

# Berlin Parks and Recreation Department

## Spring 2020 Brochure



Easter Candy Hunt - April 4 for ages 2-10 at the Sage Park auxiliary field (field and weather conditions permitting, more information inside)

Youth Fishing Derbies - April 18 for 3-7 year olds and April 25 for 8-15 year olds at Sage Park Pond

Call the Parks and Recreation Department for more information, 860-828-7009

Please note we will be monitoring the coronavirus and will make adjustments to our programs, as warranted. Call the Department with any questions.

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

1. Residents may register starting Monday, March 16. Non-residents may register for the following programs beginning on March 23 (if space is still available) Fit Toddlers, Dance classes, Painting w/Peggy, Yoga, Tai Chi, and Dog Obedience classes. Residents and non-residents can register on-line for the April 15 Painting w/Peggy class and LEGO's held April vacation week, now. **Easter Candy Hunt and Fishing Derbies** are for Berlin residents only.
2. **Registration, for residents, will be accepted in person, on-line (WebTrac) or by mail beginning March 16.** Registration is not required for the Easter Candy Hunt.

Registration in person will be accepted at the Berlin Parks and Recreation Department – 230 Kensington Rd., Monday through Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 and be closed on Friday, April 10.

If registering by mail, include a registration form, a check made out to the Town of Berlin and a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail to Berlin Parks and Recreation Department, 230 Kensington Rd., Berlin, CT 06037 or include your email and the receipt will be emailed to you. Please do not forget to put the Program # on the registration form. Your receipt will be sent to you if accepted or your check will be returned if the program is filled.

**WebTrac** – Now you can register on-line through our WebTrac program. If you forgot your username or password, go into WebTrac and click on “Forgot your password” and the information will be sent to you. Browse our programs and register, for most programs, from the comfort of your home. Registration on-line begins at 8 a.m. on March 16 for residents and 8 a.m. on March 23 for non-residents. You can find the link to WebTrac by going onto the Town website, [www.town.berlin.ct.us](http://www.town.berlin.ct.us) click on Departments and find Parks and Recreation. Click on Register On-Line to get to WebTrac. Some restrictions may apply and not all programs are available on line.

VISA and Master Card will be accepted *in person and on-line*. Debit Cards will not be accepted.

You can also drop off your registration in the yellow mailbox, by the office door, after business hours but when the Community Center is open. These registrations will be processed the next business day, in random order, at our earliest convenience. ***Checks only please.***

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program, which does not meet minimum enrollment requirements. Registration must be done in advance. In order to ensure the continuance of each program, registrations must be made at least one week before the start of the program, unless otherwise indicated.

3. Cancellations – Weekdays and weekends call the information line at 860-828-7100.

Look for us on the internet at [www.town.berlin.ct.us](http://www.town.berlin.ct.us)

***Oops! Despite our best efforts, errors sometimes make it into print. We apologize for any inconvenience these errors may cause.***



## Cancellation and Refund Policy

1. Refund will be automatic if a program is cancelled or registrants on waiting list are not included in program.
2. Refunds will not be issued on requests made less than 3 business days before a program begins. All refund requests for any reasons other than cancellation by the Town or failure to include a registrant on a waiting list must be in writing and received by the Town at least three business days before the program begins.
3. **All requests for refunds will be charged a processing fee of 10% of the amount, minimum of \$5/maximum of \$50. Fees will not be charged if Parks and Recreation cancels the program.**
4. Refunds will not be given on finalized trips, program tickets or season passes.
5. No refunds will be given after a program has started.
6. When program fees are paid by credit card and a refund is approved, that refund will be given on the credit card.
7. Exceptions to this refund policy will be made in the sole discretion of the Superintendent of Recreation and must be based upon hardship or other good cause demonstrated by the registrant. **Processing fee will be charged.**
8. Policy does not apply to Timberlin Golf Course.
9. All refunds by check will take up to four weeks to process, from the time of request. Refund checks will be mailed to you.

### **BERLIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

230 Kensington Rd., Berlin, CT 06037

Jen Ochoa	Director – Community, Recreation and Park Services	860-828-7010
Debbie Dennis	Superintendent of Recreation	860-828-7056
Terri Noyes	Administrative Secretary	860-828-7009

### **PRE-SCHOOL/YOUTH PROGRAMS - Age/grade is based on the first day of the program, unless noted otherwise. All classes are held at the Berlin Community Center**

**Fit Toddlers** – Children ages 2-3. Each of the classes will be a fun adventure for your toddler. Games, obstacle courses, music, movement, and much more create a playful environment for your child. Parents participate with the children, and must sign their name to the release agreement on their child's registration form. Classes meet on Tuesday's from 10:15-10:45 a.m. starting May 5 for 5 classes. Elizabeth Cook-Asal is the instructor. Fee is \$30 for residents, \$40 for non-residents. **Program #114401A**

**Exploring Dance** – Children ages 3-5 will experience the enjoyment of ballet, tap and jazz through creative movement during this 30-minute class held on Saturday's from 9-9:30 a.m., Elizabeth Cook-Asal is the instructor. Classes will be held on Saturday's starting April 25 (no class May 23), for 5 classes. Fee is \$30 for residents and \$40 for non-residents. **Program #110201A**

**Dance Elements** – Children ages 5-8. This class will focus on Ballet and Tap technique, along with fundamentals of Jazz and Modern Dance. Students will begin working on dance steps, concepts and choreography. Ballet and Tap shoes are preferred but not required. Class will be held on Saturday's from 9:35-10:20 a.m., Elizabeth Cook-Asal is the instructor. Classes meet starting April 25 (no class May 23), for 5 classes. Fee is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents. **Program #120201B**

**Painting with Peggy** – Children will paint a masterpiece on a canvas with instruction led by Peggy Loehr, art teacher and painter. Just drop off your child and pick them up at the designated time. Please bring a smock to class as the paints that are used do not readily come out of clothing. Program is for K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Fee is \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents, for each class. All classes are from 10-11 a.m., unless noted.



Saturday, April 25 – **Program #120401A**  
Saturday, May 30 – **Program #120401C**

Saturday, May 2 – **Program #120401B**  
Saturday, June 6 – **Program #120401D**

***You can still register for class on April 4 #420401D***

## APRIL VACATION – join us during April vacation for the following programs

**Painting with Peggy** – Children will paint a masterpiece on a canvas with instruction led by Peggy Loehr, art teacher and painter. Just drop off your child and pick them up at the designated time. Please bring a smock to class as the paints that are used do not readily come out of clothing. Program is for K- 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will be held at the Berlin Community Center. Class will be Wednesday, April 15 from 9-11 a.m. Fee is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. **Program #420401E**

**Play-Well LEGO™ Engineering Camps** – please note you will not be allowed to take the LEGO's home. Both camps will be held at the Berlin Community Center, Monday through Friday, April 13-17

**Animal Architects** – for grades K-2. Let your imagination run wild with thousands of LEGO® parts as we design & build leaping dolphins, buzzing bees, & towering giraffes. Play, create, & learn in a world inspired by the animal kingdom. Build as never before & explore your craziest ideas! Camp will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee for residents is \$165 and for non-residents is \$175. **Program #124911A**

**Potter Master Engineering** – for grades 3-5. Master the magic of Harry Potter using LEGO®! Visit Diagon Alley, play a game of Quidditch, and duel the evil Lord Voldemort. Hone your magical skills while learning about advanced Muggle (STEM) concepts. Camp will be held from 1-4 p.m. Fee for residents is \$165 and for non-residents is \$175. **Program #124911B**

## ADULT PROGRAMS

All Yoga classes are held at the Berlin Community Center. The instructor is from Personal Euphoria, Wethersfield. For more information on Yoga visit [www.pilatesct.com](http://www.pilatesct.com) Co-ed 18 years of age and up. Wear comfortable clothes. Limit of 17 participants per class.

**Morning Yoga** - Unwind and recharge your batteries as your surrender into yoga poses designed to strengthen your core, build stamina and increase flexibility. Class will focus on connecting breath with movement and simple mindfulness practices. Different variations of poses are offered, making this class fun, safe, and challenging for all levels. Please bring a mat, a water bottle and any props (pillow, yoga block, blanket, etc.) that will add to your comfort. Mixed Level Class. Class will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. starting April 8 through June 10, for 10 classes. Fee is \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents **Program #134301C**

**All Level Yoga** - Unwind and recharge your batteries as your surrender into yoga poses designed to strengthen your core, build stamina and increase flexibility. Class will focus on connecting breath with movement and simple mindfulness practices. Different variations of poses are offered, making this class fun, safe, and challenging for all levels. Please bring a mat, a water bottle and any props (pillow, yoga block, blanket, etc.) that will add to your comfort. Mixed Level Class.

Class will be held on Monday nights from 5:30-6:45 p.m. starting April 6 through June 15 (no class May 4 or May 25), for 9 classes. Fee is \$63 for residents and \$73 for non-residents. **Program #134301D**

or Wednesday nights from 6-7 p.m. starting April 8 through June 10, for 10 classes. Fee is \$65 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. **Program #134301E**

**Tai Chi for Osteoporosis and Fall Prevention** - Tai Chi consists of fluid gentle movements that are relaxed and slow in tempo. It has been proven to work by slowing down bone loss, improving balance, reducing falls and improving quality of life. Dress comfortably. This class meets 7 times. Class is held on Wednesday's at the Berlin Community Center from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Fee is \$56 for residents and \$66 for non-residents or you can also drop in and pay \$10 per class.

**Session 1 – April 22-June 3 Program #134201A**





## DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

All three classes will be held at the former Pistol Creek Golf Course, 600 Spruce Brook Rd. Dog handlers should be at least 16 years of age. Instructors are Wendy McGurgan, Professional Dog Trainer & Obedience Instructor and Shirley Coulombe, Assistant Trainer. Limit of 12 per class.

**Kindergarten Puppy Training** – The class is for puppies 2 ½ months to 6 months old. We will work on leash walking and the come, sit and down commands. Your puppy will also develop social skills and confidence. Learn how to praise and correct your puppy appropriately. Start a great relationship with your pup! We will address problems like chewing, housebreaking and crate training. The first class is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor. You will need a 6 ft. leash and we will discuss leashes and collars at the first class. **First class is held without dogs!** Please bring a copy of your puppy's current vaccinations to the first class. Fee is \$75 for residents, \$85 for non-residents. The class will run for seven weeks, on Thursday's, from April 9-May 21 from 6-7 p.m. **Program #165001B**

**Basic Dog Obedience** – The class will cover basic commands for the family dog. Commands include sit, down, stay, heel, come and stand. You will learn how to correct bad habits such as jumping up and pulling on the leash. Learn how to praise, correct and discipline your dog appropriately. Dogs should be at least 6 months old. The first class is mandatory unless you are excused by the instructor. You need a 6 ft. leash and we will discuss leashes and collars in the first class. **First class is held without dogs!** A copy of your dog's current vaccinations, including Bordetella, must be given to the instructor at the first class. Fee is \$75 for residents, \$85 for non-residents. The class will run for seven weeks, on Tuesday's, from April 7-May 19 from 6-7 p.m. **Program #165001A**

**Better Basic Dog Obedience** – This class is for dogs and handlers that have completed basic class. Emphasis will be on improving the skills learned in basic class. We will concentrate on the stay, heel, come and recall exercises and work with a greater level of distraction. This class will give you a better insight into your dog's behavior. You will need a six-foot leash. Dogs will be rewarded with verbal and physical praise, not food. Please bring a copy of your dog's vaccinations if not already on file. Fee is \$75.00 for residents and \$85.00 for non-residents. Class will be six weeks on Wednesday's from 6-7 p.m. from April 8-May 13 **Program #165001D**

### *A message to our patrons*

The minimum wage increase went into effect on October 1, 2019. Over the next four years and beyond, it will have a dramatic impact on our municipal budget. Not only that, we anticipate paying more for products and services from our vendors, who will also be impacted by the increase. We will evaluate our programs to be the most cost efficient but we will need to minimally raise our program fees. We hope you understand, our commitment is to provide the best, reasonably priced programs possible and we will continue to do that.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The annual **Easter Candy Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 4 at the Sage Park Auxiliary Field. If the field is wet, unusable or in case of inclement weather, the Easter Candy Hunt will be held at the Berlin High School A gym. This event is open to all **Berlin youth only** ages 2 to 10 years old. **If held outdoor**, youth ages 2, 3, 4 and 5 will meet the Easter Bunny at 1 p.m. for their hunt and ages 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will meet the Easter Bunny at 1:30 p.m. for their hunt. **If held indoor**, youth ages 2&3 will meet at 1 p.m., ages 4&5 will meet at 1:30 p.m., ages 6&7 and 8, 9, & 10 will meet at 1:45 p.m. Everyone is asked to meet in the B gym at Berlin High School until your age group is called. Groups may be broken down, as needed. Parents for youth ages 2-3 are required to accompany their child during the Easter Candy Hunt. However, we ask that you allow the children to pick up the candy by themselves. **Parents are asked not to participate in the hunt for all other age groups. Please provide your own basket for the hunt.** Parents are asked to keep your child off the field until the hunt is ready to begin. Please call the information line, 860-828-7100 for latest status regarding the hunt site. If canceled for the day, the event will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the same time and place.





The annual **Youth Fishing Derbies** will be held at Sage Park Pond. Both derbies will be held from **8-10 a.m.**, Saturday, April 18 for ages 3-7 and Saturday, April 25 for ages 8-15 for **Berlin youth only**. *An adult must accompany ages 3-10.* You must register at the Parks and Recreation Department to be eligible for raffle prizes which are given away at both derbies and you must be present to win. You can register in person or on-line, through WebTrac. The deadline to register is the Friday before each event. **\*\*Remember the Parks and Recreation Department closes at 1 p.m. on Friday!!** And on-line registration also ends Friday at 1 p.m. There is a limit of 5 fish per child and only one fishing pole in the water per child. The event will be held if raining, however, in case of severe storms call the recorder phone for information.

**Program # 160101A** – for April 18 derby (3-7 year olds)

**Program # 160101B** – for April 25 derby (8-15 year olds)

PLEASE NOTE – From April 18-May 31, only 3-15 year old **BERLIN RESIDENTS** are allowed to fish at Sage Park Pond. An adult can accompany youth, if supervision is necessary. **The pond is closed to the public on Friday, April 17 and Friday, April 24.** All other uses of the pond for fishing during this time are prohibited.

## The following programs will be held at Timberlin Golf Course

### Be BERLIN Proud Spring Junior Golf Program

**Dates –**

April 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Ages –**

Ages 5-12, Split up in to two age groups

**Times –**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Program –**

The game of golf goes beyond competition. It teaches players of all ages life skills and how to be good citizens. The “Be BERLIN Proud” Junior Golf Program is designed to not only teach Golf skills, but to also teach the life skills that are learned through the game of Golf.

PGA Head Professional and 2015 CTPGA Youth Player Development award winner Marc Bayram and his staff will conduct clinics that will feature full swing basic fundamentals, chipping, putting, and on-course instruction. Also, each letter of the word BERLIN will serve as a life skill learned through golf. Each day we will go over different life skills and how they apply to the game of golf.

The program is designed for junior golfers of all skill levels. If you do not have Golf clubs, we will provide them.

**Cost –**

\$125 per junior

Cost includes lunch each day, gifts, and instruction. Payment will be cash or check only and must be made by the first clinic date.

NEW Before and After extra hours. We do understand that the clinic times may not fit in to everyone’s schedule, so we offer before and after extra hours. During this time, we will continue golf coaching and instruction, games, and on-course time.

Before – 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m. – Additional \$20 per day

After – 12 p.m.-3 p.m. – Additional \$40 per day

Both – 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m./12 p.m.-3 p.m. – Additional \$50 per day

**How to Sign Up–**

To sign-up please call the Golf Shop at (860) 828-3228 or e-mail [timberlinhp@gmail.com](mailto:timberlinhp@gmail.com)





## PGA JR LEAGUE @ TIMBERLIN

If your youngster can drive, chip or putt, there's a spot for them on Timberlin's PGA Jr. League team!

PGA Jr. League is designed to bring a "Little League" atmosphere to the game of golf. The league provides a structured environment for young golfers to compete and have fun! This is a great way to get, and keep, kids involved in the game.

### **Open to both Boys & Girls, age 17 & under**

*(14<sup>th</sup> birthday before July 31, 2020 for 13U team)*

*(18<sup>th</sup> birthday before July 31, 2020 for 17U team)*

### **PGA Jr. League Participants Receive:**

- 2 team jerseys, t-shirt, hat, backpack, and PGA Jr. League bag tag
- 4-5 regular season competitions plus practice once a week during June & July. Matches typically will be Sunday afternoons and practice on Friday's from 6-7pm
- Driving Range Season Pass for the 2020 Season (1 large bucket per day)
- 20% Discount on Junior Golf Merchandise in the Timberlin Golf Shop
- Opportunity for advancement to post-season and All-Star teams

### **Program Structure:**

Fun team scramble format for players of every skill level. All participants get to play in every competition

### **Cost & Information**

\$250 per child for the 2020 season. Season is Mid-June to End of July

For more information or to sign-up your youngster, please go to [www.timberlingolf.com/pga-jr-league](http://www.timberlingolf.com/pga-jr-league)  
call (860) 828-3228 or email [timberlinhp@gmail.com](mailto:timberlinhp@gmail.com)

## **Get Golf Ready Ladies Clinics**



**Get Golf Ready Ladies Clinics-** Get Golf Ready is a ladies program coached by PGA Head Golf Professional Marc Bayram. It is designed for beginning/novice golfers looking to be introduced or re-introduced into the game of golf. Four (4) – 60-minute classes designed around the core fundamentals of the game to enhance your enjoyment and ability to play. Along with the instruction received there is also an on-course component designed to better your understanding of how and what to do during a traditional game of golf.

### **Get Ready Golf Program Includes:**

Four (4) – 60-minute classes

Range punch card for 5 complimentary buckets of practice balls

One session of on-course golf instruction

Free equipment use during classes

**Week 1: Putting**

**Week 2: Chipping/Pitching**

**Week 3: Full Swing**

**Week 4: On Course**

**Cost:** \$99 per person *Berlin Residents – \$89*

**Class Ratio:** 6:1 (minimum 2 students)

Clinic dates may be set-up with PGA Head Golf Professional Marc Bayram by calling 860-828-3228 ext. 2 or emailing [timberlinhp@gmail.com](mailto:timberlinhp@gmail.com)

## Women & Wine Golf Clinics

*Schedule (Monday's 6pm-7pm)*

*\$15 per week, Includes Instruction & Beverage Voucher*

*Each week we will cover Full Swing & Short Game*

### Drop-In Sign-Up

(means just show up when you can make it!)

April 20, April 27

May 4, May 11, May 18

June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29

## Information on summer programs

**SPECIAL REGISTRATION** – We will be registering on-line beginning May 4 at 7 a.m. for the Summer Fun at Clover Hill and The Creek program. Limited spots will be available on-line. We will also be holding a special registration for the **SUMMER FUN AT CLOVER HILL AND THE CREEK PROGRAM ONLY** on Saturday, May 9 from 9-11 a.m. where the remaining slots will be open. After 12 p.m. on May 9, any remaining spots will be available for on-line registration. Information on the summer program will be available on the Town of Berlin website and the Berlin Public Schools website, under Community Announcements, the week of April 27. The Summer Program is our full day program held at Pistol Creek (The Creek) or at Percival Park/Berlin Community Center (Clover Hill).

You can access WebTrac by going onto the Town of Berlin website, look under government for Parks and Recreation and on the bottom of the main page is the link. You can check out the program information before registration starts. We upgraded our software so WebTrac may be a little different. We recommend you go on ahead of time to familiarize yourself with it.

If you have registered with us and have forgotten your username or password, go into WebTrac and click on "Forgot your password" and the information will be sent to you so you can log into the WebTrac page to look at the information and update your household information so you will be all set to register on-line. Or if you are new to Parks and Recreation, you can simply go into WebTrac and create a new household. Please note if you are in the system already, grade and birthdates can only be updated if you contact the office.

Registration for Skyhawks camps, LEGO camps and Modeling and Fashion camp is now available through WebTrac. You can also register for Skyhawks on their website, [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com). Check our website for more information.

Information for all other summer activities will be on the Town website and the Berlin Schools website starting the week of May 4. Registration for all programs will begin on Monday, May 11 for residents and Monday, May 26 for non-residents. Many programs will be available for on-line registration but some restrictions apply.