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### **REFUND POLICY**

The following refund policy is in effect:

•If a program/activity is cancelled by The Parks & Recreation Dept., a full refund will be issued.

- To avoid classes being cancelled at the last minute due to insufficient enrollment & in order to accommodate waitlists, refund requests must be made no later than five(5) business days before a program begins.
- •Refunds are generally not given once a program has begun, however, in the event of injury or illness, a refund request will be considered if accompanied by a doctor's note. **No refunds on tickets, trips or pool passes**.
- •Absolutely no refunds will be given for any unused portion of a program/activity.
- •All refunds are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.
- •When a program/activity is run by a third party vendor, no refunds will be given after 5 business days prior to the start of program/activity.
- •All refunds are issued back in the original payment format, except cash.





Branford Parks & Recreation *RecKIDS School Dayz* students taking a break from on-lining learning to enjoy the outdoors.



Weather: If Branford Public Schools are cancelled or dismissed early, all Parks & Recreation programs and activities will be cancelled. If schools have a delayed

opening, programs will continue as scheduled, except for programs starting prior to 10am. **Please note:** If the BOE cancels their evening activities, it will be at the discretion of our Department to keep evening programs on as scheduled. For the most up to date information, please visit our website or call the office.



### Branford Parks & Recreation "SMOKE FREE POLICY"

"Smoking is prohibited at all properties under the control of the Branford Parks and Recreation Dept. at all times, including but not limited to: buildings, grounds, entrances, sidewalks, parking lots and beaches. Smoking is defined as the use of: cigarettes, pipes, cigars and other devices that produce smoke including electronic cigarettes and water pipes."

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#### COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTENDING CLASSES

1. If you do not feel well, stay home!

- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days or if you have traveled within the last 10 days to a state on the "State of Connecticut Advisory List", please do not attend class. <u>https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Travel</u>
- Plan to arrive 10 minutes before class time to be checked in. All participants will have their temperature taken and will sanitize their hands. Any participant with a temperature of 99.5 or higher will be sent home and advised to contact their medical provider.
- 4. Please wear a mask or face covering. Parents /Adults must wear a mask at all times (children under the age of 3 years do not need to wear a mask).
- 5. Only those registered for the class may attend. If you are enrolled in a parent/child class, only one parent may attend with the child. Unfortunately at this time siblings are not able to attend.
- 6. Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms and water fountains. Prepare: "Go Before You Go".
- 7. Please be respectful of other participants.
- 8. Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to attending class.
- 9. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/ sneeze into your sleeve.
- 10. All participants must adhere to social distancing requirements of 6 feet or more away from another participant.
- 11. The Parks and Recreation Dept. reserves the right to send any participant home for any reason.
- 12. If you test positive for COVID-19 and are currently registered for a class you will need to test negative before being able to participate in the program and no earlier than 10 days after you first test positive. Negative test results will be required to be submitted to the Director of the Department.
- If you test positive, you must agree to cooperatively participate in any contact tracing program required by the Department of Health.
- 14. Questions related to these requirements may be directed to the Director or Assistant Director of Recreation.
- 15. The Parks and Recreation Department reserve the right to cancel a program at anytime.

### COVID-19 PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS

1. Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms, have been exposed to COVID-19 or have traveled to one of the states on Connecticut's Travel Advisory List.

2. Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks and trails.

3. Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms and water fountains. Prepare before you visit: "Go Before You Go".

4. Share the trails/parks. Warn other users of your presence and wear your mask as you pass.

5. Avoid touching your face- eyes, nose, mouth. Be careful what you touch.

6. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough/ sneeze into your sleeve.

7. Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical and social distancing of 6 feet from other persons at all times.

8. Wash often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. If soap is not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

9. Wear a face covering or mask.

10. Take out what you take in, or use trash cans to dispose of trash. Do not throw trash on the ground.11. Follow all posted signs.

### Looking for a Gift Idea?

Looking for a clever gift idea? Need a last minute Valentine or birthday present? We have the answer..... **A Branford Parks & Recreation Gift Certificate** or "Spread A Little Sunshine" will make the perfect gift!!!!



### Spread A Little Sunshine!!

Special Occasions, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Thinking of You, Congratulations, "Hang In There Sunshine", etc. Option 1: Spread A Little Sunshine with a personalized video. \$10.00 Option2: Spread A Little Sunshine by sending the Sunshine Mascot to a loved one. They will receive a special gift and some sunshine. \$25.00 \*Call the office for details; restrictions apply.



### Bedtime Stories with Ms. Jeanne:

Fee: Free Have a special story read to your child by Miss Jean. Put on your PJ's, grab your favorite stuffed animal to curl up with and listen to a special story before bedtime. You will be signing up for 5 pre-recorded bedtime stories. Pre-registration is required. A link will be sent to you Friday. Mar. 5

### Kidscapades ZOOM Classes

Have fun creating with the Kidscapades staff. Class materials list & ZOOM link will be sent out a few days before the class begins so you can gather your supplies. \*adult participation/supervision required

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration Ages: 3-4 yrs.

A little art, a little science and a little sensory mixed into one class to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Date Time Fee: Wed. Mar. 17 10-10:30 AM \$15

### Leprechaun Science: Ages: 5-8 yrs.

Children will create and investigate their own clouds, rainbow paper and a special Leprechaun potion eruption!

Date	Time	Fee:
Wed. Mar. 17	4:30-5 PM	\$15

### Flower Garden Play Dough Sensory: Ages 3-4

A multi sensory activity incorporating measuring, mixing, cooking! We will make dough with our easy, microwavable recipe and "plant" a beautiful "flower garden".

Date	Time	Fee:
Wed. Apr 14	10-10:30 AM	\$15

### Spring Into Science: Ages 5-8

Can you predict how flowers, milk and a baggie will be used for science experiments? Discover how as we spring into a super fun science class!

Date	Time	Fee:
Wed. Apr. 14	4:30-5 PM	\$15

### **Bonjour Butterfly Explorer:** Ages 3-4

Who loves Fancy Nancy? In this "fancy" class we will create some art projects that correlate to a few of Fancy Nancy books! In the spirit of Fancy Nancy feel free to dress fancy!

Date Time Fee: Wed. May 12 10-10:30 AM \$15

### The Wonderful World Of Water: Ages 5-8

Water is super fun when it is incorporated into science experiments! \$15/ per child Date Time Fee: Wed. May 12 4:30-5 PM \$15





### Toddler Fantastic Fridays Ages: 1 – 5)

Instructor: Ms. Erica Carve out some time on Friday afternoons! Plan on being outside with your little one singing & dancing your way into the weekend! Class will begin with circle time songs, share a story then finish classes with open play on the park with your friends. Be sure to sign up early to ensure a spot! Time Location: Fee: Date Fri. Apr. 23, 30, May7, 14, 21 \$50 12:30 – 1:30 pm Foote Park

### Little Sprouts Gardening Club (2 – 5 years old)

Instructor: Ms. Erica

Mon. April 26-May 17

If you're looking to spend some time outdoors and your "little sprout" likes digging in the dirt this is the class for you! Class will begin with circle time songs/activities followed by a nature inspired read aloud. Over the course of the 4 weeks your little sprout will create their very own green house, a bird feeder, flower bombs and a fun little grass garden. Don't wait long to sign up and bring a blanket to sit on for class. Fee:

Date:

Time: 10:30AM-11:15AM

Location Joe Trapasso CH

Fee: Free

\$40

Find a "Pot of Gold" in the Parks:

Can you find all the "Gold and Colors" scattered throughout the parks? Put the secret message and pieces together. Submit to the Parks and Recreation office before March 31st to win a prize. Happy hunting. \*Pre-registration is required to receive the clues. **Date:** Hunting begins the week of March 15th. Л

### Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss~ Celebrate Dr. Seuss Day with us!

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2 — Dr. Seuss's birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries, and community centers participate by bringing together kids, teens, and books, and you can too! The Branford Parks and Recreation staff are joining in on the fun by reading their favorite Dr. Seuss books. Video links will be shared with you all!



### Exploring the Weather with WTNH Meteorologist Ashley Baylor

Are your children fascinated by the weather? Are they curious how meteorologists report on weather conditions? Then join this fun and educational special event with WTNH-TV's Meteorologist Ashley Baylor as she explains the weather and answers their questions in an interactive video session on Zoom for boys and girls in grades K-4. D Fee:

Free

Date:	Time:
Wednesday, March 24th	4:00-4:30PM

### Dungeons and Dragons: Escape from Club Thread: Ages 11-15

**Instructor/Dungeon Master:** Chris Lemieux

Are you looking to begin the quest of a lifetime? Join a company of adventurers as you escape from a dungeon owned by the greatest crime syndicate in all of the Great Wood. Filled with a colorful cast of characters, puzzles to solve, enemies to vanguish, and some pretty surprising twists, this will be an adventure you do not want to miss. Beginners and veterans alike are welcome! Zoom links will be sent out each day of play. Dat

Date:	Time:	Fee
Wed. Apr. 7-28th	6:30PM -8:30PM	\$60





### Paint Your Own Pottery Kits for Fired Up!

Choose your pottery piece below or on line. Each piece comes with your choice of four paint colors: Additional paint colors can be purchased for \$1 each. Anything not painted will be a shiny white when fired.

St. Patrick's Day: (Pre-order by March 4th)

Date: Pick up your kit March 5th, Return your painted piece back to our office by Mar. 9th Finished fired item will be available for pick up on March 17th

Item:	Fee:	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
Shamrock Dish:	\$22	
Kiss Me I'm Irish 23 oz Mug:	\$30	
24 oz. Beer Stein	\$32	
Large Gnome	\$40	5th

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\$35

Easter: (Pre-order by March 22nd)

Date: Pick up your kit March 23rd. Return your painted piece back to our office by Mar. 26th. *Finished fired piece will be available for pick up* on April 1st. Item: Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: Footed Egg Cup: Rabbit Figurine: Bunny Plate Easter Egg Plate Egg Lantern





### **Cookie Decorating Kits:**

Fee: \$25/kit

Have fun decorating cookies in the comfort your own kitchen with a themed cookie kit . "Sweets on Main" will supply a half dozen cookies, icing, sprinkles and instructions to create your very own masterpiece!

### St. Patrick Luck of the Irish

**Date:** Pre-order on or before March 12th **Pick-up Date:** Kits will be ready for pick up on March 15th & 16th at the Parks and Recreation Office from 7:30AM to 4:30PM

### **Easter Cookie Kits:**

**Date:** Pre-Order on or before March 26th **Pick-Up Date:** Kits will be ready for pick up on March 29th & 30th at the Parks and Recreation Office from 7:30AM to 4:30PM









### Family Scavenger Hunt

Gather your family and join host, Colin Sheehan on ZOOM for a fun, fast paced virtual scavenger hunt that is loads of fun. Colin will ask for specific items around your home to be found and brought into the ZOOM meeting. May the fastest family win!

Date: Time: Fee Thurs, Mar. 18 6:00 PM \$5/familv \*Pre-registration is required. Space is limited

### **Beginners Taekwondo Classes with Branford World Champion Taekwondo**

### Instructors: Master Han & Staff

This in person beginners trail class will keep kids active, putting their high energy levels to good use to pave the way for a healthier & stronger future. Your child will be introduced to the art of Taekwondo focusing on self defense, discipline, respect, fitness, safety, honor, confidence and so much more. Classes are held: Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays or Saturday. Six lessons & uniform included. Private on-site classes times will be worked out with instructors.

### Session Dates:

Session 1: March 15-March 29th

Class Meeting Days (pick any 6 days) Monday/ Thursdays (4:20-5PM) Tuesday 5:20-6PM Saturday 10:50-11:30AM Location: Branford World Champion Taekwondo, 131 Commercial Parkway Building 3A Fee: \$99.00 for 6 classes or Private classes: \$99.00 for 3 classes

### **Do Your Best Training:** Ages: 18+

**Instructor:** Jillian Temple

Join us for a total body fitness class from the comfort of your own home. Participants will enjoy a full body work via ZOOM! Cardio, Strength Training, Stretching and cool down will make up each class. No equipment needed, just a little space and ZOOM capability to get your body moving. ZOOM links will be provided before each class.

Date:	Time:	Fee
Saturdays, Mar. 6,13,20, & 27	8:00-9:00 AM	\$30

### Stay Fit for The Both of You: Pre/Postnatal Exercise Class Ages: 18+

**Instructor:** Jillian Temple, Certified Pre/Postnatal Performance Training Specialist This is class is designed for expectant mothers and new moms. Join us for a private, convenient virtual workout to safely develop core strength, get fit, feel strong, connect with others and have fun. Dato: Fee

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Session 1: Mon. Mar. 8-29
Session 2: Mon. Apr. 5-26
Session 3: Mon. May 3-24

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Session 2: April 12-May 1st

Branford Parks & Recreation / Register online at branfordrecreation.org







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### Munchkins Tennis Lessons: Ages 4-7

Participants will learn the forehand, backhand, serve and volley with drills, fun games, and game situations. Participants should bring a water bottle and have their own tennis racquet.

Date 

Location: Fee:

Session 1: Sat. May 1-Jun. 5 Session 2: Sat. Jun. 26-Aug. 7 (no 7/3) **Time:** 9:00-10:00AM 9:00-10:00AM Location: Fee: Veteran's Park \$110 Foote Park \$110

### **Junior Tennis Lessons for Kids**

Participants will learn the forehand, backhand, serve and volley with drills, fun games, and game situations. Scoring, strategy and match play for singles and doubles will be incorporated. Participants should bring a water bottle and have their own tennis racquet.

Ages: 8-10 Date Session 1: Mon: Apr. 26-Apr. 7 (no 5/31) Session 2: Mon: Jun. 21-Aug. 2 (no 7/5)	<b>Time:</b> 5:30-6:30PM 5:30-6:30PM	Veteran's Park	F <b>ee:</b> 5110 5110
Ages: 1-14 Date Session 1: Mon: Apr. 26-Apr. 7 (no 5/31) Session 2: Mon: Jun. 21-Aug. 2 (no 7/5)	<b>Time:</b> 5:30-6:30PM 5:30-6:30PM		F <b>ee</b> 5110 5110

### **Adult Tennis Lessons**

Participants will learn the forehand, backhand, serve and volley with drills, fun games, and game situations. Scoring, strategy and match play for singles and doubles will be incorporated. Participants should bring a water bottle and have their own tennis racquet.

Date	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Session 1: Mon: Apr. 26-Apr. 7 (no 5/31)	6:30-7:30PM	Veteran's Park	\$110
Session 2: Mon: Jun. 26-Aug. 7 no 7/5)	6:30-7:30PM	Foote Park	\$110
Beginner Session 1:Mon: Apr. 26-Apr. 7 (no 5/31) Session2: Mon: Jun. 26-Aug. 7 (no 7/5)	6:30-7:30PM 6:30-7:30PM	Veteran's Park Foote Park	\$110 \$110

### **Branford Walkers March 2021 Schedule**

For the duration of the pandemic, please go directly to the hike location. We meet at 8:45 and start hiking at 9 am. All hikers must wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you wish to stay for lunch, bring a bag lunch and a folding chair. Questions about individual hikes should be addressed to the leader listed below. For directions, please visit our website at www.branfordrecreation.org

### March 5th: Silver Sands Milford

- Weal Cohen: 203-783-9618
- March 12th: Pine Hill Trails: Seymour. For GPS use 59 Rimmon Road (RT 313) Seymour. Geoffrey Smith 203-488-3352

March 19th: Oswegatchie Hills: Niantic. Meet & Park at Veterans Memorial Park. Sylvia Lack 203-624-1126

March 26th: Tyler Mill Wallingford. Meet at William Coyle Soccer Field RT150

Ellen Camp (h) 203-922-1419 © 203-414-1297





### Think Summer.....It will be here before we know it!



### Boating Certificate Course by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

**Boat America** is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate. This is an 8 hour course, approved by CT DEEP for CT boating license. Taught by USCG Auxiliary instructors. (Some insurance companies offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course). Course topics include:

**Introduction to Boating**: Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.

**Boating Law**: Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.

**Safety Equipment**: Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.

Safe Operation & Navigation: Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.

**Boating Emergencies**: Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.

**Trailering**: Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.

Sports & Boating: Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

DatesTimeFee:April 5th, 6th & 8th6:30PM-9PM\$60.00May 3rd, 4th & 6th6:30PM-9PM\$60.00Location:On line ZOOM interactive course.Space is limited.Register early!Link to course information:http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/classes/2011/ba.php





### SAVE THE DATE: The 2021 Parks and Recreation Camp Schedules and Registrations to begin May 3rd

Our department is working hard to bring a camp experience to our residents this summer. The process is ever changing! Please check back in often for updates and visit our website at www.branfordrecreation.org

We know the benefits of children being able to be with friends! We are developing a camp experience following COVID guidelines and procedures to offer camp experiences in a fun and safe way.

Summer Camp 2021





### **2021 Hospice Pool Passes Save the date:**

Hospice pool passes will go on sale for Branford residents only on April 5th. Proof of residency will be required.

> Pool Schedule: (subject to change) Opening Weekends beginning May Opening full time June 14th

### FAMILY POOL PASS \$150

A family swim pass: All family members living at the same address, with a maximum of two adults, all unmarried children under the age of 21 years of age living in the same household.

### **INDIVIDUAL ADULT PASS \$75.00**

Individual Adult Pass 18+ year of age to 60 years of age.

### **INDIVIDUAL SENIOR CITIZEN PASS \$50**

Individual Adult pass, age 60 and older (proof of age required)

No guests passes will be sold at this time. All COVID guidelines will be in full effect!





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ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY DINING ROOM

MON-THUR, MAR 29, 30, 31 APR 1 DROP OFF 7:00A-4:30P BRANFORD PARKS AND RECREATION PLEASE CALL 203-488-8304 WITH ANY QUESTIONS





CAN YOU DECODE THESE SECRET ST. PATRICK'S DAY MESSAGES?



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## St. Patrick's Day Word Search

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