will be Monday–Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., June 23–August 7. Camp will be closed on Friday, July 4 for the holiday and will not meet on the 22nd of June to allow time for staff to set up their sites.

You must provide all lunches, snacks, and drinks for your child. Please be aware that refrigeration and microwaves are not available at camp locations. Lunches should be packed in a cooler or a lunch bag with an ice pack. It is recommended that children bring a refillable water bottle to stay hydrated. Health and nutrition is of utmost importance in the daily activities of your children. Healthy snacks and avoiding sugary drinks is preferred.

Refunds will only be issued for medical reasons that prevent continued participation.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the coordinators in your district. We look forward to having your child(ren) in our camp.

Robert Branham
Director, Calvert County Parks & Recreation



Cool Kids Summer Camps 2026

Cool Kids Camp – Northeast Community Center (NECC)

410-535-1600 ext. 8210

Recreation Coordinator - Erica Love

Assistant Recreation Coordinator - Roshey Jones

Cool Kids Camp – Plum Point Elementary School (PPES)

410-535-1600 ext. 8200

Recreation Coordinator - Tori Boschert

Assistant Recreation Coordinator - Brian Lusby

Cool Kids Camp – Calvert Middle School (CMS)

410-535-1600 ext. 8200

Recreation Coordinator - Tori Boschert

Assistant Recreation Coordinator - Brian Lusby

Cool Kids Camp – Southern Middle School (SMS)

410-535-1600 ext. 2826

Recreation Coordinator - Paul Lundberg

Assistant Recreation Coordinator - Sandy Abell

Parents and guardians may contact recreation coordinators or assistant coordinators, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to address concerns pertaining to camp programs.

Staff will be available by appointment to answer questions relating to the structure of the program, disciplinary procedures, camp guidelines, trip procedures, appropriate camp attire, camp payments and personal situations and concerns.



COOL KIDS CAMP RULES AND REGULATIONS



Please review the following with your child.

1. Children may not be dropped off prior to 8:00 a.m.
2. Children must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. (There will be a \$10 late fee for every 15 minutes late, after 5:00pm) Late fee is due that day and must be paid by cash or check.
3. Children must be signed in upon arrival and signed out upon departure from camp each day.
4. Weapons are not permitted. (Toy guns and "look-alikes" included.)
5. Fighting and/ or pushing will not be tolerated.
6. Spitting, teasing, name-calling or foul language is not permitted.
7. Non-prescription drugs, illegal substances, tobacco, or alcohol is not permitted.
8. Children must eat in designated areas and sharing of snacks/lunch is not permitted.
9. Skateboards, roller skates/roller blades or bikes will not be permitted during camp hours. *Exception: transportation to and/or from camp with proper approval.*
10. Fraternalization is not permitted (no kissing or hugging).
11. Cell phones are allowed for emergency purposes and during designated times.
12. Refunds will not be given if a child is suspended on a day of a field trip.
13. Respect for staff, fellow campers and school property is expected.
14. Disruptive children may be dismissed from camp (parents will be called and a parent conference may be required).
15. Continued documented disruption will result in expulsion.
16. Criminal acts will be dealt with accordingly (i.e. - shoplifting, stealing, vandalism / destruction of property, etc.).
17. Staff is not responsible for children's money or personal belongings. Personal electronic devices welcome at your own risk. Personal gaming devices/equipment will only be allowed for play during designated times. *Note: Campers must be responsible for their belongings and should NOT share with others, as some parents may feel some games and music is not suitable for their children.*
18. Children must wear closed-toe athletic shoes (no Crocs) daily! *Exception: Flip-flops or sandals are allowable when going on a water trip. (No Bare Feet)*
19. All camp participants must wear their summer camp wristband on designated trips, appropriate clothing on other days and swimsuits on swim days.
20. Campers will be required to pass a swim test (must be able to swim the length of the pool without stopping and/or touching the bottom) **NO** Back Flips permitted!
21. Please review next section on Handling Discipline Problems.

REMEMBER TO THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!!

COOL KIDS CAMP

HANDLING DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS

Our camp advocates a positive guidance and discipline policy with an emphasis on positive reinforcement, redirection, prevention, and the development of self-discipline. Camp rules are established for safety and to ensure that we have a common standard of behavior.

1. Time Away

Camper will be subject to alone time in a designated area to allow self-regulation and ensure safety, if needed. The time away time frame will be child driven but staff will encourage returning to group activities when child is regulated and ready. Guardians will be notified via written warning and in person at pick-up or via phone call if time away is issued. Time away allows time for child to think about their actions and discuss alternative solutions with staff once ready for discussions.

An onsite conference with parent may be warranted if camper continues to struggle with compliancy of camp rules, regulations and procedures and has been verbally warned two or more times with intention to brainstorm behavioral modifications and suggestions.

2. Time In/Alternative Activities

This procedure will allow campers to be disciplined by remaining at the camp site but engaging in alternative activities than peers to ensure safety. During this period, the camper will be encouraged to participate in alternative activities such as writing, reading, drawing, puzzles, etc. If behavioral concerns fall on a trip day, camper will be required to stay within close proximity of staff to ensure safety. A parent/child/director/administrative staff conference will be required.

If camper continues to be defiant of rules, regulations, and procedures, and has received three or more written warnings. Parents will be notified by phone and an onsite conference may be warranted.

Discipline may range from one activity to a full day of alternate activities.

In the event a camper fails to comply with rules, regulations and procedures camper will be subject to suspension.

3. Suspension

Camper may be subject to one or more days of suspension.

- A. If a camper continues to be defiant of rules, regulations, and procedures and/or has received multiple written warnings after parent conference has occurred.
- B. A parent/child/director/administrative staff conference must be conducted with intention to brainstorm further behavioral modifications.

4. Immediate/Permanent Suspension

Camper will be subject to removal from the campsite at once. Parents and/or guardians are required to pick-up the child immediately. An immediate phone call and a follow-up letter will notify parents. Parent/child/director/administrative staff conference will be conducted.

- A. If camper displays gross defiance of rules, regulations and procedures. (Fighting, drugs, weapons and shoplifting/theft.)
- B. Discipline will range from one week to Permanent Suspension providing outcome of conference.

NOTE: If suspension and/or immediate suspension date(s) includes and/or occurs on a trip day, camper will NOT be allowed to attend, and NO money will be refunded!



COOL KIDS CAMP TRIP RULES



Please review the following information with your child.

1. Children must always listen to camp staff.
2. Children must follow **ALL** rules and regulations governing trip procedures.
 - Answer "**HERE**" and raise hand to roll call (attendance check).
 - Campers should be quiet during attendance check unless name is being called.
 - Loud talking or foul language on the bus is not permitted.
 - Campers must remain seated on the bus, standing or walking while the bus is in motion not be tolerated.
 - Throwing objects from the bus windows will not be tolerated.
 - Do not place hands out the window.
 - Eating or drinking on the bus is not permitted.
 - Do not leave trash on the bus.
 - Must travel in groups of 2 or more and stay with camp staff. The buddy system - Always check for the person you have been assigned to walk with.
3. Children may bring spending money on trips. No more than \$10 for pool trips and \$20 for destination trips is allowed. Campers will be responsible for securing their own money. All money should be sent in a Ziplock bag or wallet with the child's name.
4. Children should be made aware of the danger of child abduction.

Many children/teens are lured away from shopping malls and other places by child abductors and others. Child abductors may use tactics such as promising children/teens candy, money, T.V. ads, jobs, etc. Children and adults may let their guard down when offered money.
5. Children should be made aware of the consequences of shoplifting.
6. Children must report "ON" time for check-ins and departure. Children should report to camp before 9:00 a.m. on all trip days, unless otherwise informed.
7. Trip wristbands must be worn through the duration of the trip. Wristbands should **NOT BE REMOVED** until camp directors give permission to remove. Removal of wristbands will only be permitted when campers have returned to the camp location. If a wristband comes off by default, camper must immediately ask camp staff for a replacement. If wristbands are removed intentionally, camper will be subject to an **immediate trip suspension**.
8. Child must bring their lunch, snacks and drinks on field trips.

Child Pick Up from a Trip Location

To pick up a child from a trip location, the following procedures must be followed:

1. A written request must be submitted to the **camp director** three working days prior to trip day! (See form in trip packet or request from the Camp Director).
2. This written request **must** include the following information: current date, child's name, trip location and date, reason for trip location pick up, approximate time of pick up, parent's cell, work and/or home phone numbers, the name of the person(s) who will be picking up the child (ren), and a parent signature.
3. Parents **must** see **camp director** and a **district coordinator** before taking the child from trip site.



COOL KIDS CAMP 2026 TRIP INFORMATION



Campers MUST arrive by 9:00 a.m. on all trip days unless otherwise informed.

Trips will be facilitated on a Tuesday/Thursday staggered schedule so that only 2 camps are at a trip site at the same time. Campers will visit Cove Point Pool on the alternate day each week.

NECC and SMS pool day will be Tuesday.

PPES and CMS pool day will be Thursday.

2026 Trips at a Glance

Week	Dates	Trip
1	June 25	Cove Point Pool
2	June 30/July 2	Flagship Cinemas/Cove Point Pool
3	July 7/9	Lord Calvert Bowling/Cove Point Pool
4	July 14/16	Chuck E Cheese- Waldorf/Cove Point Pool
5	July 21/23	Sky Zone-Bowie /Cove Point Pool
6	July 28/30	Climb Zone-Laurel /Cove Point Pool
7	Aug 4/6	Skate Zone/Summer Party Day on Site

Cove Point Swimming Pool, Lusby, Maryland

Campers will enjoy the swimming pool at Cove Point Park. Campers should bring a bag lunch and plenty of liquids. Ice cream and snacks are available for purchase. Lifeguards are on duty. Shower facilities are available. Campers who **CANNOT** swim should remain in the shallow end of the pool. **NOTE:** Back flips are not allowed. Swim test is required. **All campers should wear their bathing suit to camp and bring non-aerosol sunscreen and a towel.** Please label all items with your child's name and ensure child can pack and carry their own bag.

Flagship Premium Cinemas, Prince Frederick, Maryland

Campers will enjoy an exciting movie and complimentary popcorn and soda. Additional food is available for purchase, with limited menu. Campers will eat lunch at camp location after movie. Average movie rating is PG.

Lord Calvert Bowl, Huntingtown, Maryland

Campers will spend a part of the day striking up a good time at Lord Calvert Bowl. **All campers must wear socks, no bare feet are allowed.** No outside food or drinks are allowed. One slice of pizza and soda will be provided. Additional food is available for purchase, with limited menu.

Chuck E Cheese, Waldorf, Maryland

Campers will enjoy two hours of arcade play, two slices of pizza, unlimited soft drinks, one grab bag with prizes. Additional food is available for purchase, no outside food or drinks are allowed.

SkyZone, Bowie, Maryland

Campers will enjoy an indoor trampoline experience. Parents **must** complete an online waiver (Sky Zone Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk) **prior to trip participation.** - **GO TO** <https://waiver.haveablast.roller.app/skyzonebowie> to **complete wavier by 7/14.** **All campers should bring bagged lunch.** Snack foods (not lunch foods) are available for purchase as well as minimal arcade options if interested. Required Socks will be Provided.

Climb Zone, Laurel, MD

Campers will enjoy a unique indoor climbing experience with more than 75 different walls to climb as well as an arcade. Parents **must complete an online waiver** (Climb Zone Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk) **prior to trip participation.** - **GO TO** <https://waiver.roller.app/climbzonelaurel/> to **complete wavier by 7/21.** **Campers should bring a bagged lunch and athletic shoes.** Snack foods (not lunch foods) are available for purchase onsite and arcade is a \$12 minimum for purchase of cards.

Skate Zone, Crofton, Maryland

Campers will enjoy two hours of skating (skate rental included), pizza and drinks included. **All campers must wear socks.** Additional food is available for purchase, no outside food or drinks are allowed. Onsite arcade is optional if interested.

Summer Party- Campers will stay on site and the fun will come to them. Lunch will be provided Campers should wear athletic shoes, bring a water bottle and dress for fitness and weather. Campers will enjoy various games and friendly competitions. Non-perishable snacks may be packed if desired.