GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION

“Summer Fun for All!”

2020 SUMMER PROGRAMS
(SOME FALL ACTIVITIES, TOO!)

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ALL PROGRAMS AND FACILITY
INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE
TO THE IMPACT OF COVID-19!!!
**BIKE SAFETY:** If you are interested in bicycle safety literature or are in need of a bicycle helmet for your child, please contact the Gilford Police Department at 527-4737.

"Be sure to wave 'thank you' when somebody lets you into traffic."

**TENNIS LESSON PROGRAM:**

**Youth Lessons:** A free, five-week program sponsored by Advantage Kids for children ages 5-14. A ½ hour long tennis lesson, plus a yoga and meditation session. Combining these two increases kids’ ability to focus, excel academically and relate to each other!

Tuesdays or Thursdays, June 30 to July 30 at the Village Field Tennis Courts.

- 5-8 year olds: 9:00-9:30 AM or 9:30-10:00 AM (Yoga Opposite Lesson Time)
- 10-14 year olds: 10:00-10:30 AM or 10:30-11:00 AM (Yoga Opposite Lesson Time)

Cost: FREE!

**Adult Lessons:** A five-week program sponsored by the Advantage Kids for ages 15 and up.

Tuesdays or Thursdays, June 30 to July 30 at the Village Field Tennis Courts.

8:00 – 9:00 AM Ages 15-Adult

Fee: $60.00 per player

Participants should plan to bring their own tennis racquet, although limited racquets will be available each evening. The deadline to register is June 19 – enrollment will be limited. Call the Parks and Recreation Department Office to register or to get further information.

**ARCHERY LESSONS:** Certified Archery Instructors from Art of Archery will lead a four-week archery instruction session for Youth and Adults ages 7 and up.

Tuesday evenings, August 4th – August 25th at the Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink.

- 4:00-5:00 PM Introductory/Beginners
- 5:15-6:15 PM Intermediate (Have been through Introductory Lessons)

The fee for this program is **$65.00 per person** and includes all necessary equipment. Enrollment in this program is limited. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Rec Office.
**SHOOTER'S GOLD BASKETBALL CAMP:** Under the direction of Coach Paul Hogan, the camp will be held at the Gilford Middle School outdoor court from **June 29 – July 2 (Mon-Thurs.)**.

- Session #1, for boys and girls entering gr. 2 - 4, will run from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM.
- Session #2, for boys and girls entering gr. 5 - 8, will run from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

The registration fee is $85.00 for each session. Each participant will receive a basketball and a camp t-shirt. Camp format will be modified to comply with COVID-19 guidance. To register, visit [www.hogancamps.com](http://www.hogancamps.com) or call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722 for further information.

**WICKED COOL FOR KIDS - MINECRAFT CAMPS:**

*Minecraft Mania:* The camp will be held the week of **July 6 – July 10** in the Gilford Middle School and is open to youth entering grades 1-6 in the fall of 2020

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cost: $37.50

Minecraft Mania 2, the Mania continues! Explore and build worlds that have been customized for Wicked Cool learning activities. Construct complex Minecraft villages and map out a hands-on model city, built with real world materials. Learn the secrets of Minecraft to forge unique tools, discover the awesome power of redstone, and create automated factories to supply your empire. Design light-up circuits and simple machines to take home. Call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722 for a registration form or to get further information.

**CHALLENGER SOCCER CAMP:** We will be sponsoring two sessions of this camp that will be held at the Gilford Village Field for youth from ages 3 to 14.

**SESSION I: July 13 – 17**
- Children ages 6 – 14  Half Day Camp: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  Cost: $137.00
- Children ages 3 – 5  Mini Soccer: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM  Cost: $101.00

Register online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com). The camp fee includes 7.5 hours or 15 hours of instruction, a soccer ball and a camp t-shirt. CHALLENGER SOCCER coaches soccer skills within a framework of character development based on respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership and sportsmanship. They also introduce players to the geography, traditions and culture of other great soccer-playing countries.

“Kids are like mosquitoes – the minute they stop making noise, you know they are getting into something.”
**STORY WALK WITH THE LIBRARY:** We will be partnering with the Gilford Library to offer a one-day Story Walk on **Friday, July 31st**. Participants will meet at the Gilford Elementary School at 10:00 AM to join us on a guided Story Walk through the Nature Trails behind the school to listen to a fun twist on a classic fairytale. This program is open to all ages. There is a rain date of August 7th in the event of inclement weather.

**GILFORD YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE FALL PROGRAM:**
For all Gilford youth who will be entering grades K through 5 in the fall of 2020. Registration will open on Monday, August 3rd with a registration night being held on **Wednesday, August 5th** from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the Parks and Recreation Office in the Gilford Town Hall. Participants can also register in the Rec Office during regular operating hours or by downloading a registration form off the Parks and Rec website and mailing it in. The early registration fee is $15.00 per child - after August 10th, the fee will be $25.00. Coaches and assistant coaches are always needed and welcome! Call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722 for further information.

**GLOBAL PREMIER SOCCER CAMP:**
This camp will be held at the Gilford Village Field the week of **August 10 - 14** for youth from ages 4 to 14.  
Children ages 4 – 6  Junior Soccer: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM  Cost: $70.00
Children ages 7 – 14  Half Day Camp: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon  Cost: $135.00

Register online at [http://www.gpsnewhampshire.com](http://www.gpsnewhampshire.com) no later than August 5th. The camp fee includes 7.5 hours of instruction, and a camp t-shirt. Participants should plan to bring their own soccer ball, bottle of water and a snack to camp each day.

GLOBAL PREMIER SOCCER will be teach children that the game of soccer can be both educational and fun. They will learn the fundamental elements of soccer through a carefully structured program of activities and fun based games, designed to capture child’s imagination and develop their motor skills. All of our camps are taught at a level where children will be challenged during the week and have an incredible soccer experience at the same time. Each day our coaches will cover different themes and skills to keep the players immersed in the world of soccer.

CANCELED!!
**FUNTASTIC WORKSHOPS: Wonderful Wizardry!**

On Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, children ages 6-11 are welcome to come discover the magic of science in this hands-on workshop. Join us in adventures of Harry and your favorite magical characters and create an edible wand. We will brew some fantastic potions to drink. Let's create and watch some amazing chemical reactions. Make cool crystals. See a mysterious glowing ball. Wonder where the sorting hat will place you? Make an edible wand. We will brew some fantastic potions to drink. Let's create and watch some amazing chemical reactions. Make cool crystals. See a mysterious glowing ball. Wonder where the sorting hat will place you? Come join us where the magic of science, art, and literature meet.

The registration fee for the two-day workshop is $130.00, and it includes all materials. The location for the workshop will be the Gilford Middle School. Enrollment for the two-day workshop will be limited. Deadline to register: July 31, 2020. Call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722 for a registration form or to get further info.

**LRRA HORSEMANSHIP CAMP:** We are offering five weeks of this camp, which will be held Monday through Thursday, or Tuesday through Friday (depending on the week) at the Lakes Region Riding Academy Barn at 26 Young Road in Gilford. The camp is open to Year-Round NH Resident children ages 7 – 15.

- **Week #1:** July 6 – July 9
- **Week #2:** July 14 – July 17
- **Week #3:** July 28 – July 31
- **Week #4:** August 3 – August 6
- **Week #5:** August 10 – August 13

**Camp Times:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  **Cost:** $100.00

This camp is an introductory program to introduce participants to horsemanship. The program will offer basic horse care knowledge, horse safety and the beginning basics of riding. All participants must wear long pants and a shoe or boot with a heel. Helmets will be available at the barn. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Enrollment in this program is limited. Registration forms are available at the Parks and Rec Office.

**GILFORD SENIOR MOMENT-UM PROGRAM:**

Come join the Gilford Senior Adult Group. Meetings are usually held on Mondays and a variety of activities and day trips are planned. All interested seniors are welcome to join!

Upcoming programs will be posted under the Senior Moment-um Page on the Parks and Recreation Website at: www.gilfordrec.com. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

“If your Mother says no, go ask Grandma.”
**GILFORD BEACH:** Open daily 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM with full staff – gate closes at 9:00 PM from **Saturday, June 20 through late August.** Telephone: (603) 293-8022. The dates and times of gate closure are subject to change due to weather or other extenuating circumstances.

**GRAB AND GO ARTS AND CRAFTS PROGRAM:** Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon (weather permitting) from **July 14 to August 6.** For children of all ages (Crafts are geared toward ages 5 and up, but younger participants are welcome). Craft Projects will be planned and packaged so participants can complete the project on their own. Register at the beach beginning July 7th or register the day of the program. Registration fee is $14.00 for the 4-week program ($2.00 per session if you pay on a daily basis). Program will be limited to 30 participants per day!

“We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others are bright, some have weird names, but they have all learned to live in the same box.”

**STORYTIME AT THE BEACH:** Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 Noon – 12:30 PM from **July 1 – July 29.** For children of all ages (target audience is pre-school through 4th grade). Join Jill from the Gilford Library and take a quick break from swimming and enjoy a weekly story! In the event of inclement weather, story time will be held at the Gilford Library.

**SWIM CONDITIONING PROGRAM:** **July 20 to August 7 from 9 AM – 11:00 AM.** Program is intended for swimmers at ARC Level 4 and up, a swim test may be required prior to enrolling.

Program will run for 30 minutes Mon-Fri and will consist of lap swimming with focus stroke refinement. Please be aware this program offers broad stroke guidance only and will not be following Rec Cross Swim Lesson structure.

Register at the beach from July 11 - 18 from 9 AM - 5 PM

* Registration fee is $20.00 per child.

**JUNIOR LIFEGUARDING CLASS:** **July 20 to August 7 from 9 AM – 9:45 AM for ages 11-15 (must meet ARC level 6 standards)**

- Prevention of Aquatic Accidents
- Emergency Life-Saving Skills
- Leadership Skills and Professionalism of a Lifeguard
- Register at the beach from July 11 - 18 from 9 AM - 5 PM

* Registration fee is $25.00 for the 1st child in the family, $15.00 for 2nd child in the same family and $10.00 for each additional child in the same family per session.
STORYTELLING BY THE SEA - BBQ and BEACH GAMES: Tuesday, July 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Gilford Public Library and the Gilford Parks and Recreation at the Gilford Beach will host an evening by award winning British storyteller Simon Brooks. Performance will be enjoyed by all. Family games will follow performance. In the event of rain, the program will be held at the Youth Center.

WATER CARNIVAL: For all youth at the beach. To be held at the conclusion of the six weeks of swimming lessons - tentatively scheduled for the week of August 10th. An all-day event packed with fun-filled games and activities for all who attend!! Watch for details to be posted at the beach.

“If Columbus had an advisory committee, he would probably still be at the dock.”

GILFORD COMMUNITY BAND LIMITED CONCERTS:

Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Gilford Community Band will be offering two limited, smaller ensemble (flute choir, brass quintet, and trombone quintet) concerts this summer at the Gilford Village Field Weeks Bandstand (rain or shine). The concerts will be held on Wednesday evenings on July 22 and August 19. The time for the concerts will be 7:30 PM and they are free to the public. Grab your lawn chair or blanket and please social distance as you join us for some great entertainment!

“Dance – even if you have no place to do it but your living room. And sing, too, but don’t quit your day job.”

GILFORD OLD HOME DAY CELEBRATION!!: Join us this year on Saturday, August 29th for our Annual Old Home Day Celebration! A great annual tradition - featuring a pancake breakfast, parade, food and craft booths, entertainment, games and Field Events, road race, band concert, dance and.......FIREWORKS!!! Guaranteed to be a fun and memorable day for one and all! Advertisers in our program book are always welcome. Volunteers are still needed to help - call the Parks and Recreation Department Office if you are interested in getting involved and lending a hand.

“Never, ever miss the fireworks.”
**Volunteers** are always needed, year-round, for many of our programs and special events. If you would like to give of your time and/or talents, or if you have any ideas or suggestions for programs you might like to see, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office. **Volunteers and ideas are always welcome!**

The Parks and Recreation Department constantly strives to provide and maintain high quality, year-round programs, activities, and facilities for people of all ages and abilities. We try to keep all program fees at an affordable level. Discounts and scholarships are available for most programs, in the hopes that no one will be denied participation in a program or activity due to an inability to pay any fee.

**GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FACILITIES:**

1. **Gilford Beach** (13 acres) - located on Varney Point Road. 1800 feet of shorefront on Lake Winnipesaukee for use by all Town resident/taxpayers. The facility includes a concession stand, restroom/changing facilities, swim raft, basketball court, volleyball court, playground equipment, picnic area/cookout facilities, and parking.

2. **Gilford Village Field** (28 acres) - located on Belknap Mountain Road. Facility includes four lighted tennis courts, a lighted basketball court, a soccer field, two baseball diamonds, dugouts, bleachers, playground equipment, picnic area, bandstand, and storage buildings.

3. **Stonewall Park** (9 acres) - located on Stone Road. Facility includes an enclosed baseball diamond and dugouts, bleachers, storage building, well, and parking.

4. **Lincoln Park** (1 acre) - located on Belknap Point Road. Facility includes scenic waterfront on Lake Winnipesaukee, picnic area, and parking.

5. **Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink** (3 acres) - located on Varney Point Road. Facility includes an outdoor covered ice skating rink with lights (approx. 220' x 110') with a dirt surface, storage building with a locker room, well and parking.

"We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing."