



Twilight Park

Youth Programs



Our Mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, fun and learning environment for the children of the Tri Parks (Twilight, Onteora & Elka) that helps build a love and appreciation for our community and its heritage.

We support **Twilight Park Youth Program expenditures** thru collection of participation fees and fund raising and the Twilight Park Cottagers (and the Board) help provide facilities / equipment, adult volunteers and encouragement.

Twilight Park Day Camp

- **What** – a private day camp that provides an age appropriate mixture of swimming, tennis, games, sports, arts and crafts with a special emphasis on nature, hiking and camping in a caring and nurturing environment. Our optional activities may include archery, canoeing, extra tennis, gardening, field trips and community service projects. Supervision is provided by experienced adult educators and camp professionals supplemented with teens & young adult Counselors from our Park communities.
- **Who** – Any child from 3 to 13 years residing, visiting or renting in Twilight, Onteora or Elka Parks. Usual age groupings are 3-5 (must be potty trained); 5-7; 8-10 and our Junior Leaders (LIT) 11 & 12. Five year olds may select either the 4 hour or 6 hour program.
- **When:** June 26 – August 11 9am – 3pm or 9am- 1pm
- **Fee Schedule**

Program and Age Range	Daily /Weekly	First Week*(3 days)
Four Hour program (3 -5 years)	\$65 / \$250	\$140
Six Hour Program Campers (5-10 years) & Junior LIT's (11-13 year)	\$85 /\$350	\$200

Discounts:

- **Sibling** of \$25 for 2nd & 3rd child per week; Ask about special discounts for 4th or more
- **Early Pay** \$10 per child per week, if paid by June 1st.
- **Twilight Park \$25** family discount (not per child) for residents and renters on the weekly fee. (Discount is to compensate for activity fee already paid by renters and residents)
- **Registration** – \$200 nonrefundable deposit. Space is limited and will be filled on first come basis. Complete registration form and mail deposit as indicated. Full payment is due on or before your child's first day
- **"Junior" LIT (11 -13 year olds)**
 - Participate in normal Camp activities and fun but also have more challenging events & activities with your fellow Junior Leaders (e.g. ropes course & overnight trips)
 - Learn camping, canoeing, hiking and wilderness skills –
 - Participate in leadership activities, community service & help with younger campers

Please go to www.twilightpark.com for additional information and links to registration forms. Look under Youth Programs.

Programs for Teens

- Our **Teen Leadership Program** for young Teens is a leadership development program with team building activities, leadership & counselor training and hands on experience with community projects and children supervision. The Teen Leaders are led by adult Leaders with experience with these programs in youth program settings. This program is ideal for Teens who have participated in summer camp are now ready for the next challenge and for any young teen who wants to make a community contribution while having fun and developing skills they can use in life or as a future Camp Counselor.
 - **Typical Activities for our Teen Leaders(13-15 year olds)**
 - Learn Basic first aid, Junior Life saving , CPR and child care methods
 - Enjoy fun activities, field trips, ropes course & social events with other CIT's
 - Have hands-on experience working with children and community projects
 - Assist staff with the arts & crafts, tennis, swim, theater and/ or nature programs preparations
 - Learn camping, canoeing, hiking and wilderness skills – multiple night overnight trips are planned
 - **Qualifications & Fees for Teen Leaders**
 - **Teen Leaders** must be 13 before the start of their session and complete a Leadership application & provide two references. They must be available during one of the training periods and agree to participate for at least 2 weeks. Fees are \$150 per week plus cost of special activities & trips.
- **Teen Counselors** – whenever possible our Junior & Senior Counselors are hired from the Tri-Parks and spent their entire day with the Camper or working on Camp functions. Ideally they will have participated in our Leadership Program or something equivalent and are required to complete pre-camp video courses & an on-site 4 day training session. They must also successfully complete interviews, references and background checks.
 - **Junior Counselors** are minimally 15 with 2 years' experience* or 16 with 1 years' experience*. These Teens can earn a small hourly salary for their work with the Day Camp or can be volunteers working for volunteer credits.
 - **Counselors** are minimally 16 years old with 2 years successful experience as a LIT /CIT or one year as a Junior Counselor and earn a competitive weekly salary.
 - **Senior Counselors** are minimally 18 years old with 1 year of college (preferred) and at least 2 years' experience with camping or other youth programs.

Other Youth and Teen Programs

- **Teen Program:** There will be evening fun nights planned by the Teens and their Helpers with snacks, field trips, camp outs and pool parties along with resume building volunteering and employment opportunities. If you have an idea or would like to be a sponsor contact Paula Canning Canningpaula@aol.com .
- **Children and Family Programs:** What's summer without s 'more around the camp fire, pool parties, camp outs, movie night and other good wholesome fun for the children and adults alike. Each of these events has an individual, family or group sponsor and we would love to have everyone involved. See the calendar for the upcoming event and if you have an idea or would like to be a sponsor contact Sarah Post spost123@aol.com.

For additional information about **any** of the Youth Programs contact
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