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Parks & Recreation -

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Therapeutic Coordinator

Barbara Costello

She plans programs for special needs kids, wrangles an amazing crew of instructors and mentors, and doubles as the party planner for all our Parks & Rec shindigs. Basically, if it's happening, she's got it covered — with a smile and probably a todo list a mile long!"

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General Questions?

Contact our office at

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Your roadmap to fun, fitness, and community awaits!









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NEW PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT!

CRASH COURSE COOKING



January 10th or February 21st
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Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Ages: 6+!

Come join us for an awesome Saturday program making our state's favorite dish. PIZZA!

Learn the fundamentals of dough and sauce making, then roll out and dress a pie before throwing it into a 900 degree oven.

So grab your aprons, bring your **biggest appetites**, and get ready for a <u>delicious</u> time for the *whole family!*

RESIDENTS: \$50/PERSON NON-RESIDENTS: \$60/PERSON

ADULT PROGRAMS

MEDICARE MADE CLEAR Instructor: Michael Bush

Join us for a free Medicare Made Clear seminar where you'll learn the basics of Medicare in a simple, easy-to-understand way.

There's no cost to attend and absolutely no sales pitch — just helpful information. Bring your friends and your questions for a relaxed, informative session. We're here to help you feel confident about your Medicare choices!

Age	Age Dates		Fee
18+	February 12th or March 11th	10:00am - 11:00am	FREE!

PASTA MAKING

Instructor: Nick Imbriglio

GET READY TO GET YOUR HANDS FLOURED UPI

THIS HANDS-ON CLASS IS ALL ABOUT THE ART OF PASTA-MAKING—NO FANCY MACHINES REQUIRED!

You'll learn how to mix, roll, and shape pasta from scratch using just your hands and a few simple tools.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
13+	Sundays	Shapes - January 11 th Rolling Pasta - February 22 nd Ravioli - March 22 nd	3:00pm -5:00pm	Resident: \$60 per class Non-Resident: \$70 per class

CRASH COURSE COOKING: PIZZA MAKING Instructor: Matthew Yanarella

Come join us for an awesome Saturday program making our state's favorite dish, Pizza!

Learn the fundamentals of dough and sauce making, then rollout and dress a pie before throwing it into a 900 degree oven.

It will be a delicious time for the whole family! Bring your aprons and your appetites!

Recommended for ages 6 and up. Participants under the age of 9 must have a parent or guardian present to assist with the activity.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
6+	Saturday	January 10 th or February 21 st	12:00nm - 2:00nm	Resident: \$50 Non-Resident: \$60

ADULT FITNESS

BERGAMO'S BALANCE & STABILITY

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Good balance and the ability to fall safely are two of the most overlooked skills in our adult lives.

In this class, we will work on strengthening our joints and muscles, as well as connecting the brain to the body, to achieve better balance and a more comfortable life. In addition, we will also focus on how to fall correctly and safely with no injuries.

Please note all Bergamo's Classes are held at Bergamo's located at 493 West Main Street, Cheshire

Age	Day	Time	Fee		
18+	Tuesdays	9:30am - 10:30am	Resident: \$140 Non-Resident: \$160		
Dates					
Session I		ession II	Session III March 31st - April 28th		

BERGAMO'S TAI CHI

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Tai Chi is a gentle martial art practiced by millions worldwide. It improves balance, flexibility, and stability—and for many, it's also a calming, meditative way to relieve stress.

Taught by Grandmaster Ralph Bergamo, this class focuses on Yang Style, the most popular form in the U.S.

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Age	Day	Time	Fee		
18+	Thursdays	9:30am -10:00am	Resident: \$145 Non-Resident: \$165		
Dates					
Session I	Se	ession II	Session III		
January 8th - January 29th	February	12th - March 5th	March 19th - April 16th		

BERGAMO'S EMPOWER HOUR FOR WOMEN

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Empower Hour combines strength training, stretching, striking, and meditation into one class meant to relieve stress and empower women! Every class includes a warm-up, strength training, kicking and striking on pads and bags, and breathing and meditation.

Please note all Bergamo's Classes are held at Bergamo's located at 493 West Main Street, Cheshire

Age	Day	Time	Fee	
18+	Wednesdays	6:00pm - 6:50pm	Resident: \$140 Non-Resident: \$160	
Dates				

Session I

January 7th - January 28th

February 11th - March 4th

Session III
March 18th - April 15th

ADULT FITNESS

BUILD & BURN

Instructor: Donna Paventy

A total body workout using light to heavy weights to sculpt and tone your body.

Age	Tuesdays	Thursdays	Saturdays	Fee
16+	Date: Jan 6 th - Mar 14 th	Date: Jan 8 th - Mar 26 th	Date: Jan 10 th - Mar 28 th	Resident: \$108
	Time: 7:00pm - 7:45pm	Time: 7:00pm - 7:45pm	Time: 8:00am -8:45am	Non-Resident: \$128

CARDIO BLAST

Instructor: Donna Paventy

Cardio Blast involves cardio endurance and strength exercises. It is a high intensity, high energy workout that promotes cardiovascular endurance, strength, lean muscle and fat loss. We will alternate cardio exercises with strength exercises. Boost your metabolism and leave feeling energized.

All levels of fitness are welcome.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
16+	Tuesdays	January 6 th - March 24th	6:00pm - 6:45pm	Resident: \$108 Non-Resident: \$128

CIRCUIT TRAINING

Instructor: Donna Paventy

This 45-minute class consists of a blend of resistance and cardiovascular exercises. You will move from station to station performing exercises that alternate strength and cardio exercises adhering to an allocated timed interval repeating the circuit 3 - 4 times. Circuit training enhances cardiovascular health and improves muscular strength and endurance.

The structured variation between exercises ensures that the heart, lungs and muscles are consistently active, promoting increased stamina and power.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
16+	Thursdays	January 8 th - March 26 th	6:15pm - 7:00pm	Resident: \$108 Non-Resident: \$128

KICK-FIT KICKBOXING

Instructor: Leadership Martial Arts Staff

Class is held at Leadership Martial Arts, 971 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke. in Plantsville.

Punch, jump, lift and kick using heavy bags, rip bands, kettle bells and medicine balls, all while learning self-defense skills. Fee includes boxing gloves!

This special introductory offer is available to new students only. Individuals who have attended a previous Kick-Fit Kickboxing program are not eligible.

Classes meet on Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Participants are welcome to attend as many or as few dates as their personal schedules allow. Please note, however, that the program registration fee will remain the same regardless of the number of classes attended.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
13+	M, T, W, Th, Sat	January 5 th - February 14 th	Go online for more details	Resident: \$144 Non-Resident: \$164

ADULT FITNESS

HIP-HOP TO FITNESS

Instructor: Michele Schweighoffer

Jump into this upbeat class where you'll warm up, learn fun hip hop moves, and put them together in a short, feel-good combo. Each week, we'll either build on what we've learned or mix it up with something new—set to awesome tracks from the '80s, '90s, and today.

It's a blast and a great way to get your steps in!

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
18+	Wednesdays	January 28 th - March 18 th	7:00pm -7:45pm	Resident: \$72 Non-Resident: \$92

PIYO

Instructor: Kristie Miller

Inspired by Pilates and yoga, this workout will stretch and strengthen your body with little to now impact.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
18+	Mon	January 5th - March 30th	8:15am - 9:15am	Resident: \$99 Non-Resident: \$119
18+	Thurs	January 8 th - April 2 nd	8:30am - 9:30am	Resident: \$117 Non-Resident: \$137

ZUMBA

Instructors: Donna Paventy and Penny Delahanty

Get ready to dance, sweat, and smile!



High-energy Zumba classes are perfect for all fitness levels—whether you're a seasoned dancer or stepping onto the floor for the first time.

Set to upbeat Latin and international rhythms, each class blends cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, and flexibility into a fun, feel-good workout.

Zumba isn't just about fitness, it's a party! You'll burn calories, boost your mood, and make new friends along the way.

Come for the workout, stay for the laughter, and leave feeling energized!



Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
18+	Saturdays w/Donna	January 10 th - March 14 th	9:00am - 9:45am	Resident: \$90 Non-Resident: \$110
18+	Mondays w/Penny	January 5 th - April 6 th	6:00pm -6:45pm	Resident: \$108 Non-Resident: \$128

ADULT SPORTS

GOLF LESSONS: ADULT Instructor: Pete Stankevich

All sessions are held at Chris Cote's Top Tracer Range in Southington

These are group lessons that consist of 4 one-hour sessions covering a wide variety of topics.

Classes include fundamentals of the set-up, fundamentals of the golf swing, how to play with irons and woods, pitching, sand bunker play, chipping, putting, rules and etiquette, and much more.

Whether you're new to the game or looking to fine-tune your skills, these lessons provide expert instruction in a supportive environment.

Bring your own clubs or borrow ours — either way, you'll be ready to hit the course with confidence.

Age 15+		Fee
		Resident: \$195 Non-Resident: \$215
January	February	March
Day: Thursdays Date: January 8 th - 29 th Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm	Day: Mondays Date: February 2 nd - 23 rd Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm	Day: Wednesdays Date: March 4 th - 25 th Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm

GOLF LESSONS: WOMEN ONLY Instructor: Pete Stankevich

All sessions are held at Chris Cote's Top Tracer Range in Southington

Designed for the beginner female golfer who is interested in learning the game, as well as the more experienced female golfer who is looking to take her game to the next level.

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15+		Resident: \$195 Non-Resident: \$215
January	February	March
Day: Tuesdays Date: January 6 th - 27 th Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm	Day: Thursdays Date: February 5 th - 26 th Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm	Day: Mondays Date: March 2 nd - 30 th Time: 6:00pm -7:00pm

ADULT SPORTS

OVER 30 BASKETBALL

Participants may come on any or all nights each week for games of pick up basketball. This program is a great value; a whole season of basketball for one low price.

You may also choose to purchase a reversible shirt (please make a note on your registration form and add \$20 to your fee).

Participants must carry in and change into sneakers - no street shoes allowed on gym floors!

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
30+	Sun, Mon, & Wed	September 14 th - May 6 th	Check online for more info	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170

OVER 30 SOCCER

Join the fun! An energetic group of adult soccer players getting together for pickup games of indoor soccer.

Participants must carry in and change into sneakers. No street shoes allowed on gym floors!

Additional cancellations may be needed due to school functions and/or inclement weather; the season will not be extended or fees prorated.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
30+	Tues & Thurs	November 11th - April 9th	8:45pm - 10:00pm	Resident: \$55 Non-Resident: \$75







Cheshire Parks & Recreation has something for every age and energy level!

Our youth programs are packed with fun, friendship, and skillbuilding—all in a supportive, community-focused environment. Whether your child loves soccer, art, movement, or team play, our programs spark creativity, build confidence, and keep kids active.



CRASH COURSE COOKING: PIZZA MAKING

Instructor: Matthew Yanerella

Come join us for an awesome Saturday program making our state's favorite dish, Pizza! Learn the fundamentals of dough and sauce making, then rollout and dress a pie before throwing it into a 900 degree oven.

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6+	Saturday	January 10 th or February 21 st	12:00pm -2:00pm	Resident: \$50 Non-Resident: \$60

CUPCAKE DECORATING -VALENTINES THEME Instructor: Alison Luciana - The British Baker



JOIN US FOR A HANDS-ON, FESTIVE CUPCAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP!



Children will learn fun decorating techniques while creating their own Valentine-themed cupcakes to take home. All materials provided. This class will also be nut-free.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
6-18	Sunday	February 15 th	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Resident: \$60 Non-Resident: \$70





DANCE: BALLET, TAP & JAZZ COMBO WITH CPAA

Instructor: CPAA Instructor, Christa

A beginner dance class that introduces ballet, tap and jazz to young students.

Young dancers will learn the basic steps while learning how to follow direction in a positive environment.

Engaging music and activities are used to get these little dancers inspired to move.

<u>Tap shoes are a must!</u> Leotard, tights and ballet slippers are recommended.



Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
4-6	Saturdays	January 24 th - March 14 th	10:00am - 11:30am	Resident: \$135 Non-Resident: \$155

DANCE WITH ME: INTRO TO BALLET & TAP (Adult & Child Class)

Instructor: Michele Schweighoffer

Parent participation is required

In this fun intro class, little dancers explore the basics of ballet and tap alongside a parent or caregiver!



Together, you'll move, groove, and build motor skills through simple steps and playful interaction. Each pair will learn a short ballet and tap routine to share with family on the final day.

a sweet start to dance and a special bonding experience!

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
2-4	Wednesdays	January 28 th - March 18 th	5:30pm -6:15pm	Resident: \$90 Non-Resident: \$110

DANCE: HIP-HOP & JAZZ

Instructor: Michele Schweighoffer

GET MOVING AND GROOVING WHILE LEARNING THE BASICS OF HIP HOP AND JAZZ DANCE

Each class kicks off with a high-energy warmup, then dancers learn cool moves in place and across the floor.

We'll end every session with a fun combo set to music—sometimes building week to week into a full routine, or mixing it up for fresh new fun!

Perfect for kids who love to dance, move, and express themselves!

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
8-13	Wednesdays	January 28 th - March 18 th	6:15pm - 7:00pm	Resident: \$90 Non-Resident: \$110

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We're excited to partner with Spark Business Academy to bring dynamic, hands-on financial literacy programs to students in grades K-12!

LET'S INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF MONEY-SMART INNOVATORS!

MY FIRST CRAFT FAIR

Instructor: Spark Business Academy Staff



Young entrepreneurs will <u>create handmade items</u> to "sell" to other "vendors" at their very own **craft fair!**In this program, students will learn about craft fairs and the ingenuity and creativity of the small business entrepreneur.

They will produce goods and learn to create appealing advertising and displays.

Other related topics will be discussed such as counting currency, budgeting, profit margins, buying and selling and assessing the quality of goods.

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
2-5	Friday	March 20 th	9:00am - 12:00pm	Resident: \$65 Non-Resident: \$75

MY FIRST PIGGY BANK

Instructor: Spark Business Academy Staff

EARN, SAVE, SPEND, DONATE!

Through math games and hands-on activities kids learn about these and other key financial concepts like money, budgeting and saving.

Students will also learn the basic concepts of philanthropy and donating to charity.

And, everyone will make their very own piggy bank to take home!

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
K-3	Tuesdays	January 13 th - February 24 th	4:30pm -5:30pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170

MY FIRST LEMONADE STAND

Instructor: Spark Business Academy Staff



Learn how to make sweet and tangy lemonade - and make money by selling it!

Experiment with recipes, design flyers, learn how to count money, make change and tally your profits.

Then, in a showcase finale event, launch your lemonade stand and sell, sell, sell, and raise funds for a charity students select!

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
K-3	Tuesdays	March 10 th - April 21 st	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170





SPARK BUSINESS: FINANCE CLUB Instructor: Spark Business Staff

Learn how to manage your money in this program promoting essential life skills!

Set your financial goals, develop a budget from scratch, shop for a credit card and calculate the monthly cost of your dream car.

Students learn about mortgages, FICO scores, taxes and the dangers of piling up debt.

THROUGH SIMULATIONS AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS EXPLORE FINANCIAL DECISIONS THEY WILL HAVE TO MAKE IN THE FUTURE.

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
4-8	Tuesdays	January 14 th - February 18 th	4:30pm -5:30pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170

SPARK BUSINESS: YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Instructor: Spark Business Staff

This program empowers students with an entrepreneurial mindset develop a plan for their very own business ideas drawing from such disciplines as marketing, finance and strategy, in a supportive environment fostering teamwork.

From designing marketing flyers to estimating profits, students have fun while developing business savvy!

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
4-8	Wednesdays	March 11 th - April 22 nd	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170

SPARK BUSINESS: TEEN INVESTORS Instructor: Spark Business Staff

LEARN INVESTING FUNDAMENTALS AND HOW YOU CAN START INVESTING AT A YOUNG AGE!

Build your own \$100,000 stock portfolio and trade stocks like Apple, Nike or Amazon with a cool investing simulation tool.

This hands-on experience provides students with the tools and mindset to face future investment decisions with confidence and buy low, sell high!

A solid foundation for successful future investors!

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
9-12	Thursdays	March 12 th - April 23 rd	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$170







SAFE SITTER

Instructor: CPR Training Professionals, LLC Staff

Safe Sitter® is a fun, fast-paced course designed to teach young teens essential life-saving skills so they feel confident and prepared—whether they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting.

Through interactive games, role-playing, and hands-on practice with manikins, students will learn how to stay safe and act smart in a variety of real-life situations.

- Babysitting as a Business
- Child Care Essentials
- Safety for the Sitter
- Infant & Child Choking Rescue
- Behavior Management
- Injury Prevention & Management
- Infant & Child CPR

This is a 5-hour, one day course and students will have a lunch break.

Ages	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
11-14	Saturday	February 7 th	9:00am -2:00pm	Resident: \$150 Non-Resident: \$160









We're partnering with The Coder School to offer fun, hands-on coding classes!

Each student receives a personal coding account to access projects and practice at home.

Projects created in class can be continued from home.

All equipment is provided—no need to bring anything.

No experience needed—just bring your creativity!

Classes are held at The Coder School, 100 Elm St., Cheshire.

SCRATCH CODING

Instructor: The Coder School Instructors

Using the MIT developed platform, Scratch, along with block coding, children will create advanced games such as a solar system, Mario platformer, and much more! Learn about loops, variables, x and y coordinates, if and then statements, and more!

Age	Day	Time	Fee
7-9	Saturdays	11:00am - 12:00pm	Resident: \$145 Non-Resident: \$165
	Da	tes	
	Session I January 17 th - February 21 st	Session II March 7 th - April 25 th	

MINECRAFT CODING

Instructor: The Coder School Instructors

Using the Minecraft Education Edition students will solve code and go through lesson plans such as planets, pandas, periodic table of elements, and more.

Students will learn the X, Y, and Z coordinates, along with variables, conditions, loops, and more.

Age	Day	Time	Fee
8.5 - 10	Fridays	5:00pm - 6:00pm	Resident: \$145 Non-Resident: \$165
	Da	tes	
	Session I	Session II	

March 6th - April 24th

PYTHON CODING

Instructor: The Coder School Instructors

January 16th - February 20th

Learn the hottest language out right now, used by Google, Instagram, and Netflix! Learn how to draw shapes and create designs using the turtle library.

Learn about if and then statements, loops, variables, and more.

Age	Day	Time	Fee		
10 - 13	Wednesdays	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Resident: \$145 Non-Resident: \$165		
Dates					





WHAT IS STEM?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

It's a broad educational approach that integrates these four disciplines to encourage hands-on learning, critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving—skills that are essential in today's tech-driven world.

CHAPMAN AFTER SCHOOL STEAM CLUB

Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

Students will be challenged to become scientists and engineers through NASA based investigations in collaboration with NASA Astro Camp. Activities will be differentiated based upon age groups.

Participants must attend Chapman School

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
2-3	Thursdays	January 15 th - February 19 th	2:45pm - 3:45pm	Resident: \$120 Non-Resident: \$140
4-6	Thursdays	January 15 th - February 19 th	2:45pm - 3:45pm	Resident: \$120 Non-Resident: \$140

HIGHLAND AFTER SCHOOL STEAM CLUB Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

Are you interested in being in the next generation of creators and inventors? In our engineering program, students will investigate engaging hands-on weekly challenges such as creating simple machines, building structures, and much more. New topics will be introduced for the 25-26 school year.

Participants must attend Highland School

Grades	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
4-6	Wednesdays	January 28 th - February 18 th	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Resident: \$80 Non-Resident: \$100

CHEMISTRY EXPLORATIONS

Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

Calling all Junior Chemists!

Participants who join will experience how different substances react with one another.

Some experiments may include: making different foods like ice cream; high flying reactions like film canister rockets; or colorful creations like slime and lava lamps.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
7-13	Tuesdays	March 10 th - March 24 th	5:15pm - 6:15pm	Resident: \$58 Non-Resident: \$78





ROBOTIC EXPLORATION BEGINNER Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

This program is designed for partipants whol would like a rich introduction to robotics and coding. This program encourages critical thinking, problem solving, and communication. Participants will be using UBTech Robotics to learn the basics of building a robot, coding and related STEM applications.

Instructors will adjust program instructions to meet the needs of all participants.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
8-13	Thursdays	January 15 th - February 5 th	5:15pm - 6:15pm	Resident: \$70 Non-Resident: \$90

ROBOTIC EXPLORATION ADVANCED Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

The great minds at LEGO have provided the tools and means for us to use their fun kits to do more advanced STEM and computer science.

LEGO WeDo and LEGO Mindstorms are a great way for students to explore a different side of robotics that includes engineering through interesting building challenges, programming, and innovative thinking with high interest materials.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
8-13	Thursdays	February 12 th - March 5 th	5:30pm -6:30pm	Resident: \$70 Non-Resident: \$90

VEX IQ Robotics Club: An Introduction to A Competitive Robotics Team Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

In this immersive program, participants will engage in hands-on robotics activities while developing effective strategies to excel in future VEX IQ competitions.

Students will be guided by experienced CT STEM Academy Coaches (Team 55508) who have competed in statewide competitions as participants and now coaches.

Please go online for additional details

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
7-13	Mondays	March 9 th - May 18 th	5:30nm -7:15nm	Resident: \$180 Non-Resident: \$200

PLANETARIUM NIGHT AT MAHAN PLANETARIUM Instructor: CT STEM Academy Staff

Join us for a planetarium show that will highlight Winter Constellations and a full dome movie Season of Light.

This program is presented by the Wallingford Public Schools Mahan Planetarium and Center for Innovation & Design.

Mahan Planetarium at Sheehan High School (142 Hope Hill Rd, Wallingford)



Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Family Event (4+)	Wednesday	March 11th	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Resident: \$14 Non-Resident: \$19

Families will be checked in at the Senior Courtyard entrance.







Bergamo's Ninja-Fit

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Classes are held at Bergamo's 272 Sandbank Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410

Ninja Fit is a unique class that teaches a mix of parkour and gymnastics while focusing on fun and fitness.

Not only will students be learning cool new vaults and tricks each class, but they will also be training their strength, flexibility, and speed while doing it.

Each class will begin with stretching and warm ups, followed by a fitness focused game and our parkour or tricking technique of the day.

Finally, students will challenge themselves by running our ninja obstacle course and showing off their new skills!

Age	Day	Time	Fee
3-5	Tuesdays	4:30pm - 5:00pm	Resident: \$125 Non-Resident: \$145
	D	ates	
Session I January 6 th - January 27 th		Session II February 10 th - March 10 th	
Age	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	Thursdays	5:00pm -5:45pm	Resident: \$135 Non-Resident: \$155
	D	ates	
Session I January 8 th - January 29 th		Session II y 12 th - March 5 th	Session III March 19 th - April 16 th

Bergamo's Speed, Strength, and Agility

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Classes are held at Bergamo's 272 Sandbank Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410

Our Speed Agility and Strength class focuses on the building blocks that every kid needs to be a healthy athlete in a fun and challenging way.

The exercises and drills we do will increase speed and strength, while also working on coordination, balance, and injury prevention.

While these skills are important for athletes, in can also be useful for any child or young teen who is looking to be more active!

Age	Day	Time	Fee
7-14	Tuesdays	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Resident: \$145 Non-Resident: \$165
	Da	tes	•
	Session I	Session II	4.5
	February 3 rd - March 3 rd	March 17th - April 14	th







Bergamo's Mindful Movers Preschool Yoga

Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Classes are held at Bergamo's 272 Sandbank Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410

We will explore simple yoga poses and develop basic body control through games, stories, and music. Easy relaxation techniques will be introduced.

Instructor Ms. Barb is a certified children's yoga teacher and has over 30 years of experience as a teacher of young children

Age	Day	Time	Fee
3-5	Wednesdays	9:30am - 10:00am	Resident: \$125 Non-Resident: \$145
	D	ates	
Session I January 7 th - January 28 th		sion II 1 th - March 4 th	Session III March 18 th - April 15 th
Age	Day	Time	Fee
3-5	Fridays	4:30pm - 5:00pm	Resident: \$125 Non-Resident: \$145
	D	ates	
Session I January 9 th - January 30 th		Session II y 13 th - March 6 th	Session III March 20 th - April 24 th

Bergamo's Beginner Yoga for Kids Instructor: BPT Fitness Staff

Classes are held at Bergamo's 272 Sandbank Rd, Cheshire, CT 06410

Learn basic yoga poses while developing strong bodies and minds. This class will have an emphasis on mindfulness techniques that children can use every day. Instructor Ms. Barb is a certified children's yoga teacher and has over 30 years of experience as a public school teacher

Age	Day	Time	Fee
6-12	Fridays	5:00pm - 5:30pm	Resident: \$125 Non-Resident: \$145
	Da	tes	
Session I January 9 th - January 30 th		ssion II 3 th - March 6 th	Session III March 20 th - April 24 th







SKYHAWKS SUPER-TOTS

Instructor: SuperTots Sports Academy Staff





Give your little superstar an awesome first step into sports with Multi-SportTots!

This class uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore balance, hand/eye coordination, fitness, sport skills and child development.



IN THIS PROGRAM WE COVER BASEBALL, BASKETBALL AND SOCCER.

We spend two weeks on each sport so it's an individual sport focus per class, not all three sports in one 45-minute class.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
2	Friday	January 23 rd - February 27 th	9:15am - 10:00am	Resident: \$115 Non-Resident: \$135
3-4.5	Friday	January 23 rd - February 27 th	10:15am - 11:00am	Resident: \$115 Non-Resident: \$135



A STEP AHEAD SOCCER

FULL UNIFORM (Jersey, Shorts, And Socks) plus a medal and stickers for all players.

FIRST STEP

Instructor: A Step Ahead Soccer Staff



Our First Step program is specifically designed for 2-year-olds to be introduced to soccer. This is a parent-and-me program, so each child is expected to have an adult helper with them each week. Gentle introductions using simple stories, songs, and imaginative play. Focus on parent-child interaction, exploring movement, becoming comfortable with the ball (our friend "Smart Scott the Soccer-bot")! and following simple story cues. Adventures are adapted for short attention spans and maximum sensory fun.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
2	Saturdays	January 17 th - March 7 th	12:00nm -12:45nm	Resident: \$175 Non-Resident: \$195

STEP UP

Instructor: A Step Ahead Soccer Staff

We encourage children ages 3 and 4 to engage more independently in slightly more complex adventures. The storylines encourage basic dribbling ("navigating a path"), stopping the ball ("avoiding obstacles"), and listening to multi-step instructions within the narrative. Emphasis on cooperation and understanding roles within the story.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
3-4	Saturdays	January 17 th - March 7 th	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Resident: \$200 Non-Resident: \$220

NEXT STEP

Instructor: A Step Ahead Soccer Staff

We encourage children ages 3 and 4 to engage more independently in slightly more complex adventures. The storylines encourage basic dribbling ("navigating a path"), stopping the ball ("avoiding obstacles"), and listening to multi-step instructions within the narrative. Emphasis on cooperation and understanding roles within the story.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
5	Saturdays	January 17 th - March 7 th	1.00nm -2.00nm	Resident: \$200 Non-Resident: \$220







LEADERSHIP MARTIAL ARTS

Instructor: Leadership Martial Arts Staff

Class is held at Leadership Martial Arts, 971 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke. in Plantsville.

Martial Arts are used to build skills through fun & challenging drills. This approach includes reinforcing good discipline, displaying confidence and maintaining a positive attitude. Fee includes student uniform! Participants may attend up to 3 classes per week.

It is not mandatory to attend all 15 classes.

Please note, however, that the program registration fee will remain the same regardless of the number of classes attended.



TINY TIGERS (AGE 3-4)	LITTLE DRAGONS (AGE 5-7)	KARATE KIDS (AGE 8-13)
Day & Time: Mon - Thurs 5:30pm - 6:00pm Day & Time: Sat 10:30am - 11:00am Resident Fee: \$134 Non-Resident Fee: \$154	Day a Time Hon a wea 1.50pm to 5.50pm	Day& Time: Mon & Wed 5:15pm to 5:45pm Day & Time: Tues & Thurs 6:30pm -7:00pm Resident Fee: \$134 Non-Resident Fee: \$154

JUNIORS GOLF

Instructor: Pete Stankevich

All sessions are held at Chris Cote's Top Tracer Range in Southington

Sharpen your skills and enjoy the game no matter the season!

The facility is state-of-the-art, covered, and heated where you can practice in comfort, rain or shine.

Classes include fundamentals of the set-up, fundamentals of the golf swing, how to play with irons and woods, pitching, sand bunker play, chipping, putting, rules and etiquette, and much more. Whether you're new to the game or looking to fine-tune your skills, these lessons provide expert instruction in a supportive environment.

Bring your own clubs or borrow ours — either way, you'll be ready to hit the course with confidence.

A	ge	Fee
7-	14	Resident: \$195 Non-Resident: \$215
January	February	March
Day: Thursdays Date: January 8 th - 29 th Time: 4:30-5:30pm		Day: Wednesdays Date: March 4 th - 25 th Time: 4:30-5:30pm

HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

Instructor: CHS Boys & Girls Basketball Staff

This clinic is for boys and girls in grades 1 through 8 who are interested in learning or improving basketball skills.

It will be run by the Cheshire High School boys and girls basketball coaching staff and players and serves as a fundraiser for the teams.

At the clinic, participants will focus on fundamentals and individual player development.

Each day will begin and end in the Cheshire High School West Gym at the back of the school.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
6-14	Mon + Tues	December 29 th - December 30 th	9:00am - 12:00pm	Resident: \$70 Non-Resident: \$80

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION



What is Therapeutic Recreation?

Therapeutic Recreation programs are designed for participants with various special needs. The activities are presented so that participants will be able to understand, become involved and enjoy recreation experiences. A strong emphasis on social skills is included.

IMPORTANT

Participants must have safe behavior, be able to follow simple instructions, stay with a small group and be independent with toileting and feeding.

TR: AFTERNOON CLUB

Instructors: Barbara Costello, Deboarah Sanford, & Jenn Loniki

Join the Club - Where Fun & Friendship Collide!

Looking for the perfect way to unwind after school? Come be part of the Club!—a weekly program designed for high school & transition students who love to play games, hang out, get creative, and just have fun! Each week brings a fresh mix of games, crafts, and awesome social activities—so there's always something new to enjoy with friends.

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
14- 25	Tuesdays	January 13 th - March 24 th	2·00nm - 4·00nm	Resident: \$176 Non-Resident: \$196

TR: WALKING CLUB

Instructor: Barbara Costello

We cover 1.5 to 2 miles per session at a comfortable group pace, creating a relaxed "walk and talk" atmosphere.

It's a fun, social way to stay active without it feeling like a workout.

Don't miss out — come walk with us and enjoy walking with friendly faces, and feel-good vibes. You're more apt to walk if you have friends, it's win for both body and mind!

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
7+	Wednesdays	January 7 th - March 25 th	4.30nm - 5.15nm	Resident: \$100 Non-Resident: \$120

TR: YOGA

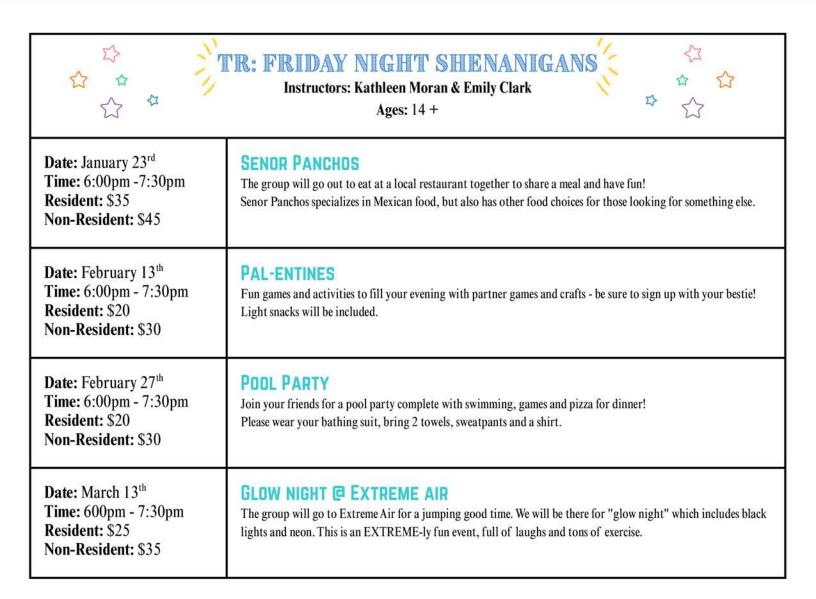
Instructor: Christine Innimo

Get moving, make new friends, and feel great! Participants boost their fitness, loosen up with better flexibility, and enjoy socializing along the way.

Plus, staying flexible helps your whole body feel good, reduces stress, and keeps you balanced—literally!"

Age	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
7+	Thursdays	January 15 th - February 19 th	5:15nm - 6:00nm	Resident: \$75 Non-Resident: \$95

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION





FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
OR TO REGISTER FOR
PROGRAMS VISIT
CHESHIRECT.MYREC.COM

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Registration Process & Payment Policy

ONLINE- Visit our website at cheshirect.myrec.com

IN- PERSON- Parks & Recreation hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

MAIL-IN - Mail in Registration Forms can be mailed with payment to 559 S. Main St., Cheshire CT 06410

PAYMENTS- We accept cash, check, Mastercard, Visa, and Discover.

All registrations must be accompanied by full payment.

Check payable information is listed on each registration form

Program Cancellations

Refunds and Cancellation Policy

Full refunds will be issued if a program is cancelled by the Town. Participants who withdraw from a program at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the program will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given once a program begins, unless for medical reasons and accompanied by a doctor's note.

Transfer Policy

You may request to transfer a participant from one program into another if the program type and fee are the same. Transfers must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the start of the class that the participant is currently enrolled in.

Please note: If you request cancellation of the class the participant was transferred into, refunds can only be issued via check even if the original payment was by credit/debit card.

Program Cancellations made by Cheshire Parks and Recreation

If there are not enough registrations by one week prior to start date, the program may be cancelled. If a program must be cancelled registrants will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone as soon as possible, and a full refund will be issued.

Inclement Weather Notice

If the Town of Cheshire is closed all activities are cancelled. For cancellation information please check cheshirect.myrec.com. Unless otherwise noted, programs that are cancelled due to inclement weather are typically added to the end of the session.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Non-Residents

Registrations for non-residents will be accepted with a fee.

The non-resident fee is typically \$20 per program but some programming it may be less.

Residents are defined as those person domiciled on a permanent basis in the Town of Cheshire and individual property owners of real property (non motor-vehicle)

Photo Policy

During Town Activities, pictures and/or videos may be taken by staff and these may be used for future promotions; to revoke authorization to use pictures and/or videos email recreation@cheshirect.gov and include the participant's name and the Activity name.

Special Accommodations

Programs and activities are for individuals of all ability levels and we are committed to meeting the needs of the entire population. Accommodations may be arranged for individuals with special needs. To request program modifications or accommodations, contact John Gawlak, Parks and Recreation Director, at jgawlak@cheshirect.gov to discuss your needs.

Disclaimer: Program Dates & Exceptions

Please note that some programs may not meet on certain dates due to holidays or scheduled breaks. These skip dates are not included in this catalog but are available on our website and will also appear on your receipt. For the most up-to-date and complete program information, please visit cheshirect.myrec.com.







Looking for other Departments?		
Artsplace	(203) 272 - 2787	
Pool	(203) 271 - 3208	
Town Hall	(203) 271 - 6600	
Yellow House	(203) 271- 2769	



Location

Harmon Leonard Jr. Youth Center **559 South Main Street** Cheshire, CT 06410

Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30AM to 4:00PM

Phone: 203-272-2743

Fax: 203-272-5858

E-mail: Recreation@cheshirect.gov



