



# Teen Travel Program Guidebook **2026** Adventure Awaits!



**A Passport To A Summer Of Fun For Teens!**



## I. Introduction

Welcome to the **Teen Travel Program** hosted by **Branford Parks, Recreation & Senior Services!** We are thrilled to embark on this exciting journey with you. This guidebook is your key to a fulfilling and safe experience during your teen's time with the program. Whether you're a parent or a teen traveler, please take the time to familiarize yourself with the information provided herein to ensure a memorable summer adventure.

## II. Mission Statement

Our mission for the **Teen Travel Program** is to provide a safe, inclusive, and transformative experience for our youth. Through engaging activities, immersive nature experiences, and positive mentorship, we aim to inspire a lifelong love for adventure, foster personal growth, and cultivate leadership skills in our travelers. We believe that every child has the potential to become a confident, resilient, and compassionate leader, and we are committed to guiding them on this journey of self-discovery.

## III. Registration and Fee Details

Registration for the Teen Travel Program opens on **March 2, 2026!** Here's what you need to know:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Registration Fee: Begins <b>March 2nd</b>	Due Day of Registration- \$250.00 Due April 1st - \$225 Due May 1st-\$225
Camp Dates: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY	Call (203) 488-8304 for updates or changes to the schedule.
Payment Deadline: ALL FORMS & WAIVERS MUST BE COMPLETED	Parents/Guardians are responsible for filling out all forms and waivers (paper & online) before JUNE 1ST
Payment Methods	In-Person, Online & by Phone

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# FORMS CHECKLIST 2026

## Teen Travel Adventure Days

### Acknowledgement/Check List Form

I, (parent)\_\_\_\_\_ and (traveler)\_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge by checking the appropriate boxes below, that I understand and have received a copy of each of the following forms. I also understand that I am responsible for following these policies and procedures throughout the 2026 Teen Travel Program. **I have signed and returned each of the following forms to the Branford Parks & Recreation Department Office by 06/01/2026.**

**\*Items in red must be submitted on or before JUNE 1, 2026. Use the Links provided.**

1. Review and Update of Emergency Child Information Sheet (Medical Form) ( ) Completed at Registration.
2. Final payment ( ) Due by May 1st
3. Read & review the rules of the Teen Travel Adventure Program and understand the policies and procedures of the program and the facilities that we travel to. ( )
4. Waiver Form ~ Tree Trails: [Waiver link](#) ( )
5. Waiver Form ~ Bicycle Tours: [Waiver link](#) ( )
6. Waiver Form ~ Brownstone Adventure Sports Park ~Portland, CT: [Waiver link](#) ( )
8. Transportation Permission Form~ [CLICK HERE](#) ( )
9. Code of Conduct & Dismissal of Traveler Form Signed~[CLICK HERE](#) ( )
10. Divorced or Separated Parent Information Form (if applicable) ( ) Form must be submitted in person!
11. Review of Parent/Camper Handbook ( )
12. Signed acknowledgement of Parent/Traveler's Guidebook [CLICK HERE](#) ( ) or submit this form in person.

**All forms need to be filled out and submitted to the office no LATER than June 1, 2026.**

**About The Staff:** Your Traveler will be supervised by a well-rounded, well-trained staff. We ask that each Traveler respect each of the staff members. Travelers must sign in and out at the beginning and end of each trip and at check-in times with a staff counselor. They will also be required to report to a Staff Counselor at scheduled times throughout the trips. This is to ensure the safety of all Travelers. The staff wishes you a fun and safe summer. They are very excited to be traveling with you. Please make sure that you read over all of the rules and regulations throughout this handbook. Remember that you are responsible for your actions, and you agreed to follow the rules of the Teen Travel Program and the rules of each establishment that we visit. Parents should call the office with questions at **203-488-8304**.

**Staff Leaders:** Nally Sahin, Assistant Director: **203-488-8304**

**Staff Counselors:** Dylan Palluzzi, Kaylee Vidro, Tanner Izzo & Yarelis Torres

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# TEEN TRAVEL RULES

**\*All Teen Travel forms are available online (Except Divorce Form). Paper submissions must be submitted in person or emailed to [recreation@branford-ct.gov](mailto:recreation@branford-ct.gov).**

1. **NO SMOKING** of any kind, this includes vaping. No alcoholic beverages, and illegal drug use is strictly prohibited.
2. The use of vulgar and profane language is not allowed.
3. **DO NOT** be late to scheduled trips and check-ins. Buses will **NOT** wait. Parents/Guardians **MUST** pick up Travelers on time. All pick up and drop off of Travelers will be at the Joseph Trapasso Community House or designated location. There is **NO** drop off and pick up allowed at the field trip venue. ***\*Please note, for all pick-ups, a physical signature is required from the designated counselor by the parent/guardian. Travelers who are approved to walk may also sign themselves out of camp at the end of the trip.***
4. All Travelers must wear their "Teen Travel" assigned backpack/gear for every field trip and at all times during the trip.
5. Abuse of equipment, facilities, grounds, fighting, stealing, etc., will not be tolerated and are subject to dismissal from the Teen Travel Program.
6. Absolutely **NO BULLYING** or endangering another person's well-being,
7. Disrespect to the staff will **NOT** be tolerated.
8. Travelers **MUST** follow all the rules and regulations that pertain to the field trips, bus companies, and the rules and regulations of the establishments we are visiting.
9. Please **DO NOT** bring valuables. Branford Parks, Recreation & Senior Services is not responsible for lost or stolen electronics or items. Travelers who do so at their own risk.
10. There will be **NO REFUNDS** for trips not attended.
11. Scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, etc., are **NOT** allowed on trips.
12. Travelers are encouraged to bring snacks and lunch when needed. Please make sure that all food is peanut and nut-free.
13. All Travelers **MUST** be with a buddy at all times.
14. All Travelers **MUST** have a watch or another form of telling time with them for all trips. Travelers are responsible for being ON TIME for all check-ins and departures.
15. Travelers are encouraged to bring their cellphones if they have them. Cell phone rules apply at all locations (i.e., theaters, stadiums, etc.). Branford Parks, Recreation & Senior Services is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
16. Please notify our department of any restrictions or limitations that we should be aware of prior to traveling.
17. **Any Traveler that cannot abide by these rules will be dismissed immediately from the Teen Travel Program. No refunds will be granted. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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# TEEN TRAVEL ITINERARY

*“Adventure Awaits”*

Please review all this information with your child. We are looking forward to a fun summer with them. **\*Indicates that a waiver is needed in order to participate.**

<b>July 2nd: <u>*Tree Trails Adventures</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-3:30 PM	Mystic, CT
<b>July 7th: <u>*Bicycle Tours &amp; Lake Waramaug</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-3:00 PM	Kent, CT
<b>July 9th: Dave &amp; Busters &amp; Buckland Hills Mall</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & pick up : Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	Manchester, CT
<b>July 14th: Lake Quassy</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop Off & Pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-5:30 PM	Middlefield, CT
<b>July 16th: Codzilla &amp; Quincy Market</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & Pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Boston, MA
<b>July 21st: Lake Compounce</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & Pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-5:30 PM	Bristol, CT
<b>July 23rd: <u>*Brownstone Discovery Park</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & Pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:30 AM-5:00 PM	Portland, CT
<b>July 28th: Six Flags</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Location:</b>
<b>Note:</b> Drop off & Pick up: Joe Trapasso CH	8:00 AM-6:00 PM	Agawam, MA



*\*This schedule is subject to change\**

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# TEEN TRAVEL TRIP SUMMARY

**\*Waiver is required. All waivers and forms must be submitted by JUNE 1ST!**

## **\*TREE TRAILS ADVENTURE PARK:**

**JULY 2nd**



**LOCATION:** Fields of Fire, Mystic, CT.

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**DEPARTURE & PICK-UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Push yourself to new heights as you test your skills on the custom-built Aerial Adventure Park. We will be climbing amongst the trees, all decorated with lights! Courses range from beginner to expert, so there is something for every level. Come enjoy a bonfire, group games & more! Please wear sneakers or bring them with you.

**NOTE:** Campers will be provided with a cookout for lunch. Please bring additional snacks and water.

**\*Please fill out your waiver form by June 1st using this [LINK](#).**

## **\*BICYCLE TOUR COMPANY**

**JULY 7th**



**LOCATION:** Kent, CT

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 4:15 P.M.

**DROP OFF LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**PICK—UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Campers will join world-class professional staff who have worked at the highest level of cycling. They will guide us on an 8-mile bike ride in beautiful Kent, and then we will have a guided 1-mile hike. After our morning fun, we will visit one of the state parks for lunch and swimming. Please wear your bathing suit, bring plenty of water, a towel, sunscreen, and wear sneakers. Lunch provided

**\*Please fill out your waiver form by June 1st using this [LINK](#).**

## **DAVE & BUSTERS AND BUCKLAND HILLS MALL:**

**JULY 9th**



**LOCATION:** MANCHESTER, CT

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 5:00 P.M.

**DEPARTURE & PICK-UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church Street)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Experience an all-in-one “eatertainment” experience that combines structured group dining with high-energy arcade play. Travelers will get an unlimited PowerPlay and video game card, which is good for non-redemption games only. Travelers will also get an opportunity to shop and experience social time at Buckland Hills Mall.

**NOTE:** Lunch is included. For Buckland Hills Mall, Travelers must use their own money provided by their parent/guardian.

## **LAKE QUASSY:**

**JULY 15th**



**LOCATION:** Middlebury, CT

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**DEPARTURE & PICK-UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Come experience the thrills and chills at Lake Quassy. With more than 20 rides, Quassy has fun for everyone. Ride the award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster, the Grand Carousel, Reverse Time, Paratrooper, and Splash Away Bay, plus much more! You MUST follow all the rules of the park. Bring a change of clothes, bathing suit, towel, wear or bring sneakers and/or sandals that have a strap, and sunscreen. Do not bring valuables. You can bring additional snacks. NO glass. Rides may be shut down without notice due to weather or safety. Please obey all posted rules and regulations. **NOTE:** Lunch will be provided.

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# TEEN TRAVEL TRIP SUMMARY (continued)

**\*Waiver is required. All waivers and forms must be submitted by JUNE 1ST!**

## CODZILLA BOSTON AND QUINCY MARKET

July 16th



**LOCATION:** Boston, MA.

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 6:30 P.M.

**DEPARTURE LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church Street)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Get ready for a Boston Harbor Cruise aboard CODZILLA! Campers will be roaring for more after the ride. Codzilla will put the pedal to the metal and the volume to 1 as the blast an original soundtrack. Codzilla is monstrosly fun-a thrill every minute! Campers need to secure hats, eyewear, and be prepared to have fun, laugh, and get a little wet! Afterwards, we will enjoy Quincy Market. Bring a change of clothes and money for shopping. Lunch is provided.

**NOTE(S):** Bring snacks for the bus ride. Please abide by all rules on the cruise.

## LAKE COMPOUNCE:

JULY 21st



**LOCATION:** Bristol, CT

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**DEPARTURE LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**PICK—UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Come experience the thrills and chills at "The Lake". Ride the famous Boulder Dash or their popular attraction, "Phobia." If water is what you like, join the fun in the water park and cool off in the wave pool. You MUST follow all the rules of the park.

**ALL BAGS WILL BE CHECKED BY PARK OFFICIALS BEFORE ENTERING THE PARK.**

**NOTES:** **LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED.** Bring money for lunch at a variety of concession stands. Please bring a change of clothes, a bathing suit, a towel, wear, or bring sneakers and/or sandals that have a strap, and sunscreen. Do not bring valuables. No food may be brought into the park. No flotation devices are allowed at the park. Rides may be shut down without notice due to weather or safety. Please obey all posted rules and regulations of Lake Compounce. No one will be allowed to go on the Sky Coaster. No exceptions! Locker rentals are available for a small fee.

## \*BROWNSTONE EXPLORATION & DISCOVERY PARK:

JULY 23rd



**LOCATION:** Brownstone Exploration & Discovery Park, Portland, CT.

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 5:30 P.M.

**DEPARTURE & PICK-UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** This is not your typical water park...it is an **ADVENTURE SPORTS**

**PARK.** There is something for everyone. Enjoy an old-fashioned swimming hole with rope swings, floating playgrounds, and water trampolines. All swimmers are monitored by certified lifeguards and MUST wear a flotation device, which will be provided. NOTE(S) Please bring snacks and water with you. There is a snack bar. Please wear your bathing suit, bring a change of clothes, a towel, & sunscreen. **LUNCH IS INCLUDED.** Please bring additional snacks and water. Concessions onsite.

**\*Please fill out the waiver using this [LINK](#).**

## SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND

JULY 28th



**LOCATION:** Agawam, MA

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PICK UP TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**DEPARTURE & PICK-UP LOCATION:** Joe Trapasso Community House (46 Church St)

**DESCRIPTION OF TRIP:** Enjoy the thrill of the rides and entertainment at Six Flags. Check out the newest rides and attractions ~Gotham City Gauntlet and Survivor Live. Six Flags New England is the largest family theme park and water park with rides for all ages! Each Traveler's pass is good for all-day admission plus a meal voucher for lunch. *All bags are subject to being checked by park officials before entering the park.* NOTE(S): Lunch is NOT included. Bring a bathing suit, towel, change of clothes, snacks, and beverages for the bus ride. No food is allowed in the park. Do's and Don'ts: Shoes and a shirt must be worn at all times while in the Theme Park. Cameras may not be permitted on thrill rides. Rafts are required at the Big Kahuna tube slide and Adventure River. Guests may rent rafts for the day at the Raft Rental Building or use rafts provided at the attraction. You MUST follow all posted park rules. Lockers are available for a small fee.

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# Participant Code of Conduct

*During the camp, we have developed a code of conduct to make sure that everyone has a positive camp experience. This means that all participants: campers, parents/ guardians, and staff shall respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.*

**Parents:** Please review these rules with your child.

**I will:**

- “ Respect the differences in other people, and make an effort to include everyone, and refrain from behaviors that may hurt another Traveler’s or staff member’s feelings.
- “ Be mindful of my counselors and respect their requests and follow their directions.
- “ Pick up after myself and throw away all the trash.
- “ Respect other people’s property.
- “ Let my counselor know if I am or I am not having a good time at camp.
- “ Respect the staff, animals, and places that we visit.
- “ Have fun at camp in ways that are safe for others and myself.
- “ Have a positive attitude.

**I will not:**

- “ Fight with other Travelers with my hands or my words.
- “ Bring candy or soda to camp.
- “ Share food or money with another Traveler.
- “ Go anywhere without the permission and accompaniment of my counselor.
- “ Use derogatory terms or offensive language when talking to or about other Travelers.
- “ Tease or bully other Travelers or staff.
- “ Bring inappropriate items (includes electronics, weapons, drugs, etc.) to camp.

**If I choose not to follow the code of conduct:**

**First Time:** I will be given a verbal warning explaining the problem and the expected behavior.

**Second Time:** I will be removed from the activity, and my parents/guardians will be called; The Camp Director or their designee may call home to discuss the behavior plan.

**Third Time:** The Camp Director will be notified, and my parents/guardians will be called to pick me up.



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**Printed Name of Traveler:**

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**Signature of Traveler:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form or submit online [HERE](#)

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# Dismissal of Traveler Form Summer 2026

There will be the occasional camper who will not follow the rules, or their behavior or actions may be disruptive to other Travelers, staff members, or establishments that we visit. We have high expectations of behavior and expect that you will obey the rules set forth by the Branford Parks & Recreation Teen Travel Adventure Program, the transportation service companies that we use, and the establishments that we visit. The following process will be followed in situations that are not grounds for immediate dismissal.

**Step 1:** A Traveler will be given a verbal warning from the counselor or another staff member present. A course of action for changing the behavior should be discussed at this time. The Traveler will be warned that similar behavior/ actions will result in contact with parents. The incident should be reported to the supervisor of the Program or their designee immediately.

**Step 2:** If similar behavior /actions occur again, the counselor or the staff member present will give a verbal reprimand. The incident will be reported to the supervisor of the Program or their designee, who will contact the parents to discuss the issue.

**Step 3:** If similar behaviour occurs again, the Supervisor of the Teen Adventure Program or the Assistant Director will notify the parents that the Traveler has been removed from an activity, a trip(s), or from the program, and they may not return to the program for the rest of the summer.

\*The Teen Travel Adventure Supervisor, The Program Supervisor, The Program Coordinator, the Assistant Director, and the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department always reserve the right, when the behavior or actions are particularly flagrant or disruptive, or against the law, to dismiss the Traveler from the program immediately.

**I have read the above policy set forth by the Branford Parks and Recreation Department Staff and agree that I will abide by all the rules and regulations set forth. I will properly conduct myself and know that I am responsible for my behavior and actions. I also agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the establishments that we visit and the transportation companies used.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Camper:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Camper:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form or submit online [HERE](#)

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# Transportation Permission Slip 2026

Branford Parks & Recreation Teen Travel Program  
46 Church Street, Branford, CT. 06405



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the Branford Parks & Recreation Teen Travel Program, your child will be traveling via school/coach bus this year. Each child will need a signed permission slip on file with us. Please refer to your Teen Travel itinerary for more information on departure times and locations.

**Please sign and return this form with your Teen Travel Adventure forms.**

By signing below, you grant permission for your child: \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the following field trips offered by the Branford Recreation Parks & Recreation Department Summer Teen Adventure Program and be transported by First Student Bus Company.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form or submit online [HERE](#)**

DATE	LOCATION	CHECK IF YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND THIS ACTIVITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INITIALS
7/2/2026	Tree Trails, Mystic, CT		
7/7/2026	Bicycle Tours & Swim, Kent, CT		
7/9/2026	Dave&Busters and Buckland Hills Mall Manchester, CT		
7/14/2026	Lake Quassy, Middlebury, CT		
7/16/2026	Codzilla & Quincy Market, Boston, MA		
7/21/2026	Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT		
7/23/2026	Brownstone Discovery Park, Portland, CT		
7/28/2026	Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA		

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# Branford Parks and Recreation Department Divorced or Separated Parent Information Form

*\*Only fill this out if it applies to your family. If not, please write your child's Name and put N/A*

This form must be submitted in person!

Child(ren) Names(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Program: Teen Travel  
(Please Print)

*It is the mission of the Branford Parks and Recreation Department to be a support to families and to promote positive development for children. We recognize that many families are in transition and have experienced divorce and separation. Please provide us with the following information so that we may avoid any confusion for you, your child(ren), and our staff. Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

***(Please put N/A if this does not apply to your family & return this form by June 1st).***

Which parent do we contact first for general questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Which parent do we contact first in an emergency? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the custody arrangements?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list below any persons **NOT AUTHORIZED** to pick up the child(ren) from a Branford Parks and Recreation Department Program. Please attach any legal papers or court documents stating the restrictions regarding contact with the child(ren) while your child(ren) are in our care. (You may include a photo and a general description of this person(s)).

NOT AUTHORIZED:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the visitation schedule that involves pick-up of the child(ren) at Branford Recreation programs? **Information should be written out on a separate piece of paper and attached to this form.**

It would be helpful to know the other significant adults who are in your child's life and what their relationship is to the child, especially if we will have contact with them through our programs.

Name	Phone	Relationship to child
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Name	Phone	Relationship to child
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Thank you for helping us provide the best possible care for your child(ren). Please feel free to contact the Branford Parks & Recreation Department office (203)488-8304 with any questions.

Name of Parent filling out this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2026 Teen Travel Calendar



## Teen Travel JULY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2 TREE TRAILS MYSTIC, CT	3
6	7 BICYCLE TOURS KENT, CT	8	9 DAVE & BUSTERS AND BUCKLAND HILLS MALL MANCHESTER, CT	10
13	14 LAKE QUASSY MIDDLEBURY CT	15	16 CODZILLA & QUINCY MARKET BOSTON, MA	17
20	21 LAKE COMPOUNCE BRISTOL, CT	22	23 BROWNSTONE DISCOVERY PARK PORTLAND, CT	24
27	28 SIX FLAGS AGAWAM, MA	29	30	31

*Have a wonderful summer!*

***\*This schedule is subject to change\****



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