

**Scholarships
are Available!**

Indy Parks & Recreation DAY CAMP

Summer 2026



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About Indy Parks

Indy Parks and Recreation provides parks, greenspaces, trails, and recreation opportunities for Marion County residents and visitors. The agency serves 8 million people annually and offers 217 parks, 11,608 acres of greenspace, 130 playgrounds, 155 sports fields, 153 miles of trails, 23 recreation and nature centers, 20 aquatic centers, 22 spray grounds, 13 golf courses, and four dog parks. Indy Parks also provides more than 2,400 sports, art, education, and recreation programs throughout the year.

General Day Camp Information

The 2026 Indy Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camp program offers a wide variety of opportunities including swimming, arts, nature, science, sports, and recreation. All camps follow a set of high program standards and are accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). **Download camper registration forms online at indy.gov/activity/indy-parks-day-camps**

Counselors

All Indy Parks Summer Day Camp counselors are over the age of 16 and participate in more than 30 hours of training before camp begins. All counselors are CPR and First Aid certified and have passed a complete background and criminal history check. All staff have been selected for their experience, special talents, sensitivity, and creativity.



Scholarships

Limited scholarships are available based on financial need. Scholarship applications are available after a payment of \$5 per child per week. Initial payments can be made at your camp's facility or through the Customer Service Center. Apply early!



Mission & Vision

Mission: To provide enriching experiences for all.

Vision: Healthier lives, inspiring experiences, and vibrant communities.

Racial Equity Statement: Indy Parks will be a leader in making Indianapolis a vibrant and healthy place to live by applying a racial equity lens to future planning that better reflects the multicultural community we serve. We are committed to providing equitable and inclusive access to programs, services, amenities, and greenspaces. We strive to identify and invest in a more equitable workplace culture by focusing on policies and practices including budget allocation, procurement, partnerships, hiring, employee training, and advancement.

Connect with us!



Indy Parks Customer Service:
1720 Burdsal Parkway
Indianapolis, IN 46202



Registration

Registration begins Monday, January 26, 2026

There are three ways to register:

- Register online at indyparks.org by searching for the number listed alongside the camp
- Contact your camp location directly
- Call 317-327-PARK, option 2

Customer Service Center

1720 Burdsal Parkway

317-327-PARK (7275)

IndyParksCS@indy.gov

Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Accepted forms of payment: cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover.

To secure your camper's spot, you must complete all registration forms and pay a \$15 non-refundable registration fee per registered week per child at the time of registration. The remaining balance will be due by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday before the week of camp begins. Failure to meet the Wednesday payment deadline will result in your child's name being removed from the registration list. Note: some specialty camps require payment in full at registration.

Day Camp Refund Policy

Indy Parks will issue a full refund if the camp is canceled. All refunds could take six to eight weeks.

Bike Camp, Garfield Park Arts Center, Southeastway Park, Eagle Creek Park, and Holliday Park Refund Policy

- Notice of withdrawal must be made at least two weeks before the first day of camp. A refund will be issued, but the \$15 registration fee is non-refundable or transferrable.
- If notice of withdrawal is less than two weeks before the first day of camp, a 50% refund will be given, and the \$15 registration fee remains non-refundable or transferrable.

Traditional or GATHER Camps Refund Policy

- Notice of withdrawal must be made by the Thursday before camp begins. A refund will be issued, but the \$15 registration fee will not be refunded.

Camp withdrawals must be requested no later than the Thursday the week before the camp for a refund. If a medical emergency occurs after the two week deadline, a refund will be issued, but the \$15 registration fee will not be refunded. A written note from a physician is required for a refund in the event of a medical emergency. For COVID-19 related illnesses, at-home COVID-19 tests are acceptable.

Holliday Park

Slippery, Slimy Science | Ages 4-5

Get dirty exploring the messy side of nature! Campers discover the ooey-goopy world of natural science doing experiments inside our "lab" and out along the trails, pond, and creeks.

37592 5/26-5/29 9:00am-12:00pm Tu-F \$81

Amazing Animals | Ages 4-5

This camp is great for all the animal lovers. Through nature walks, games, and animal-themed crafts, campers will explore different habitats and meet the animals that live there. They will also get up close and personal with some native animals from our forests, waterways, and grasslands.

37583 6/29-7/2 9:00am-12:00pm M,Tu,W,Th \$81

37582 6/29-7/2 1:00pm-4:00pm M,Tu,W,Th \$81

Five Senses | Ages 4-5

Learn about nature with all five senses! Campers use sound, touch, taste, smell, and sight to learn about animals and to understand how animals use their senses to survive in the wild.

37586 7/20-7/24 9:00am-12:00pm M-F \$100

Planet Protectors | Ages 6-7

Campers will transform into stewards of the Earth. This camp is for those who are passionate about nature, and ready to learn how they can help protect it. Each day will be filled with eco-crafts, interactive games, and lessons about plants, animals, and ecosystems.

37590 6/1-6/5 9:00am-4:00pm M-F \$165

Animal Adventures | Ages 6-7

Through hands-on exploration, campers explore the streams, forest, prairie, and wetlands, using binoculars, bug nets, and microscopes to learn what makes Indiana animals unique!

37584 6/22-6/26 9:00am-4:00pm M-F \$165

Make a Splash | Ages 6-7

Discover all the aquatic creatures that live in the water. Make a splash as you explore how the animals in the pond, creek, and river survive.

37589 7/6-7/10 9:00am-4:00pm M-F \$165

Plant Power | Ages 8-9

During this week, campers will learn about the vital role plants play in our ecosystem, from food and medicine to air and shelter. Campers will be planting their own seeds, going on nature hikes, and learning the science behind how plants grow and thrive. They will also explore the importance of sustainability, and how plants can help combat climate change.

37591 6/1-6/5 9:00am-4:00pm M-F \$165

Time Travelers | Ages 6-7, 8-9

Go back in time to discover what prehistoric creatures lived in Indiana thousands of years ago. Learn about fossils, examine bones, and explore the park.

Ages 6-7	37595	6/8-6/12	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165
Ages 8-9	37596	7/13-7/17	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165

Bugtopia | Ages 6-7, 8-9

Welcome to Bugtopia, a world where the tiniest creatures take center stage! Explore the wild lives of insects and invertebrates as you hunt for beetles, follow butterflies, and uncover the hidden networks that keep nature buzzing. At Bugtopia, curiosity crawls, wings flutter, and every explorer discovers just how big the small world can be!

Ages 6-7	37587	7/13-7/17	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165
Ages 8-9	37588	6/22-6/26	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165

Enchanted Woods | Ages 10-12

This camp blends the wonder of classic stories with the beauty of the natural world. Campers will explore enchanted forests and mysterious meadows, all while diving into myths, legends, and fairytales. Campers will get the chance to learn all about the importance of animals in modern and ancient societies.

37585	6/8-6/12	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165
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The Power of Nature | Ages 10-12

This unique camp experience blends outdoor adventure with the power of mindfulness, teaching campers how to connect deeply with nature and themselves. Each day will focus on one of the four elements, with the fifth day focusing on mindfulness in nature. Campers will participate in mindful movement activities and team challenges to promote a sense of balance, respect for nature, and personal well-being.

37594	7/6-7/10	9:00am-4:00pm	M-F	\$165
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Dystopian Days | Ages 11-14

Step into a world where survival, strategy, and stewardship intertwine. You'll embark on a dystopian adventure that tests your courage, creativity, and connection to the natural world. Each day brings new missions to build shelters, forage for food, and decode messages hidden in the landscape. Through teamwork and imagination, you'll learn to see nature as both a challenge and a guide, discovering that the true goal isn't just to survive, but to reimagine and rebuild a brighter world. Camp will not meet on Friday, June 19th.

37593	6/15-6/18	9:00am-4:00pm	M,Tu,W,Th	\$165
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Summer Jobs at Indy Parks!



Lifeguards
\$15/hr



Camp Counselors
\$14/hr



Food Program
Coordinators
\$14/hr



Cashiers
\$13/hr



Facility Attendants
\$15/hr



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