

**EPRD SUMMER SPECIAL NEEDS DAY CAMP
CAMP GUIDELINE FOR PARENTS & CAMPERS:
Helpful reminders for daily camp activities, field trips and more...**

Welcome to EPRD 2026 Special Needs Summer Day camp! To make everyone's summer camp experience safe and memorable, we have created this list of helpful tips for parents, campers, and staff. Parents, we ask that you please review all this information carefully and share it with your child.

OVERVIEW:

EPRD Summer Camp will be held at Pierce Field, 201 Mercer St. This 6-week camp will run Monday - Friday 9:30am - 2:30pm, June 22 – July 31, 2026, (No camp July 6th)

EPRD Special Needs Summer Day Camp is for youth ages 6-21, who may require extra support to have a typical summer camp experience along with their peers. Camp will feature a day full of camp activities that include special events, arts and crafts, sports, games, and field trips.

Important information regarding Summer Camp is outlined below. Please feel free to contact the Department's main office at (401) 435-7511 or the Recreation Center Supervisor at (401) 270-1769 if you have any questions.

- ❖ Camp registration is available online <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>
Phone registrations, mail in or faxes are not accepted.
- ❖ The registration fee will be \$480 for the 6-week session per child. \$240 deposit /payment is required at registration. Final payment is due by July 7, 2026. You can make payments online at <https://eastprovidence.recdesk.com>
- ❖ Extended Day is available at an additional fee of \$120 for the six-week program.
Parents can drop off their child at camp at 8:30 am and pick up at 3:30pm.
- ❖ **NO CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CAMP WITHOUT A COMPLETED EPRD MEDICAL FORM COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN.** *All Information on the form is required, including a medical diagnosis, and must be signed by the participants physician and parent/ guardian.*
- ❖ Any participant who cannot attend to his/ her own personal hygiene and restroom needs or any participant who requires special attention to necessary equipment (i.e., oxygen tank, feeding tube) will need to make provisions to attend with an aide.
- ❖ **Round trip transportation is provided for individuals with special needs for this program.**
- ❖ EPRD Summer Camp is not a licensed day care nor is the City of East Providence licensed to provide childcare services through the Department of Children and Youth and their Families (DCYF).

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES: (only for Extended day)

DROP OFF:

- ❖ Parents will drop off their Camper at their designated camp area. No camper can be left at the camp site without being signed in with their recreation camp staff.

PICK- UP:

- ❖ Parents will pick up their camper at their designated camp area. All campers must be signed out with a recreation camp staff for dismissal.

ILLNESS POLICY:

- ❖ Please be advised that the EPRD Summer Day Camp will follow all RIDOH guidelines. If RIDOH guidelines change, adjustments to the program will be made as needed.
- ❖ Do **NOT** send your child to camp if he or she has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting, and /or diarrhea as a result of COVID-19 or other illness.
- ❖ Should a child be observed at the time of pick-up / drop off to exhibit any signs and/or symptoms of illness, they will not be admitted to camp.
- ❖ Parents/Guardians will be notified to pick up their child should the child become ill while at camp.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- ❖ In the event of rain or other severe weather-related conditions the camp will be moved to the Recreation Center, located at 610 Waterman Ave. All indoor field trips will still go on as scheduled.

DAILY ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ Visitors and/or observers must check in at the supervisor's table before entering the campsite area.
- ❖ Hand washing will be done throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be available.
- ❖ Free lunch is provided Monday – Friday.
- ❖ If your child is getting a free lunch, it is still suggested that you send extra snacks and a reusable bottle that can be refilled at the water fountain when needed.
- ❖ If your child is not going to get the free lunch, please be sure to send your child with a full lunch, plenty of snacks and drinks for the entire day. We suggest that you use an insulated bag or small cooler since there is no refrigeration on site.
- ❖ **All children are required to bring enough drinks for the entire day and a reusable bottle to fill as needed.**
- ❖ **Children are NOT allowed to share food.** There are campers who have allergies and could get very sick if you do!

- ❖ Children should come to camp with proper footwear and clothing for the planned activity. If it's a "water day", we suggest a towel and bathing suit, as well as dry clothes to change into. Don't forget a sweatshirt if it's cold.
- ❖ Please be sure to write your child's name on all his/ her belongings, including clothes, water bottle, lunch bags, coolers, etc. (this will help identify items left behind at camp).
- ❖ Children should have sunscreen applied before camp and bring a bottle of sunscreen to use throughout the day. Hats are suggested as well.

FIELD TRIPS:

- ❖ Field trips and special activities fees are not included in the registration fee. Field trip fees must be in **CASH** and the correct change would be greatly appreciated. **CHECKS WILL NOT** be accepted.
- ❖ EPRD camp will hold weekly field trips for bowling and swimming. See the calendar for fees and schedule of additional field trips.
- ❖ Please send your child with appropriate clothing for the field trip as well as a full lunch with enough drinks for the entire day.
- ❖ We suggest that if you send your child with "spending money" for a trip that you place all money in a zip lock bag, small envelope or wallet with your child's name clearly printed on it.
- ❖ During the six-week program we may have the opportunity to take the group on unscheduled trips to parks and or recreation areas in the city as transportation and scheduling allows.

BUS RULES:

*** Please note: these are basic rules to abide by – Individual drivers may have additional rules to follow.**

- ❖ Children must always remain in their seats while the bus is moving and until it is time to get off the bus.
- ❖ Never throw anything out the window or inside the bus.
- ❖ Children are to keep their hands inside the bus.
- ❖ No eating or drinking on the bus except for water.

BE SAFE:

- ❖ Campers will be required to stay in the supervised group area.
- ❖ Please do not climb trees, on the outside of playground equipment or along any fencing.
- ❖ When indoors, walk to and from the bathroom- floor may be slippery.
- ❖ Listen to counselors – if they are telling you to do or not to do something it is for your own safety. We are here to make sure you are safe and have fun!
- ❖ If something happens that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, if you notice something that looks unsafe, please tell a counselor right away.

- ❖ Shoes must be worn at all times while at camp (this is at the discretion of the Recreation Supervisor during water play).
- ❖ Children should not share hats.

BE KIND:

- ❖ Be respectful – Treat others the way you would want to be treated.
- ❖ Use kind words – no negative talking. NO TEASING!
- ❖ NO BULLYING!
- ❖ NO VIOLENCE! (Hitting, slapping, kicking, biting, etc.)
- ❖ Include everyone in your group in clubs or games.
- ❖ Do not take other people's property.
- ❖ Clean up your messes.

PLAY FAIR:

- ❖ Follow the rules for the game you are playing – If you don't know the rules, ask someone to explain them.
- ❖ Be honest at all times – If you get out, you're out.
- ❖ Be a good sport – That means a good loser and /or a good winner.
- ❖ Share and take turns.
- ❖ Don't take advantage of other people.
- ❖ Don't blame other people without reason.
- ❖ Be open-minded.

ITEMS NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP:

- ❖ ELECTRONICS – Children are not permitted to bring any electronics to camp. This will help prevent items from being lost, stolen or broken.

CELL PHONES:

- ❖ While we can certainly appreciate the need for children to have cell phones to use in the event of an emergency, we ask that they are kept in their backpack and **NOT to be used for texting, emailing, taking pictures or videos or "just because"**. They have become a distraction for some. Should staff determine that cell phones are becoming an issue, they will take them for the day and hand them back when the child leaves. Campers are allowed to use the Recreation department phone in an emergency.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping make this summer a great one for campers and staff! Should you have any questions please feel free to speak to the Recreation Supervisor on site or you may call the Recreation office at 401-435-7511.