

Elkin Recreation & Parks

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Parent Handbook 2026

Welcome to Elkin Recreation and Parks Summer Day Camp! We are all looking forward to a fun filled summer that will be enjoyed by children, parents and counselors. Our goal is to generate growth in self-esteem, pride, and all around citizenship for all of our campers.

Much has changed this past year, and our day camp program will look somewhat different than in years past. Please take note of several changes throughout the handbook.

Again, we are looking forward to a fun filled day camp this summer. Your questions and comments are always welcomed. Please feel free to contact the Recreation Center Office (336-258-8917).

Recreation Center Supervisor
James Stone
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Day Camp Director
Kathy Hoffman

Dates of Operation

The Elkin Recreation and Parks 2026 Day Camp will operate in the following sessions:

1st Session: June 8 – June 26 (Three Week Camp)

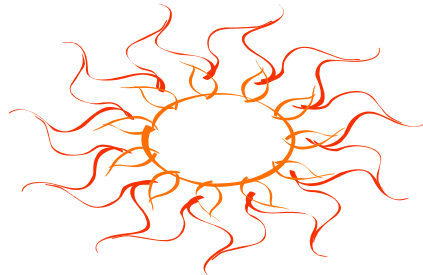
Camp will be closed June 29-July 3

2nd Session: July 6 – July 31 (Four Week Camp)

Eligibility and Enrolment Limits

K-1st: 16 campers per session
2nd-3rd: 16 campers per session
4th-6th: 16 campers per session

ALL campers must have completed kindergarten
and not yet entered 7th grade



Drop-Off and Pick-up Times

Camp Hours are 7:15am until 5:45pm.

Monday–Friday - Day Camp **Activity Hours** are from 9:00am until 4:00pm.

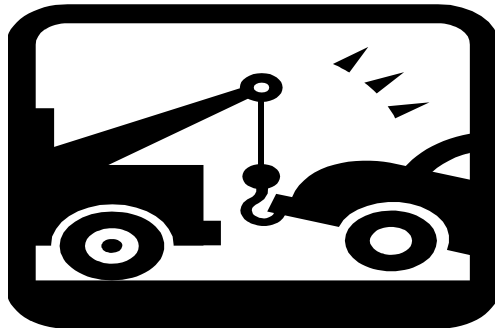
(Children must be picked up by 5:45pm / after 5:45pm a \$25.00 late fee will be charged for every 10 minutes)

Did you complete the parent pick-up form indicating all possible people that could be picking up your child? If you have someone other than these people on the list pick up your child, please advise the Director in writing.

Drop-off and pick-up takes place at the side door entrance to the basketball gym of the Recreation Center. The entrance will be marked Summer Day Camp. **(Drop Off 7:15-8:15am)** A counselor will be there in the morning escort your child into the basketball gym. You will not need to get out of your automobile, unless it is after 8:15am. After 8:15am please park and escort your child into the Gym Office. If no one is in the basketball gym please report to the recreation center front desk.

DO NOT drop off your child before 7:15am for any reason. There will be no one to watch them.

(Pick-Up) Please park in a parking space **(For the safety of our children, PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE ZONE)** come in to the Basketball Gym and sign out your child.



Things to Bring Everyday

Water Bottle

Please send your child with a water bottle each day, labeled with your child's name.

Lunch

Each camper should bring a lunch Monday – Friday with his/her name on it. We will not be serving hot lunch on Fridays this year.

Snacks

A morning and afternoon snack will be provided each day. Please provide enough juice/water for snack and lunch.

PLEASE NO SOFT DRINKS or ENERGY DRINKS

Money / Items of Value

Personal equipment such as tablets, cell phones, and hand held electronic games should not be brought to camp. Camp staff will assume no responsibility for the safeguarding of such equipment that is unrelated to the purpose of the camp. Children should leave all sentimental, monetary or items of personal value at home (i.e. electronics, toys, jewelry, etc.)

If necessary, the camp staff reserves the right to search a child's belongings (with another staff member present) for the safety of the child as well as the other participants. A parent will be notified if a search is completed.

Gym Bag / Backpack

A gym bag or backpack is recommended for your child's belongings. Please label with your child's name. A lost and found box will be located near the exit door in the gym. Please check it daily.

Dress

Please dress your camper in comfortable play clothing. Sandals are allowed **to and from the pool**, but socks and tennis shoes are to be worn all other times NO Exceptions.

Sun Block

Many activities will take place outdoors. We recommend applying sun block on your child prior to arrival and sending sunscreen with your child to camp. Please buy a new bottle of sunscreen for your child and put his/her name on it. (If you have more than one child in Day Camp they can share a bottle).

Hats / Visors

Hats or visors are highly recommended. Sunglasses can be worn as long as the camper keeps up with them. The campers will be outdoors and walking to various locations around the park. A hat offers extra protection from the sun.

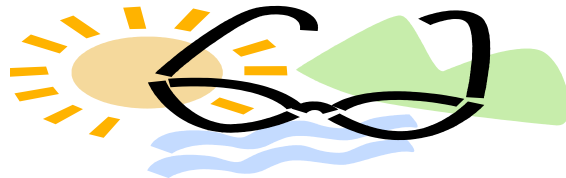
Swimming Gear

Please pack a swimsuit and towel for your child every day. Even if your child is not scheduled to go to the pool, we do other activities that will require a swim gear. Please provide a plastic bag in which to store the wet swimsuit and towel. One-piece suits are preferred for girls.

Swimming

Swimming will be held at the Elkin Municipal Pool. The lifeguard staff will be on duty. The camp counselors will also be on duty. Each camper will be given a simple swimming test the first week of each session. Their use of the diving board will dependent on swimming ability.

The swim schedule will be announced at the Parent Orientation.



DAY CAMP GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

All children are expected to abide by Day Camp rules. These rules exist for the safety and well being of all campers.

Safety Factors:

- a. All children must wear some type of athletic shoes or closed-toe street shoes. No FLIP-FLOPS OR SANDALS – Socks preferred.
- b. Children will not be permitted to climb trees or play in any streams or creeks unsupervised.
- c. Smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gambling and profanity will not be tolerated.
- d. Sunburn is a hazard to your child. Day camp is an active place; high temperatures and an active schedule can lead to heat exhaustion and dehydration. **Please send your child to camp with sunscreen.**

Disciplinary Procedures

In the event that we have a disciplinary problem with a child, the following procedures will be followed:

- 1st incident = Child will receive a verbal warning
- 2nd incident = Child will receive 5 minutes “time out”
- 3rd incident = Parents will be called to pick up child

If the first incident is severe enough, the parent may be called immediately. Repeated incidents may lead to suspension and/or expulsion from camp.

Field Trips

We are in the process of planning a few field trips this summer. Parents will receive a permission form for any off-site field trip where the campers are riding the bus.

Field Trips destinations may include Statesville Leisure Pool, Village Inn Pizza, Stone Mountain, Bowling

Campers may take walking trips to the library and downtown Elkin, including the Crater Park Splash Pad.

Tax Information

Tax ID #56-600-1218

Elkin Recreation and Parks
399 Hwy 268 West
PO Box 345
Elkin, NC 28621

Receipts for Summer Camp will be located in the Main Office of the Recreation Center. Please pick-up your receipt for tax purposes. We will not issue another.