

Fee Recommendations

March 12, 2026



For: Summer 2026 Youth Camp Programs

Summer programs are held June-August. Normally youth programs are introduced in the Spring Fun times without fees, and fully listed in the Summer Camp Brochure and distributed in March. Franke Park Day Camp, Salomon Farm Farmin Fun Day Camp, PODS (Positive Outdoor Days of Summer) and the Zoo Camp are highlighted in the brochure. These programs are promoted electronically, social media and post cards. Registration will begin on March 23rd.

FINANCIAL OBJECTIVE AND JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

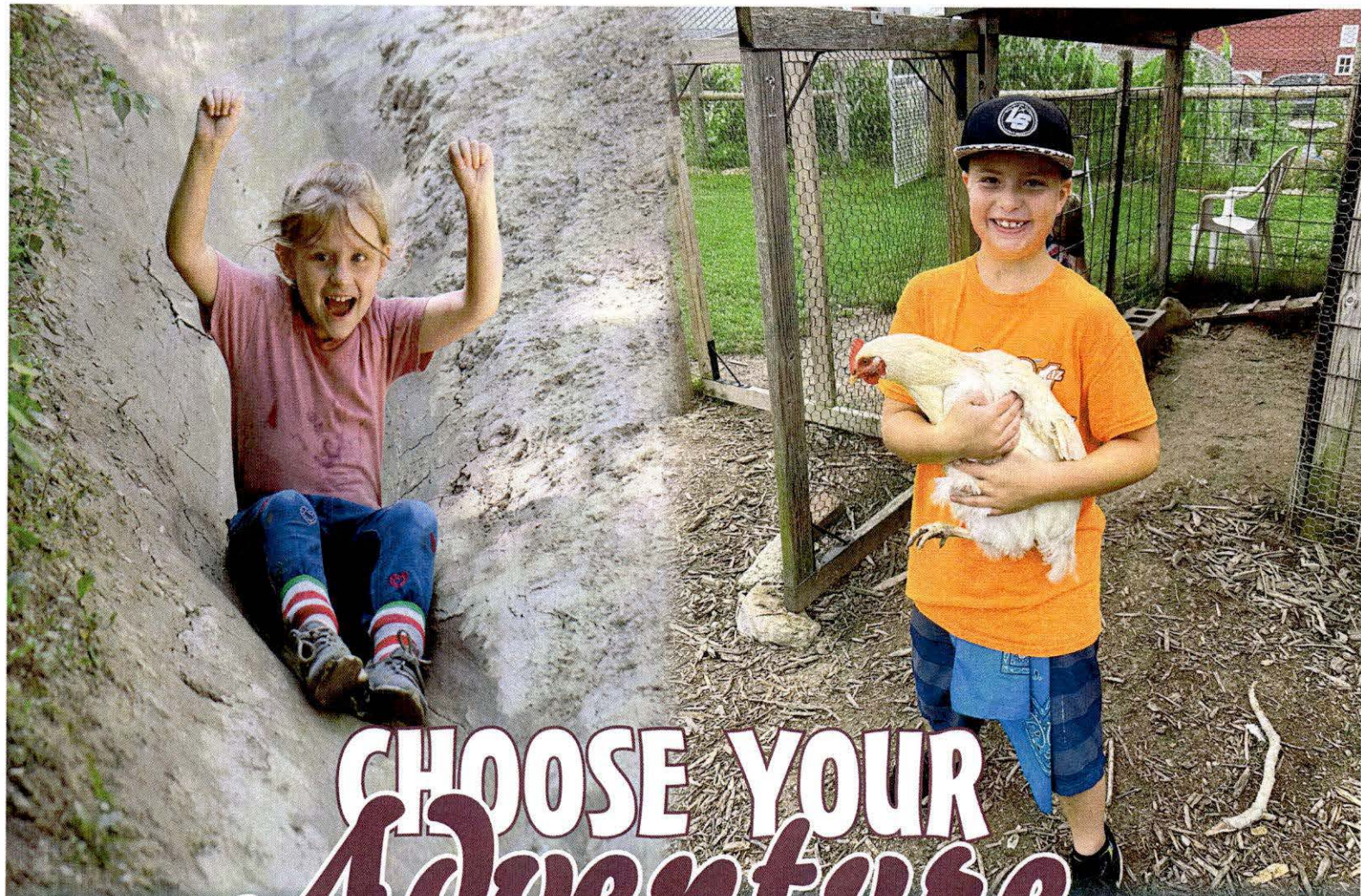
Financial objectives vary among cost centers or program areas. In general, fees are calculated to cover the direct cost of the program with a pre-determined minimum number of participants and then increased 20% to cover administrative costs. Program fees are recalculated each time they are offered to account for any changes in costs. We also consider price breaks, competition and what the market will bear when establishing program fees.

PROJECTED RESULTS/OUTCOME:

Last summer offered 31 sessions of camp and this summer we are offering the same number. (We partner with the Children's Zoo, but do not handle their registrations or fees). We are asking for the Board of Park Commissioners approval of the Summer Camp Brochures as presented. In order to be responsive to unforeseen circumstance such as health emergencies, severe weather, etc.) we ask for the Board of Park Commissioners approval for the authority to modify, adjust and add programs (and their associated fees if applicable) until with written approval from the Deputy Director or Director

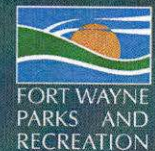
FEES:

Attached are the proposed fees for the 2026 Summer Camp Brochure.



CHOOSE YOUR *Adventure*

Summer 2026 Day Camps



Franke Park Day Camp • Camp ACTiVenture • Farmin' Fun Day Camp
Kids for Nature Zoo Camp

These activities are not associated, affiliated or endorsed by any school district.



Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp provides children with enjoyable outdoor experiences that foster cooperation through learning, playing, working, problem solving, and socializing together. Campers enjoy a wide range of activities including hiking, fire building, outdoor cooking, swamp study, nature walks, arts and crafts, games, mudsliding and more! Franke Park Day Camp has been serving the children of this community with an emphasis on basic camping skills and nature education since 1946.

Any individual 4-17 years of age may register for Franke Park Day Camp, regardless of sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability. (Please see the 2026 Advanced Camper brochure when registering campers 12-17 years of age.) Due to space limitations, campers 4-12 years of age may attend only one session of camp.

All campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2026.

Campers are limited to one camp session.

Registering for more than one camp session will result in cancellation of the additional session(s) and a refund less processing fees.



LOCATION

Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Campers should be dropped off and picked up in the area between the parking lot and the Nature Lodge. The parking lot is located between Pavilion #2 and the playground.

AGES

Camp is open to children ages 4-11. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2026. Campers are grouped by age: 4-5, 6-8, 9-11.

HOURS

M-F	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care	7:00-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care	4:00-6:00 p.m.

FEES

Camp Session.....	\$165
AM Camp Care	\$25
PM Camp Care.....	\$25

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified youth. See page 6 for details.

SESSIONS

#1	June 8-12
#2	June 15-19
#3	June 22-26
#4	July 6-10
#5	July 13-17
#6	July 20-24

CAMP CARE

Camp Care will be held Monday-Friday before and after the regular day camping program. The morning session (7:00-9:00 a.m.) features breakfast, games, arts and crafts, and nature hikes. The afternoon session (4:00-6:00 p.m.) includes arts and crafts, games, and nature hikes, as well as a light snack. Space is limited.

CAMP BUDDIES

Children who wish to attend camp together must indicate this on the registration form, however, due to the volume of registrations and the lottery processing system, we cannot guarantee placement in the same session.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
 - Canteen or water bottle
 - Insect repellent
 - Sunscreen
 - Book bag
 - Complete change of clothes
 - Plain white t-shirt for tie-dyeing
- (Please mark your name on the tag.)

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding Franke Park Day Camp may be directed to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (260) 427-6000. The Day Camp Office will be staffed from June 1-July 24 and may be reached at (260) 427-6725.

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Day Camp registration begins March 23.
Register on-line at fortwayneparks.org or use the registration form on page 7.

Farmin' Fun Day Camp

Come spend a week on the farm! Our Farmin' Fun Day Camp provides a stimulating, healthy and beautiful environment where you will learn about plants, animals and life on the farm. Campers will be able to continue the cycle of farm-to-table in our teaching kitchen. The camp integrates hands-on farming such as animal care, cooperative games, wagon rides, nature exploration and more for a memorable and diverse summer camp experience. You will care for farm animals; hike in the woods; play in the creek; wash, dye and felt wool from one of our sheep; enjoy hayrides around the farm and much more!

Any individual 4-17 years of age may register for Farmin' Fun Day Camp, regardless of sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability. Due to space limitations, campers 4-14 years of age may attend only one session of camp.

LOCATION

Farmin' Fun Day Camp is held at Salomon Farm Park, 817 W. Dupont Rd. in Fort Wayne.

AGES

Camp is open to children ages 4-17. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2026.

HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 AM Camp Care 7:00-9:00 a.m.
 PM Camp Care 4:00-6:00 p.m

FEES

All fees are for a 1-week session

Ages 4-11	\$165
Ages 12-14 (FIT)	\$165
Ages 15-17 (CIT)	\$145
CIT (5-6 weeks flat rate)	\$580
AM Camp Care	\$25
PM Camp Care	\$25

SESSIONS

#1	June 8-12
#2	June 15-19
#3	June 22-26
#4	July 6-10
#5	July 13-17
#6	July 20-24

CAMP BUDDIES

Children who wish to attend camp together must indicate this on the registration form and both children must request it. Due to differing camp curriculum campers are grouped by ages: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-11 years. We will do our best to place the campers together as requested, but due to the volume of registrations and the lottery processing system, grouping cannot be guaranteed.

WHAT TO BRING

- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Snacks
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Change of clothes
- Swimsuit, towel, water shoes

F.I.T.

"Farmers in Training" is designed to provide children ages 12-14 a more active role in the care of livestock, vegetable gardening, hands-on beekeeping, and campfire cook-outs on Fridays. Farmers in Training also help harvest for the Farmers' Market on Wednesdays in addition to participating in games and other fun activities.

C.I.T.

"Counselors in Training" is for campers 15-17 years of age who act as role models for the younger campers. The program is designed to train youth how to be confident leaders among their peers. C.I.T.s will have opportunities to learn important teambuilding, leadership, and agriculture skills as they assist camp counselors in leading activities such as beekeeping, gardening and animal care.

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Camp ACTIVenture

The Botanical Conservatory's Camp ACTIVenture engages campers in active, adventurous fun! This exciting day camp incorporates off-site excursions to city and state parks, rivers, trails and other recreation destinations where campers experience northern Indiana adventures such as biking, bouldering, zip lining, kayaking, fire building, hiking, orienteering or cooling off in freshwater sources. Camp ACTIVenture integrates values exploration and nature play to foster individual accomplishment, community belonging and character development. Natural elements of earth, air, water and fire are also explored through safe, outdoor challenges that educate and thrill.

Space is limited to 12 campers per week and children are limited to one session/week of camp. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each session. Registration begins March 23.



LOCATION

The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory is the home base of Camp ACTIVenture at 1100 S. Calhoun Street in downtown Fort Wayne, IN. Staff-led excursions to other Northeast Indiana destinations are within walking distance or a 1-hour driving range.

AGES

Designed for children 9-13 years of age. Campers must be of minimum age by June 1, 2026.

HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
AM Camp Care 7:00-9:00 a.m.
PM Camp Care 4:00-6:00 p.m.

FEES

Camp Session..... \$360
AM Camp Care..... \$25
PM Camp Care..... \$25
Snack provided

SESSIONS

Camp ACTIVenture, weather permitting, includes biking, zip lining, indoor bouldering, kayaking, fire building, cooling off in freshwater sources and hiking.

Week #1 June 8-12
Week #2 June 15-19
Week #3 June 23-26
Week #4 July 6-10
Week #5 July 13-17
Week #6 July 20-24

WHAT TO WEAR

- Comfortable walking shoes with ankle strap
- Weather appropriate apparel

WHAT TO BRING

- All completed waivers and registration forms
- Non-refrigerated sack lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Swimsuit and towel
- Full change of clothes
- Sunglasses
- Hat for sun protection
- Backpack for all personal belongings

HOW TO REGISTER

Register online at www.fortwayneparks.org or use the registration form in the brochure to register by mail, fax or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department beginning March 23. Before registering, please review all provided information including the refund policy. Questions may be directed to BotanicalPrograms@cityoffortwayne.org.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

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Kids for Nature

for nature

FORT WAYNE ZOO

Kids for Nature

Spend a WILD week at the Fort Wayne Zoo! You'll explore the zoo, visit friendly animals, meet zoo keepers and make new friends in this unique summer adventure. See complete camp descriptions at fwzoo.com.

Register NOW for Zoo Camps at fwzoo.com

Registration for Kids for Nature Zoo Camp began February 4 and is currently underway. Sessions marked through (and possibly others) have already reached capacity.

PreK-K (ages 4+) (1/2 day)

Zooper Senses

M-F	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$150
5/25-29	6/1-5	6/8-12
6/22-26	7/6-10	7/13-17
7/27-31	7/20-24	

Animals in Action

M-F	8:30-11:30 a.m.	\$150
6/1-5	6/8-12	6/15-19
7/6-10	7/20-24	7/27-31
		8/3-7

PreK-K (ages 4+) (full day)

Animal Tales

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/25-29	6/8-12	6/15-19
7/6-10	7/20-24	7/27-31
		8/3-8/7

Animal Builders

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/25-29	6/1-5	6/15-19
6/29-7/3	7/6-10	7/13-17

Nature's Artists

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/8-12	6/22-26
7/13-17	7/20-24	7/27-31
		8/3-7

Grades 1st & 2nd

Ecosystem Explorers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/8-12	6/15-19
7/6-10	7/13-17	7/20-24
		8/3-7

Animal Acrobats

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/25-29	6/8-12	6/15-19
7/6-10	7/13-17	7/20-24
		8/3-7

Creative Critters

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
5/25-29	6/1-5	6/8-12
6/22-26	6/29-7/3	7/13-17
		7/27-31

Wild Kitchen

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/8-12	6/22-26
7/6-10	7/13-17	7/20-24
		7/27-31

Grades 3rd & 4th

Animal Olympics

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/15-19	6/22-26
7/20-24	7/27-31	7/6-10

What's the Scoop?

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/8-12	6/15-19	7/6-10
		7/13-17

Zoo Sleuth

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/15-19	6/22-26
7/13-17	7/20-24	6/29-7/3

Exhibit Engineers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/8-12	6/22-26
7/6-10	7/27-31	6/29-7/3

Grades 5th & 6th

Zoo Careers

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/1-5	6/15-19	6/29-7/3
		7/13-17

Junior Zoologist

M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	\$200
6/8-12	6/22-26	7/6-10
7/20-24	7/27-31	7/13-17

REGISTER ONLINE and see descriptions of each camp at fwzoo.com. No phone registrations will be accepted. Questions? Call the Education Department at 427-6800, ext. 301 or contact us by e-mail at education@fwzoo.com.

Age & Policy

Children must be in the camp for their current grade level (no exceptions). When registering, select the grade your child is currently enrolled in.

Before and After Camp Care

Before and After Camp Care is available for Kids for Nature Camp. For more information contact the Zoo Education Department at 427-6800, ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com.

Kids for Nature Campership Fund

Assistance is available for families unable to afford zoo programs. To apply for a Kids for Nature Campership for your child, contact us at 427-6800, ext. 301 or education@fwzoo.com.



How to Register

Registration for Day Camps Begins March 23 On-Line, Mobile App, Mail, Drop Box or In Person

(Exception: Kids for Nature Summer Camp registrations are handled by the Fort Wayne Zoo. Registrations are being accepted NOW. Sign up online at fwzoo.com. See note below for details).

5 Easy Ways to Register

1) On-Line

Online registration opens at 12:00 a.m. on March 23. If you do not already have a user ID and password or have forgotten them, call 427-6000 or e-mail kimberly.weldon@cityoffortwayne.org. Online registrations are processed as you register with no time delay.

2) Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation App

Register with your mobile device beginning March 23 at 12:00 a.m. with the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation App available in your app store or by scanning the QR code. Select Programs>Kids Programs.



3) By Mail

Mail your completed registration form (or a copy of it) to Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, 705 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Please use a separate registration form for each camper.

4) Drop Box

If our office is closed, you may drop your registration in the 24-hour drop box located at the front entrance of our building at 705 E. State Blvd.

5) In Person

Register in person at the Parks and Recreation Department, 705 E. State Blvd., Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

We cannot accept day camp registrations over the phone. Upon registering for camp, you will receive a receipt which serves as your confirmation. Please refer to the important camp information and medical forms available at fortwayneparks.org. We kindly ask that you review these documents in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for your child.

Kids for Nature Camp Registration

Registration for Kids for Nature Summer Camps is currently underway. Register on-line at fwzoo.com. Please direct questions to education@fwzoo.com or 427-6800 ext. 301.

Parks & Recreation Refund Policy

Full refunds less a processing fee of \$5 or 10% (whichever is greater) will be granted to individuals if requested one business day before the camp session begins. Refunds requested less than one day prior to the start of the camp session may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing refunds. Credit card refunds are credited to your account immediately.

Things to Know Before You Sign Up

- Registration for day camps opens on March 23. Registrations will be processed in the order they are received. Space is limited and placement in any given session cannot be guaranteed. If the session(s) for which you have registered is full, you will be notified by phone so you may choose another session, be placed on a waiting list or request a refund.
- Online registrations will be available at 12:00 a.m. on March 23. Online registrations are processed in real time with no delay.
- We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Checks should be made out to Board of Park Commissioners. If you are registering for other Parks and Recreation programs in addition to day camp, please submit a separate check for the camps.
- Campers to be of minimum age by June 1, 2026.
- In order to accommodate as many children as possible, Franke Park Day Camp, Farmin' Fun Day Camp and Camp ACTiVenture all limit campers to one session each summer. (Exception: CITs may register for unlimited sessions.) Registering an individual for more than one session will result in cancellation of the additional session and a refund less processing fees.

Youth Scholarships (Zoo camps excluded)

Eligible youth age 17 years and younger may apply for ONE Youth Scholarship (up to \$75) per year. To apply for a scholarship, you must provide a copy of your family's most recent IRS Tax Return (Social Security number blacked out) or an official letter from your state indicating qualification for SNAP Food Assistance. This documentation must be submitted in person along with your camp registration form and payment for any remaining balance above the \$75 scholarship. Questions regarding the scholarship program should be directed to rob.hines@cityoffortwayne.org



2026 REGISTRATION FORM for Franke Park, Farmin' Fun & Camp ACTiVenture

Please use a separate registration form for each camper.

Camper's Name _____ Sex: M F Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Grade (2026-27) _____
Parent/Guardian _____ Phone # (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail Address _____

Franke Park Day Camp
Campers are limited to one camp session. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice.

Session/Dates	Age 4-5	Age 6-11
#1 June 8-12	___ W1	___ W1
#2 June 15-19	___ W2	___ W2
#3 June 22-26	___ W3	___ W3
#4 July 6-10	___ W4	___ W4
#5 July 13-17	___ W5	___ W5
#6 July 20-24	___ W6	___ W6

If these are full, place in any available session.

Camp Care
 AM \$25 (w1-w6) PM \$25 (w1-w6)

Camp Fee: \$165

FRANKE CAMP FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:
(Ages 6-8 and 9-11 are grouped separately.)

Farmin' Fun Day Camp
Campers 4-12 are limited to one camp session.

Session/Dates	Age 4-5	Age 6-11	FIT 12+	CIT 13-17
#1 June 8-12	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1	<input type="checkbox"/> W1
#2 June 15-19	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2	<input type="checkbox"/> W2
#3 June 22-26	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3	<input type="checkbox"/> W3
#4 July 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4	<input type="checkbox"/> W4
#5 July 13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5	<input type="checkbox"/> W5
#6 July 20-24	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6	<input type="checkbox"/> W6

AM Camp Care: \$25 (w1-w6)
 PM Camp Care: \$25 (w1-w6)

Camp Fee: Ages 4-11 \$165
FIT 12+ \$165
CIT 13-17 \$145
CIT 5-6 wks \$580

FARMIN' FUN CAMP FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:

Camp ACTiVenture
Campers are limited to one camp session.

Session/Dates	Age 9-13
#1 June 8-12	<input type="checkbox"/> W1
#2 June 15-19	<input type="checkbox"/> W2
#3 June 22-26	<input type="checkbox"/> W3
#4 July 6-10	<input type="checkbox"/> W4
#5 July 13-17	<input type="checkbox"/> W5
#6 July 20-24	<input type="checkbox"/> W6

AM Camp Care: \$25 (w1-w6)
 PM Camp Care: \$25 (w1-w6)

Camp Fee: \$360

CAMP ACTiVenture FEES: \$ _____

I would like to be in the same group as:

Register on-line at fortwayneparks.org or use the Fort Wayne Parks APP

TOTAL FEES DUE Please make checks payable to Board of Park Commissioners or charge to your credit card.

Cash Check (# _____) Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx Scholarship (documentation required)

Credit Card # _____ CVV _____

Name as printed on card _____ Expires (mo/yr) _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Does camper have any of the following health conditions? Allergies Heart Trouble Diabetes Epilepsy Asthma Cerebral Palsy Cancer HIV/AIDS

Physical/Mental/Emotional Disabilities: _____

Please describe in detail reactions/care/instructions regarding the health conditions circled above or any others: _____

Date of most recent tetanus shot: _____ Recent injuries: _____ Current Medications: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____ Hospital Preference: _____

Emergency Contact (if parent can't be reached): _____ Alternate Emergency Number(s): _____

Any special medical instructions in the event you cannot be reached in an emergency: _____

I, as legal guardian representing a minor participant, agree to release the City of Fort Wayne, its officers, employees and volunteers from any and all liability for accidents, injuries, losses of and/or damage to his/her person or property that may arise out of his/her participation in or presence at the above activity(s). I am aware of certain risks of possible dangers associated with participation in this activity. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Water Activities

Games

Science Experiments

Ages 8-12

River Camp

July 27-31 • 9 am-4 pm • \$175

Shoaff Park Riverlodge, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Registration begins March 23 at fortwayneparks.org!

A graphic for 'Summer Activity PODS'. The word 'PODS' is written in large, bold, green letters. To the left of the text are three circular photos of children: a girl looking at something, a boy smiling, and a girl holding a piece of paper. To the right is a circular photo of a boy running through water. The background is green with stylized leaf and vine patterns.

Summer Activity PODS

Ages 5-12 * 7 Weeks of Fun * 16 Themes * 5 Locations * \$80

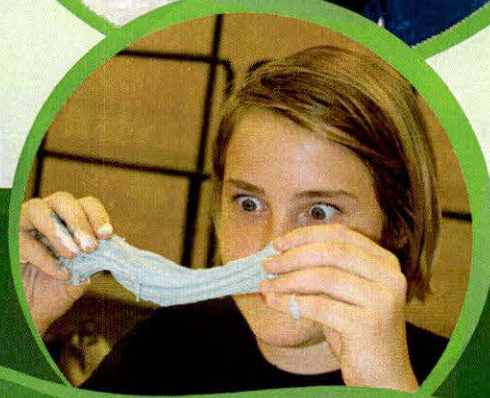
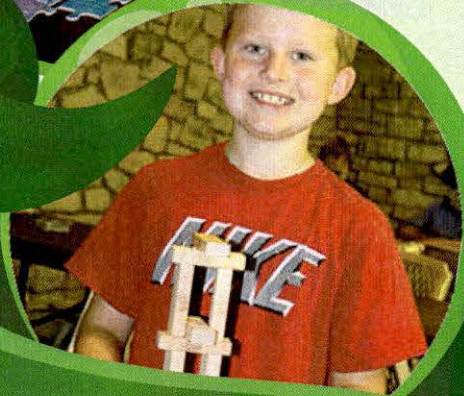
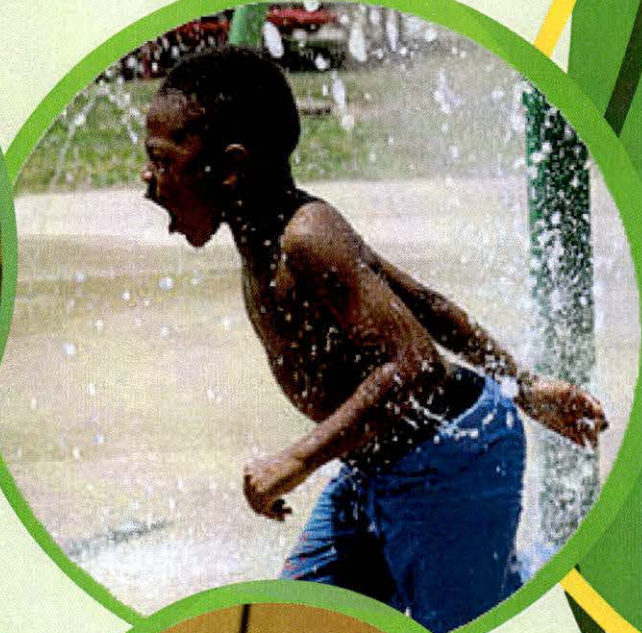
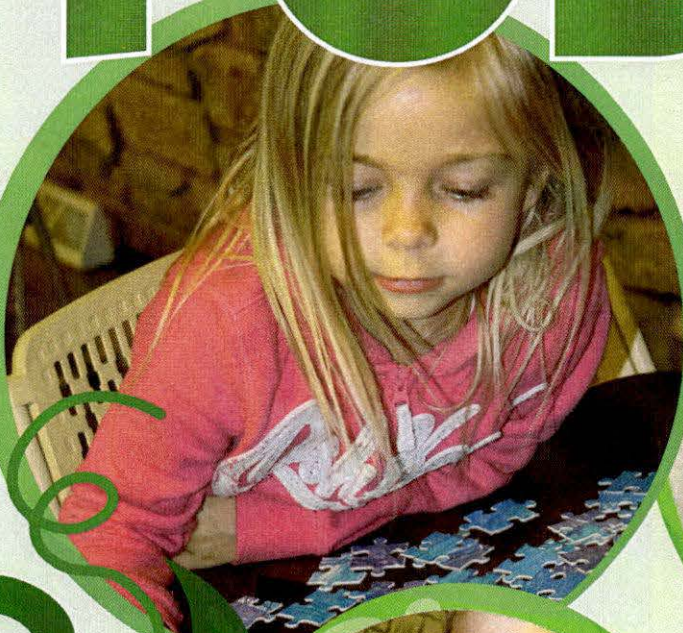


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Summer Activity

PODS

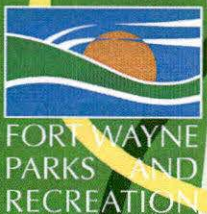


Ages 5-12 * 7 Weeks of Fun * 16 Different Themes
AM and PM sessions that can be paired for full day fun!

Registration begins March 23!

fortwayneparks.org

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Summer Activity PODS

Summer Activity PODS are designed for FUN! Each half-day program is designed to keep your child active and engaged in a fun and safe environment. Register your child for both the morning and afternoon sessions in a given week, pack a sack lunch and we will supervise them for the hour between sessions. Please adhere to the drop-off and pick-up times. Each session is limited to 16 youth. Registration deadlines are one week prior to each POD. An official POD t-shirt is included (additional shirts are available for \$10). PODs fill quickly so don't wait to register. Min. 12. Max. 18. Fee: \$80

Animal Planet

Learn all about animals this week! Special guests share how various animals live and interact with each other and how to care for pets. We'll make animal crafts and close the week with a trip to the zoo!

Artsy Antics

Could you be the next Picasso? Experiment with various art mediums and techniques including acrylic and watercolor paint, clay, oil, pastels and more. Make room on the walls because you will be producing creative collections to display!

Cooking Kids

Learn basic kitchen techniques and safety tips as you whip up a breakfast, snack, dinner and dessert. The best part? Sampling your creations!

Crazy Crafts & Contests

Along with creative crafting, you'll compete in minute-to-win-it contests and solve cleverly challenging riddles.

Fairy Tale Fun

We'll start each each day with a fairy tale and then play games and make crafts related to the story. Build houses like the three little pigs, escape the witch from "Hansel and Gretel," and much more!

Fun in the Fort

Learn all about downtown Fort Wayne on our daily walking tours featuring a fire station, museums, Historic Fort Wayne, Promenade Park and more.

Have a Ball

We've all heard of golf, basketball, football and soccer, but have you heard of four square, matball, disc golf or bocce ball?

Hammer Time!

Put on your hard hats because this week is all about building! Using a variety of materials, we are going to make as many different things as we can. You can build a log cabin out of Legos, a couch out of clothespins or pants out of paper. Let's get creative!

Lights, Camera, Action!

Do you have a flare for the stage? Explore the world of theatre by learning basic acting techniques and putting them to use. We'll write our own script, develop a stage and create puppets for a mini performance at the end of the week.

Miscellany Madness

Looking for a new hobby? This POD will showcase a variety of activities for you to explore such as music, magic and juggling!

POD Olympics

Go for the gold! Compete against your fellow campers both individually and on teams in a variety of races, building challenges, eating challenges and more!

Sherlock Holmes and Friends

Put on your thinking cap, grab your magnifying glass and get ready for a week of clues and scavenger hunts.

Splash Zone

Everything water! Enjoy a week of water fun and exploration with water games, balloons, relays, a slip-n-slide and more! Just plan to get wet! You will need a towel and change of clothes each day.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

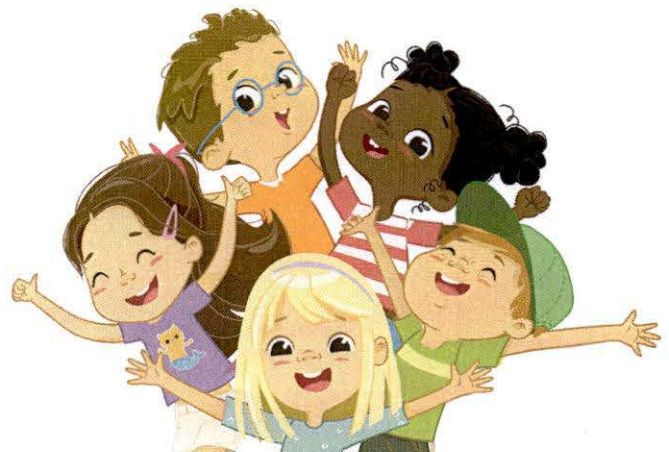
Explore nature through games, hikes in the woods, the plants and animals we'll observe, and even our snacks.

Weird & Sweet Treats

Using science, we're going to create yummy sweet treats like ice cream, rock candy, frozen yogurt dots, worms, lemonade and s'mores.

Weird Science

How do you make a lava lamp? Can you make a raisin dance? Put on your lab coat and step into a world of curiosity and discovery. You'll conduct crazy experiments throughout the week that answer every silly question your mind can think of.



Time	Week 1 6/1-5	Week 2 6/8-12	Week 3 6/15-19	Week 4 6/22-26	Week 5 7/6-10	Week 6 7/13-17	Week 7 7/20-24
Ages 5-8 years							
9 am-12 pm	Sherlock Holmes & Friends Psi Ote Lower 343450-D1	Have a Ball Shoaff Conklin 343450-K9	Artsy Antics Shoaff Riverlodge 343450-C6	Fairy Tale Fun Lions Park 343450-D5	Weird Science Franke Pond Pavilion 343450-E1	Take a Walk on the Wild Side Shoaff Conklin 343450-E9	Cooking Kids Community Center 343450-M2
1-4 pm	Hammer Time! Psi Ote Lower 343450-D2	Splash Zone Shoaff Conklin 343450-C2	Weird & Sweet Treats Shoaff Riverlodge 343450-A3	Crazy Crafts & Contests Lions Park 343450-K7	Animal Planet Franke Pond Pavilion 343450-E2	Splash Zone Shoaff Conklin 343450-E5	Fun in the Fort Community Center 343450-A5
Ages 9-12 Years							
9 am-12 pm	Artsy Antics Lions Park 343450-K5	Have a Ball Shoaff Conklin 343450-N3	Animal Planet Franke Pond Pavilion 343450-D3	Cooking Kids Community Center 343450-M1	Crazy Crafts & Contests Shoaff Conklin 343450-H1	POD Olympics Shoaff Conklin 343450-E6	Fun in the Fort Community Center 343450-G8
1-4 pm	Miscellany Madness Lions Park 343450-G2	Splash Zone Shoaff Conklin 343450-G4	Lights, Camera, Action! Franke Pond Pavilion 343450-D4	Weird Science Community Center 343450-D6	Take a Walk on the Wild Side Shoaff Conklin 343450-E10	Splash Zone Shoaff Conklin 343450-E7	Weird & Sweet Treats Community Center 343450-E8

Locations

Community Center..... 233 W. Main St.
 Franke Pond Pavilion..... Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.
 Lions Park Carew & Hazelwood Sts.
 Psi Ote Lower..... Bob Arnold Northside Park, Parnell Ave. at E. State Blvd.
 Shoaff Conklin / Shoaff Riverlodge Shoaff Park, 6401 St. Joe Rd.

Youth Scholarships

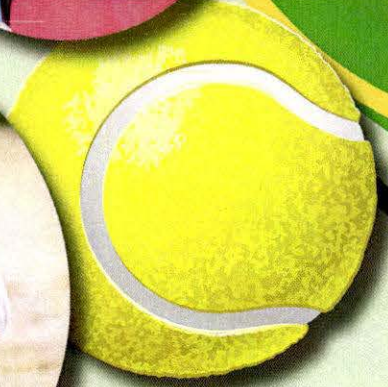
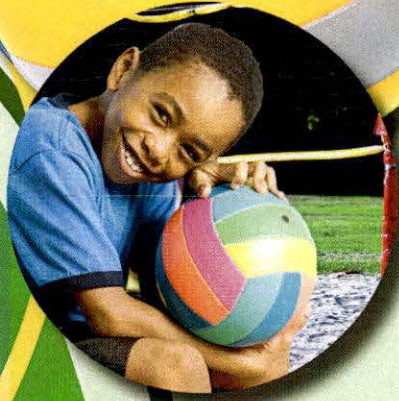
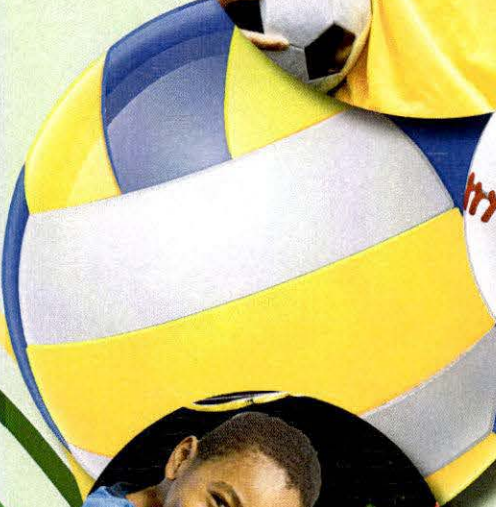
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All PODS meet Monday-Friday. Fee: \$80

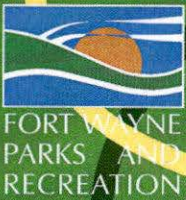
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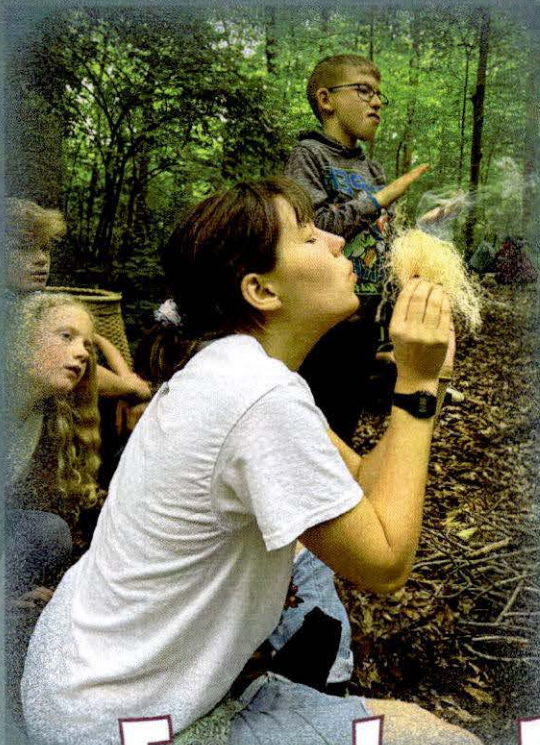
LEARN A SPORT!



Little Kickers • Kickin' Kids • Big Kickers
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Frankie Park Day Camp *Advanced Camper*

Summer 2026



FORT WAYNE
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ADVANCED CAMPER PROGRAM at Franke Park Day Camp

Franke Park Day Camp provides campers with enjoyable outdoor experiences that foster cooperation through learning, playing, working, problem solving, and socializing together. Campers enjoy a wide range of activities including hiking, fire building, outdoor cooking, swamp study, nature walks, arts and crafts, games, mudsliding and more! Franke Park Day Camp has been serving the youth of this community with an emphasis on basic camping skills and nature education since 1946.

Any individual 12-17 years of age may register for the **Advanced Camper** program at Franke Park Day Camp, regardless of sex, color, national origin, religion, or disability.

LOCATION

Franke Park, 3411 Sherman Blvd.

Campers should be dropped off and picked up in the area between the Nature Lodge and the parking lot. The day camp parking lot is located between Pavilion #2 and the playground.

AGES

Junior Leader, Age 12

Counselor-In-Training (CIT) Ages 13-17.

Must be of minimum age by June 1, 2026.

HOURS

M-F..... 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Before Camp Care 7:00-9:00 a.m.

After Camp Care..... 4:00-6:00 p.m.

FEES

Junior Leader (limit 1 session)

Camp Session \$165

Before Camp Care \$25

After Camp Care..... \$25

Counselor-In-Training (unlimited sessions)

Per Camp Session \$145

5 or 6 Camp Sessions (flat fee)..... \$580

Camp Care FREE

CITs must be present at camp for at least 25 days to be eligible for the \$580 flat fee.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Parks & Recreation Department offers scholarships for qualified youth. See back page for details.

SESSIONS

#1 June 8-12

#2 June 15-19

#3 June 22-26

#4 July 6-10

#5 July 13-17

#6 July 20-24

WHAT TO BRING

- Dogtag
- Siderope
- Sack lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Canteen or water bottle
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Book bag
- Complete change of clothes

(New campers will receive a dogtag and siderope at camp. A hot meal designed to supplement the sack lunch will also be provided.)

WHAT TO WEAR

Advanced campers should wear long pants and sturdy shoes and bring a jacket, sweatshirt, raincoat and/or boots in the event of inclement weather. Since many activities leave campers dirty, muddy and/or wet, old clothes and shoes are highly recommended.

SWIM TEST

Advanced Campers who wish to participate in canoeing must first pass a swim test. The test (on back) may be administered at any public pool by a certified lifeguard. If a successful test is already on file in the camp office, it does not need to be repeated.

We cannot accept day camp registrations over the phone. Upon registering for camp, you will receive a receipt which serves as your confirmation. Please refer to the important camp information and medical forms available at fortwayneparks.org. We kindly ask that you review these documents in advance to ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for your child.

REFUND POLICY

Full refunds, less a processing fee of \$5 or 10%, (whichever is greater), will be granted if requested at least one business day before the day the camp session begins. Refunds requested less than one day prior to the start of the camp session may be granted only for illness or medical reasons. These refunds will be pro-rated and issued in the form of a credit to your account with us, which may then be applied to a future purchase. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing refunds. Credit card refunds are credited to your account immediately.

CIT APPRECIATION & AWARDS POTLUCK

Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.

**McMillen Family Pavilion
in Franke Park**

QUESTIONS?

Questions regarding Franke Park Day Camp may be directed to the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department at (260) 427-6000. The Day Camp Office will be staffed from June 1-July 24 and may be reached at (260) 427-6725.



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Day Camp registration begins March 23.

Register online at fortwayneparks.org beginning at 12 a.m. or submit the registration form in person or by mail to:
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, 705 E State Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805



FRANKE PARK DAY CAMP Advanced Camper Swim Test

Advanced Campers will be allowed in canoes only after successful completion of this test which may be administered by a certified lifeguard at any public pool. Return the completed test form to the day camp office. If you already have a successful swim test on file, it does not need to be repeated.

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| Swim Across Width of Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Forward Somersault | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Swim Under Water 1/2 Width of Pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Backward Somersault | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Front Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Back Float | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PLEASE PRINT

Camper Name _____ Date _____

Lifeguard Name _____ Pool _____

Lifeguard Signature _____

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