



SUMMER AT PARKS

2026 Summer
Programming Calendar



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ARTS & CULTURE

Juneteenth: Seneca Village

June 19th | 1:00pm–2:30pm | Central Park | MN

Before Central Park was built, the area from West 82nd to West 89th Street was home to Seneca Village, the largest community of African-American property owners in New York. Join the Urban Park Rangers and learn about the lives of Seneca Village's residents in the 1800s and the community's place in pre-Central Park. Meets at West 81st Street and Central Park West.

Juneteenth: Brooklyn and the Abolitionist Movement

June 19th | 2:00pm–3:30pm | Brooklyn Bridge Park | BK

Join the Urban Park Rangers to learn about the Abolitionist movement in Brooklyn and the Brooklynites that fought against slavery. Walk from Historic Fulton Ferry Landing through the old village of Brooklyn and learn about the Freedmen community that would turn a town built on slave labor to an urban hotbed of abolition. Meets at Corner of Furman and Old Fulton Streets.

The Public Theater Mobile Unit: *As You Like It*

June 21st | 6:30pm–8:00pm | Elmhurst Park | QNS

NYC Parks and The Public Theater Mobile Unit partner to bring free captivating Shakespeare performances to NYC parks! True lovers, strange capers, and fools in the forest go heart-in-heart in Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy, directed by The Public's inaugural Directing Fellow Emma Rosa Went.



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Big City Folk

June 22nd | 6:00pm–8:00pm |
Greeley Square Park | MN

See New York City's finest singer-songwriters showcase their newest work, presented by Big City Folk and hosted by songsmith Niall Connolly.

Exhibition: Think Global. Act Local.

June 23rd | 10:00am–4:00pm |
Conference House Park | SI

Multi artist exhibit of works highlighting endangered local and global species. Learn what NYC Parks is doing to protect and preserve local wildlife as well preservation efforts around the world. *Open Mon–Sat until 6/30.*

Natural Dye Workshop

June 23rd | 5:30pm–7:30pm |
Garden of Life | BX

Experience the quiet magic of watching plants transform cloth. Together, prepare cotton bandanas, and work with Heuchera, a native plant rich in tannins, to coax lasting colors into the fabric. Hosted by NYC Parks GreenThumb.

40 in Focus: SummerStage through the Lens of Photographer Jack Vartoogian

June 25th | 9:00am–5:00pm |
The Arsenal | MN

From 1987 to 2019, celebrated NYC photographer Jack Vartoogian captured hundreds of SummerStage performances across Manhattan parks. This selection of intimate, rarely seen imagery gives viewers a look back at past decades of outdoor live music in New York City. *Open Mon–Fri until 8/21/26.*

Family Fun Day at Betsy Head Park

June 26th | 12:00pm–3:00pm |
Betsy Head Park | BK

Bring the whole family to this delightful afternoon of carnival style games, arts and crafts, face-painting, music, cotton candy, popcorn, and more! All individuals are welcome to join in our activities as a fun way to bring the community together.

West Harlem Summer Jazz Festival

June 29th | 6:00pm–7:30pm | Jackie
Robinson Park | MN

Join West Harlem Arts Alliance, Harlem Late Night Jazz and NYC Parks for the annual jazz festival. The Historic Harlem Parks of Morningside, St. Nicholas, and Jackie Robinson, host monthly performances through September, and Montefiore Square Park, hosts weekly concerts through August. *Visit nyc.gov/parks for a full list of times and locations.*

NATURE

Volunteer Day at Paradise Community Garden

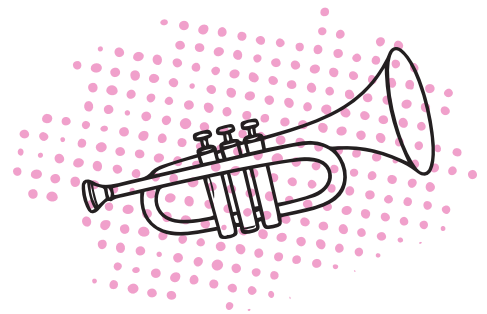
June 19th | 12:00pm–4:00pm |
Paradise Community Garden | QNS

Stop by the garden and help us weed, plant, and harvest! All are welcome!

Vernal Pond Restoration

June 19th | 12:00pm–4:00pm |
Paradise Community Garden | QNS

Come work with NYC Parks Stewardship and your friendly neighborhood Super Steward to care for local street trees! Volunteers will learn how to aerate, cultivate, mulch, and identify street trees. They will also learn about the important roles street trees play in New York City. Volunteers should dress in clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. Space is limited and registration is required. Meets at Vermont Place Parking Lot.



Start of Summer Hike

June 21st | 10:30am–12:00pm |
Greenbelt Nature Center | SI

Start summer with a short walk along the Nature Center Trail, searching for butterflies, dragonflies, ferns, and other joys of summer.

Citywide Nursery Gardening

June 24th | 9:00am–12:00pm |
Arthur Ross Citywide Nursery | BX

Join staff at Citywide Nursery to maintain our plant hoop houses and pot up perennials into larger grow pots. No experience necessary, staff will walk you through every part of the project.

East Harlem Street Tree Care

June 26th | 9:00am–12:00pm |
Fred Samuel Playground | MN

Come work with NYC Parks Stewardship to care for local street trees! Volunteers will learn how to aerate, cultivate, mulch, and identify street trees. They will also learn about the important roles street trees play in New York City.

Pollinator Garden TLC

June 28th | 9:30am–11:30am |
Greenbelt Nature Center | SI

Celebrate Pollinator Week by lending a hand to take care of our pollinator gardens. We'll water and measure plants, survey for insects, remove invasives, and more. All ages welcome.

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Trees Count 2025

Multiple Dates and Locations
across all boroughs

Every ten years, we take stock of every public tree across the five boroughs, and our 2025 survey of Park trees continues through 2026. Just like the U.S. Census helps us understand people, this count helps us understand and care for the trees that make our city livable, resilient, and beautiful.

If you love being outdoors — or just want to learn something new — we'll train you and give you everything you need.

Visit nyc.gov/parks/treescount for registration and list of events.

Trees Count at Frank Principe Park

June 30th | 10:00am–12:00pm |
Frank Principe Park | BK

Volunteer for Trees Count 2025! We'll provide a 30-minute training session that includes the basics of tree identification and how to measure and assess each tree. Using our Tree Census app, you'll split up into different zones within the park to start counting trees! Volunteers receive a tote bag with all the materials needed to count trees.



RECREATION

Wellness in West Farms

June 21st | 1:00pm–3:00pm |
Bronx River Community Garden | BX

Wellness in West Farms is a community-centered wellness workshop series designed to support physical health, emotional resilience, and collective well-being through movement, education, and rest.

Kids in Motion

Multiple Dates and Locations
across all boroughs

The Kids in Motion program engages children in active, outdoors play. A NYC Parks staff member leads four to seven hours of free activities in NYC's playgrounds, including organized sports, games, fitness demos, board games, and more!

Visit nycgovparks.org/events/kids to find a Kids in Motion location in your neighborhood.

Yoga

June 22nd | 6:15pm–7:15pm |
Crocheron Park | QNS

Experience a fun and light-hearted, mid-intensity flow that will move you seamlessly from Sun Salutation to a final peak pose. We focus on inversions and breath work to ensure you leave class feeling challenged and balanced.
215th Place and 33rd Road Entrance

Dance Fitness Energize

June 24th | 6:00pm–6:45pm |
Brownsville Neighborhood Health
Action Center | BK

This 45-minute dance fitness class is about dancing your way toward an active lifestyle! Come and learn some fun and creative choreography for a full-body workout while enjoying a mix of upbeat music. All levels of fitness are welcome! Organized by Shape Up NYC.

CityParks Foundation Presents: Steve Novak's 2's Frees and 3's Shootout

June 25th | 5:00pm–8:00pm |
Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center | BK

2-minute shooting competition in 2s, Frees and 3s, created by New York Knicks Legend and Broadcaster Steve Novak. Open to participants ages 9 to older adults. Parks and CPF supported event.

Low Impact Bodyweight Circuit Training

June 25th | 6:00pm–7:00pm |
Astoria Park | QNS

Mobilize and restore your body's movement capacity with this evenly-paced class designed for beginners and those who prefer a low level of intensity. Located at the Astoria Pool deck. Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Olympic Handball Tournament

June 26th | 3:00pm–5:00pm |
Hunts Point Recreation Center | BX

Athletes 6-14 years of age and under are invited to join the Olympic Handball tournament for an afternoon of fun and games play as Six teams compete in Multiple rounds of 4 on 4 handball.

***NYC Parks Recreation Center
Membership Required for this event.**

Join a NYC Parks Recreation Center Multiple Locations across all boroughs

Our recreation centers are more than just indoor gyms! Join a recreation center and become part of a community of New Yorkers who support each other. With a membership, you can get fit, learn new skills, develop your hobbies, and make friends.

Memberships are FREE to anyone under 25 years old, and \$25 for seniors over 62 years old, veterans, and people with disabilities. Adult memberships range from \$50-\$150.

Learn more at nyc.gov/parks

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Shape Up NYC Caribbean American Heritage Month Event

June 27th | 10:00am–12:00pm |
St. John's Recreation Center | BK

Join us for a free fitness event at St. John's Recreation Center with Shape Up NYC in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month. Cynthia will start us off with a warm-up and Zumba. Followed by Dance Fitness led demos led by Evangeline and Donnette. Ending it all off with a wonderful cool-down. There will be giveaways, raffles, music, and more. All are welcome!

Cardio Sculpt

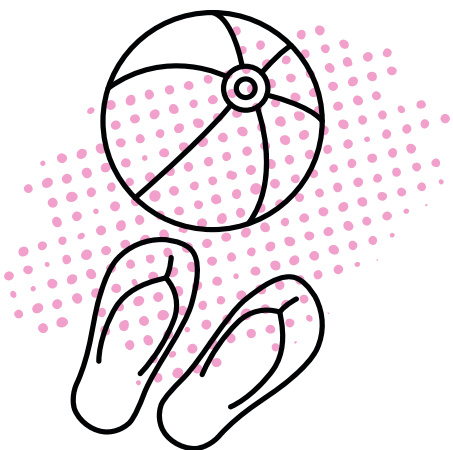
June 29th | 9:00am–10:00am |
Torsney Playground | QNS

This cardio workout consists of functional movement exercises designed to make daily activities easier to perform. Meets at the athletic courts. Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Bodyweight Blast

June 30th | 8:00am–8:45am |
Riverside Park | MN

Join us for 45 minutes of bodyweight exercises, combining cardio and strength for a full-body workout. This class is high-energy with programming options for all levels! Organized by Shape Up NYC.



SUMMER OF SOCCER

Ocean Breeze Soccer Tournament

June 27th–28th | Ocean Breeze
Athletic Complex | SI

The Ocean Breeze Annual Beach Soccer Tournament is back and bigger than ever — bringing together athletes, families, and fans from all five boroughs & beyond for a two-day soccer festival like no other. Set against the backdrop of Staten Island's waterfront, this isn't just a tournament — it's a full experience.

POOLS & BEACHES

Enjoy NYC Parks' 14 miles of beaches!

Beaches are open from Memorial Day weekend through September 13, 2026. During beach season, lifeguards are on duty daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are not on duty and in closed sections. Closed sections are marked with signs and/or red flags.

All of our beaches are free and open to the public.

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Learn to Swim

Multiple Locations

Knowing how to swim is a valuable skill that can improve your health and fitness, and even help save your life. To make sure that New Yorkers stay safe in and near the water, we're offering free swimming lessons at our City's recreation centers. Registration for this popular program takes place by lottery.

SESSION DATES:

Session 1: July 6 – July 21

Session 2: July 22 – Aug 6

Session 3: Aug 7 – Aug 21

Advanced Session 4: Aug 24 – Aug 28

REGISTRATION DATES:

Session 1: June 12th to 12:00pm on June 26th.

Session 2: June 12th to 12:00pm on July 8th.

Session 3: June 12th to 12:00pm on July 24th.

Advanced Session: June 12th to 12:00pm on August 20th.

Pools Opening Day

June 27th | All outdoor pool locations

Cool off and enjoy the summer at free outdoor pools across the city. Outdoor pool hours are from 11:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. daily, with a break for pool cleaning between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. For pool locations, rules, and more info, visit nyc.gov/parks.

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Movies Under the Stars

Multiple Dates and Locations across all boroughs

Pack up the picnic chair, and watch a flick in the great outdoors! Through Movies Under the Stars, the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and NYC Parks bring more than 150 film screenings to parks throughout the five boroughs. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment in the city's parks and playgrounds, ranging from great new movies to all-time classics.

Bring some food, find a great spot, and enjoy the show!

Visit nyc.gov/moviesunderthestars for a full list of dates and locations.

Movies Under the Stars: Elio

July 3rd | 8:30pm–10:00pm | Annunciation Playground | MN

Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! Elio struggles to fit in until he is transported by aliens and becomes the chosen one to be Earth's galactic ambassador while his mother Olga works on the top-secret project to decode alien messages. Rated PG.

Historic New York: Northern Manhattan and the American Revolution

July 4th | 10:00am–11:30am | Fort Tryon Park | MN

Discover NYC's storied past with our expert Urban Park Rangers as your guide to historical events, people, and communities that have shaped our city and parks. Northern Manhattan was a significant location during the American Revolution. On America's 250th anniversary, explore historic sites of Fort Tryon and learn more about battles and events which impacted the American Revolution.

Staten Island Philharmonic Concert: America 250: Happy Birthday America

July 4th | 4:00pm–6:00pm | Conference House Park | SI

As part of the Conference House's America250 series, this festive FREE concert celebrates the nation's 250th anniversary and founding legacy.

West Harlem Summer Jazz Festival

July 11th | 5:00pm–6:30pm | Morningside Park | MN

Join West Harlem Arts Alliance, Harlem Late Night Jazz and NYC Parks for the annual jazz festival. The Historic Harlem Parks of Morningside, St. Nicholas, and Jackie Robinson, host monthly performances through September, and Montefiore Square Park, hosts weekly concerts through August. *Visit nyc.gov/parks for a full list of times and locations.*

Jazz in the Park

July 12th | 2:00pm–5:00pm | Ralph Ellison Plaza | MN

Berta Indeed presents "Let the Music Play", community jazz concerts featuring an array of local musicians and vocalists.

Queens Jazz Trail Concert: Vincent Herring & Steve Turre: Coltrane @100

July 16th | 7:00pm–8:00pm | Baisley Pond Park | QNS

Experience the vibrant legacy of jazz in the heart of Queens this summer! Inspired by the iconic Queens Jazz Trail Map, this free concert series brings the borough's rich jazz history to life in beautiful community parks.

Movies Under the Stars: The Perfect Storm

July 17th | 8:30pm–10:30pm | Dyckman Marina | MN

Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! Wolfgang Petersen's ripping sea adventure charts the real-life-and-death struggle of the Andrea Gail, a Massachusetts swordfishing boat caught in a huge storm that was the result of three converging weather systems in the North Atlantic.

Kids in Motion: Kids Paint Party

July 15th | 3:00pm–5:00pm | All Bronx Locations | BX

Join NYC Parks for a fun, colorful, and interactive art-filled afternoon designed especially for kids. This is more than just a paint party — it's a creative adventure where children can explore their imagination, mix vibrant colors, and create one-of-a-kind artwork. This event is free and open to the public.

Gyotaku Printmaking

July 19th | 2:00pm–3:00pm | Salt Marsh Nature Center | BK

Learn about fish anatomy while making Japanese fish prints in this engrossing demo.

Rhythm Roulette: Hip Hop Beat-Making

July 21st | 12:00pm–1:00pm | Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center | MN

Every Tuesday until August 22nd. For ages 6–12. Recreation Center Membership required. Learn more at nyc.gov/parks

Queens Jazz Trail Concert: Arturo O'Farrill

July 23rd | 7:00pm–8:00pm | Forest Park | QNS

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July 24th | 6:00pm–7:30pm |
St. Nicholas Park | MN

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Puppet Mobile featuring Pinocchio

July 27th | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Roy Wilkins Recreation Center | QNS

Join City Parks Foundation at the performance space for a PuppetMobile production of Pinocchio!

Movies Under the Stars: Ferris Bueller's Day Off

July 29th | 8:30pm–10:30pm |
Spuyten Duyvil Playground | BX

Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! A charismatic high-school student convinces his repressed best friend to play hooky and his girlfriend and attempts to bring the young man out of his shell during a memorable day in Chicago.

Queens Jazz Trail Concert: John Yao & His 17-Piece Instrument

July 30th | 7:00pm–8:00pm |
Bowne Park | QNS

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Media Education: Intro to Digital Photography

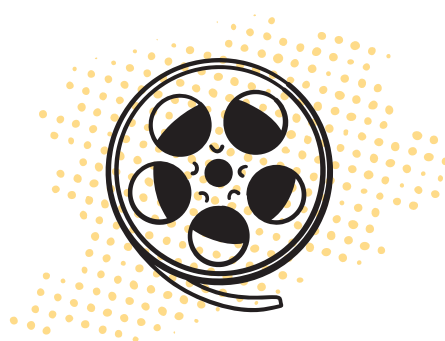
July 31st | 11:00am–12:30pm | Jackie
Robinson Recreation Center | MN

Ages 18+. Runs every Friday until August 21st. Recreation Center Membership required. For more info on memberships visit nyc.gov/parks.

Movies Under the Stars: When Harry Met Sally

July 31st | 8:30pm–9:00pm |
Asser Levy Park | BK

Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal star as two best friends of the opposite sex in the blockbuster, heartwarming romantic comedy When Harry Met Sally. Harry Burns and Sally Albright meet when they share a car on a trip from Chicago to New York right after both graduate from college. As the two build their lives and careers in Manhattan, they find love and heartache—with other people—but their paths continue to cross and their friendship continues to grow over the years... until they confront the decision whether to let their friendship develop into romance.



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NATURE

Hart Island Tour Lottery Opens

July 1st | 12:01am | Virtual

Hart Island is the largest public cemetery in the country and has served New York City since 1869. Join the Urban Park Rangers to explore Hart Island's unique past, present, and future. Participants are chosen by lottery. Lottery registration opens on Wednesday July 1 2026 and ends Thursday July 2, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

Team RIVER Volunteers

July 1st | 9:30am–12:30pm |
Randall's Island | MN

Volunteer with Team RIVER (Randall's Island Volunteer Ecological Restorers) and help keep Randall's Island Park beautiful! Team RIVER Volunteers regularly work with the Natural Areas team twice a month to take care of and restore our natural spaces on the island.

Birds in American Culture

July 4th | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Allison Pond Park | SI

Take flight with the Urban Park Rangers as we explore the colorful, quirky, and surprising ways birds have shaped American culture—just in time for America's 250th anniversary.

Historic New York: Van Cortlandt and the American Revolution

July 5th | 10:00am–11:00am |
Van Cortlandt Nature Center | BX

Discover NYC's storied past with our expert Urban Park Rangers as your guide to historical events, people, and communities that have shaped our city and Parks. Van Cortlandt Park was a significant location during the American Revolution. Visit historic sites and learn more about battles and events which impacted the American Revolution.



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Solar Astronomy

July 5th | 11:00am–12:00pm | Silver Lake Park | SI

Join the Urban Park Rangers to learn about the biggest star in the solar system. Learn how to use a solar telescope and get creative by making nature prints to take home using sun sensitive UV paper.

Basic Canoeing and Nature Exploration

July 9th | 11:00am–12:30pm | Willowbrook Park | SI

Our trained Urban Park Rangers will lead you on canoe adventures that range from the gentle waters of protected lakes to the challenging open waters of rivers and bays. All canoe programs are for ages 8 years and older. We will also explore the flora and fauna of Willowbrook Park. Registration not required.

Restoration Fridays at Forest Park

July 10th | 10:00am–12:00pm | Forest Park | QNS

Join NYC Parks and The Forest Park Trust for Forest Restoration Fridays this summer to engage in hands-on forest restoration work, including invasive species removal, trail restoration, and possible planting in our park. Registration is required. All tools will be provided, and no prior experience is needed.

Disability Pride Month: Accessible Nature Hike

July 18th | 1:00pm–2:00pm | Van Cortlandt Nature Center | BX

Join the Urban Park Rangers on a relaxing nature exploration along the paved Putnum Trail and discover some of the amazing plants and animals that call the park home.

Nocturnal Seining and Shore Exploration

July 19th | 7:00pm–8:30pm | Fort Totten Park | QNS

Our experienced Urban Park Rangers teach the ecology of our waterways on every seining program. Get ready to get your hands wet; seining programs use nets to catch fish. All equipment is provided; this program is recommended for ages 8 years and older.

Celebrate Shorebirds Festival

July 25th | 12:00pm–3:00pm | Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk - Beach 59th Street | QNS

Love the beach? So do nesting shorebirds, like the piping plover. These tiny shorebirds fly over 700 miles to nest at Rockaway Beach every year. Join NYC Parks and other community partners for a day of educational activities and crafts to help us better understand how we can all share the beach and support a healthy living environment.

City of Water Day: Boardwalk Tidal Tales

July 25th | 11:00am–12:00pm | Poseidon Playground | BK

Celebrate City of Water Day with our experienced Urban Park Rangers. Let's talk about intersections between land and shore at the most culturally active settlement at the mouth of the New York Harbor!

Beginner Birding

July 26th | 1:00pm–2:00pm | Crotona Nature Center | BX

Our Urban Park Rangers will guide you to the best viewing spots in New York City to see birds. Learn a new skill and take up a new hobby as we help you identify some of the most common birds found in our parks. Birding programs are appropriate for all skill levels and beginners are welcome.

RECREATION

Line Dance Fitness

July 1st | 8:00am–10:00am | Betsy Head Park | BK

Line up and get ready to move in this line dance fitness class! You'll have a blast with these low-moderate impact dance moves choreographed to your favorite songs. Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Summer Sports Experience

Multiple Dates and Locations across all boroughs

Summer Sports Experience is an instructional youth program that teaches sports skills. Our knowledgeable Parks staff train kids in sports such as basketball, ball hockey, kickball, flag football, futsal, pickleball, soccer, team handball, track and field, and volleyball. This program covers basic and more advanced techniques.

Summer Sports Experience is a drop-in program recommended for children ages 8-14. Participants can stop by for one or more sessions, but kids who stay for the whole program will get the most benefit from it.

For more info visit nyc.gov/parks/summersports

Summer Sports Experience: Flag Football

July 1st | 2:00pm–6:00pm | Brigadier General Charles Young Playground | MN

Summer Sports Experience is a drop-in instructional youth program that teaches sports skills. This program is recommended for children ages 8-14. Join us as our knowledgeable staff will cover the sport of Flag Football. Flag football is a fun and fast-paced sport where players build skills and learn teamwork through drills and games.



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Zumba

July 2nd | 6:00pm–7:00pm | Queens Public Library – East Elmhurst | QNS

Zumba is a fusion of Latin, International and popular music dance themes creating a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system! The routines feature aerobic fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that challenge both the heart and muscles. With fun music and easy-to-follow steps, you can't go wrong! Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Uplifted Dance Fitness

July 6th | 6:15pm–7:00pm | Sorrentino Recreation Center | QNS

Uplift your spirit with this dance fitness class! Come and enjoy an array of upbeat music featuring gospel. This class is a fusion of motivation, inspiration, fitness, and fun. Move your body, relax your mind, enjoy the community, and lift your spirit! Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Kids in Motion: Superhero Day

July 8th | 3:00pm–5:00pm | All Bronx Locations | BX

Get ready to suit up for an action-packed day of fun! Unleash your superpowers and join NYC Parks for superhero day, where kids can dress up as their favorite superheroes, participate in games, crafts, and heroic missions designed for kids of all ages. Capes encouraged and courage required! This event is free and open to the public.

Mat Pilates

July 8th | 5:45pm–6:45pm | Bedford-Stuyvesant Center (NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene) | BK

Mat Pilates is a beginner exercise class which concentrates on strengthening the body with an emphasis on core strength. The goals of this class are to improve posture, stabilize and elongate the spine, and to develop balance and overall strength. Mat Pilates is a great option for all fitness levels! Please bring your own mat. Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Dance Fitness

July 9th | 7:00pm–7:45pm | Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center | BK

This unique class is all about discovering your personal movement. Exercises will include verbal and non-verbal cues, and are designed for any fitness level. Come explore the range of choreography, there's something for everyone! In this class, we will be driven by movement, music, and connection. Come try this exciting exercise class!

Summer Sports Experience: Game of Zones Girls Basketball Clinic

July 11th | 10:00am–2:00pm | St. Mary's Park West | BX

If you love basketball and want to improve your skills, join Game of Zones at St. Mary's Park! Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player who wants to come and improve their skills and play, do it with us! *Occurs every Saturday until 8/22/2026.*

Ocean Breeze MLB Pitch, Hit, Run

July 12th | 8:30am–2:00pm | Ocean Beach Athletic Complex | SI

Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) events provide boys and girls an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills, with the opportunity of earning a chance to attend and compete for a Championship during the 2026 MLB World Series!

The Pitch, Hit & Run program is a free event series for boys and girls, and consists of a series of movements that are important in baseball and softball. Participants will compete in either 7–8, 9–10, 11–12, or 13–14 age division, with the age Cut-off set on November 15, 2026. They will be tested, and their measurements will be recorded for points. Based on their scores, they will advance from a Local Event to a Team Championship and then to the Finals hosted at the World Series.

Magnetic Archery and Foam Axe Throwing

July 12th | 11:00am–12:00pm | Phil "Scooter" Rizzuto Park | QNS

Our free archery class is a bullseye! Learn the art of archery with free lessons taught by our expert Urban Park Rangers. This program uses safe equipment with magnetic arrows and targets. All equipment will be provided. Foam axe throwing will be available for ages 5 and over.

BollyX

July 13th | 6:30pm–7:30pm | Chelsea Recreation Center | MN

BollyX is a Bollywood inspired cardio dance fitness class inspired and is driven by the heart-pumping, energetic rhythms of cultural music from all parts of India. No dance experience or Bollywood familiarity is required — just come with comfortable shoes, water, and your smiles!

Harlem Run: Monday Night Run

July 13th | 6:45pm–8:30pm | Marcus Garvey Park | MN

Harlem Run brings free weekly and inclusive pacer-led runs and walks throughout Harlem. Join us for a different route through Harlem, beginning and ending at Marcus Garvey Park. Paces available include 7 min to 12 min, run/walk, and walk groups. Open to all ages and abilities.

Open House at Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex

July 14th | 6:00am–7:00pm | Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex | SI

Come on down to Ocean Breeze on the second Tuesday of each month for Open House! Come see what makes Ocean Breeze special & discover a stronger & healthier you! Take a tour, participate in one of our group fitness classes, & you can sign up on the spot!



JULY

Dance Fitness Fiesta

July 15th | 6:00pm–6:45pm |
Rochdale Park | QNS

This dance fitness class is your weekly escape into music, movement, and joy. We dance, we sweat, and we celebrate ourselves. Expect a fun, empowering workout where we move our bodies, connect within, and stay in great shape—fiesta style! Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Ocean Breeze Bocce Tournament

July 16th | 2:00pm–7:00pm |
Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex | SI

Roll, Baby, Roll! Get ready to bocce! Dust off your throwing arm, grab your teammate, & bring your competitive spirit! Whether you're a seasoned bocce master or bocce newcomer, the Ocean Breeze Bocce Tournament is for you! Join us at the bocce courts located on Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk & Beach between Father Capodanno Blvd & Doty Avenue. Come see if you have what it takes to get closest to the pallino!

Summer Camp Kickoff - Queens

July 16th | 10:00pm–4:00pm |
Cunningham Park | QNS

Annual event that gathers all Queens Summer Camp sites to partake in a fun day of activities.

Summer Camp Kickoff - Staten Island

July 16th | 10:00pm–4:00pm |
Walker Park | SI

The Summer Camp Kickoff welcomes children and families to the start of a fun and engaging summer season. The celebration features games, music, arts and crafts, recreational activities, refreshments, and opportunities to meet camp staff and learn about upcoming programs. This event creates a positive and energetic atmosphere, encouraging campers to build friendships, explore new experiences, and get excited for a memorable summer ahead.

Summer Sports Experience: "Flag Football Titans"

July 17th | 11:00am–4:00pm | Ben
Abrams Playground in Bronx Park | BX

Flag football is a fun and fast-paced sport to build skills and learn teamwork. Come out and enjoy a day of drills and games with NYC Parks. As we turn your Sid Jacobs Field into a field of dreams.

Low Impact Bodyweight Circuit Training

July 20th | 6:00pm–6:45pm |
Asser Levy Recreation Center | MN

This circuit training class combines bodyweight resistance training and conditioning to provide you with a dynamic full body workout. Whether you are a beginner or looking for a challenge—this class for you! Come engage in exercises that target all muscle groups and get your heart pumping! Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Summer Sports Experience: Pickleball

July 23rd | 7:00am–12:00pm |
Greenbelt Recreation Center | SI

The Summer Sports Experience program participants receive age-appropriate instruction through organized clinics, skill stations, drills, conditioning, and live game situations led by experienced NYC Parks staff.

BE BOLDER: Senior Ballet Programming

July 24th | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center | BX

NYC Parks, in partnership with the Misty Copeland Foundation, invites seniors ages 50 years-old and older to enroll in the, BE BOLDER: Ballet Explorations (BE) Ballet Offers Life-long Discovery, Expression, and Reconnection (BOLDER), dance program, a fun ballet class with live music.

RETRO Dance Fitness

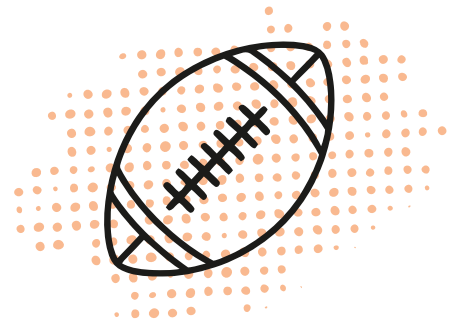
July 27th | 6:30pm–7:15pm | Gertrude
Ederle Recreation Center | MN

Come dance to classic pop tunes: Top 40, Disco, Electronic and more! This class is 45 minutes of peppy beats to enhance your cardio conditioning. A low-impact and fun workout; it is open to any fitness level. Organized by Shape Up NYC.

Summer Sports Experience: We Got Flags, No Pads Flag Football

July 30th | 11:00am–4:00pm |
Rev. T. Wendell Foster Park | BX

Flag football is a fun and fast-paced sport to build skills and learn teamwork. Come out and enjoy a day of drills and games with NYC Parks.





JULY

SUMMER OF SOCCER

Citywide Soccer Festival Series

July 10 | 5:30pm–7:30pm
Corporal Thompson Park | SI

July 11 | 12:00pm–3:00pm
Hinton Park | QNS

July 17 | 5:30pm–7:30pm
Wendell T. Foster Park | BX

July 18 | 12:00pm–3:00pm
Glenwood Playground | BK

July 18 | 5:30pm–7:30pm
Chelsea Park | MN

Join NYC Parks and the New York Red Bulls for a soccer clinic and open play to celebrate the sport of soccer. Participants will learn and practice the fundamentals of soccer through skills and drills, speed, agility, and quickness circuits, and modified games. This clinic is best for children between the ages of 6 and 14. The event is free and open to the public.

Movies Under the Stars Soccer Series: Pelé: Birth of a Legend

July 14th | 8:30pm–10:30pm |
Travers Park | QNS

Grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park or playground! This electrifying biopic of Brazilian soccer star Pelé recounts his youth in the slums of São Paulo and his rapid ascension to the national team, where, at the age of just 17, he helped lead the squad to their first ever World Cup victory in 1958.

Movies Under the Stars Soccer Series: American Fútbol

July 22nd | 8:30pm–10:00pm |
Inwood Hill Park | MN

Four friends journey through Latin America on the way to the World Cup in Brazil to explore the deep cultural connection people have with the world's most popular sport.

POOLS & BEACHES

Enjoy NYC Parks' 14 miles of beaches!

Beaches are open from Memorial Day weekend through September 13, 2026. During beach season, lifeguards are on duty daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is prohibited when lifeguards are not on duty and in closed sections. Closed sections are marked with signs and/or red flags.

All of our beaches are free and open to the public.

90 Years of Public Swimming: A Celebration of NYC Parks' WPA Swimming Pools

Through August 17th | Multiple Locations

In the span of a single summer in 1936, New York City became the envy of a nation as we built 11 massive new public swimming facilities. Recovering from the Great Depression and using funding from the federal Works Progress Administration, or WPA, these pools were a hit, bringing the latest in swimming technology to hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers.

Ninety years later, these pools remain the backbone of our robust public swim program. We are proud of our legacy of free public swimming, and hope to share it with you this summer.

For a list of dates and locations visit nyc.gov/parks/WPA90

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST						1 Brooklyn Beach Sports Festival Salt Marsh Ecology Hike Hula Hoop Aerobics
2 Before the Aqueduct: NYC's Toxic Wells and Lost Pond Accessible Nature Hike: Sparrows and Shorebirds	3 Media Education: Intro to Audio Production	4 Hit the trails! Parks has 300+ miles of trails across all boroughs.	5 Kids In Motion: Let's Make Slime	6 Media Education: Intro to Video Production	7	8
9 Saltwater Fishing Dog Days of Summer Hike	10	11 Manhattan Summer Camp Finale	12 Kids In Motion: Crafting Under the Sun	13	14	15
16 Historic New York: Mount Morris Fire Tower Battle of Brooklyn: America 250: Hike Part 1 Parents' Night Out	17	18 Volunteer in your community! Visit nyc.gov/parks to find volunteer events near you.	19 Youth Sports Jamboree	20	21	22
23 Battle of Brooklyn: America 250: Hike Part 2	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Arts & Culture Nature Recreation Summer of Soccer Pools & Beaches For a complete list of programs, facilities, and information visit nyc.gov/parks				

SUMMER AT PARKS

AUGUST

ARTS & CULTURE

Media Education: Intro to Audio Production

August 3rd | 1:00pm–2:00pm |
Highbridge Recreation Center | MN

Ages 6–17. Runs every Monday until
August 17th. Recreation Center
Membership required. For more info on
memberships visit nyc.gov/parks.

Media Education: Intro to Video Production

August 6th | 2:00pm–3:00pm |
Al Oerter Recreation Center | QNS

Ages 18+. Runs every Thursday until
August 20th. Recreation Center
Membership required. For more info on
memberships visit nyc.gov/parks.

Historic New York: Mount Morris Fire Tower

August 16th | 1:00pm–3:00pm |
Marcus Garvey Park | MN

A prominent feature of Marcus Garvey
Park and its neighborhood, the historic
Mount Morris Fire Watch Tower
serves as an important landmark for
the Harlem community. Urban Park
Rangers discuss the significance
and history of this recently restored
structure. Open access from 1pm to
2:45pm. Registration is not required.

Battle of Brooklyn: America 250: Hike Part 1

August 16th | 11:00am |
John Paul Jones Park | BK

It wouldn't be America without Brooklyn.
Learn about the Battle of Brooklyn, the
first battle of the Revolutionary War
after the signing of the declaration of
independence. Join the Urban Park
Rangers as we retrace the steps of the
British and American troops.

Battle of Brooklyn: America 250: Hike Part 2

August 23rd | 10:00am |
Fort Greene Park | BK

Join the Urban Park Rangers for
a history hike from Fort Greene to
Brooklyn Heights. Rangers will walk
through historic neighborhoods and
discuss Brooklyn's transformation from
British occupation to the development
of the Navy Yard and construction of
the Brooklyn Bridge. Learn how history
never occurs in a vacuum and why all
these areas are connected.

NATURE

Salt Marsh Ecology Hike

August 1st | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Salt Marsh Nature Center | BK

Join the Urban Park Rangers for an
interactive walk exploring how the
landscape and ecology of Marine Park
has been shaped by landfill. Learn
about the efforts made to mitigate
climate change, conserve natural
resources and ecosystem services.

Before the Aqueduct: NYC's Toxic Wells and Lost Pond

August 2nd | 1:00pm–2:30pm |
Collect Pond Park | MN

Ever wonder what stood here before
the square? Join the Urban Park
Rangers and dive into the hidden
history of Collect Pond and NYC's
early water woes.

Accessible Nature Hike: Sparrows and Shorebirds

August 2nd | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Sunset Cove Park | QNS

Join the Urban Park Rangers on
a birding exhibition in the unique
habitat of Sunset Cove Park. Enjoy a
picturesque view of the New York City
skyline from across Jamaica Bay from
the newly built accessibility viewing
platform. Learn about the importance
of salt marshes and the fauna and
flora that inhabit them.

Saltwater Fishing

August 9th | 11:00am–12:30pm |
Transmitter Park | BK

Want to go fishing but don't know
how or where to start? Join our Urban
Park Rangers for free lessons! Learn
how to properly use a fishing rod.
Our experienced Rangers teach the
ethics of fishing and the ecology of
our waterways. All equipment will be
provided. Recommended for ages 8
and older.

Dog Days of Summer Hike

August 9th | 11:00am–12:00pm |
Van Cortlandt Park | BX

Bring Your Pooch and beat the heat by
hiking the trails under Van Cortlandt
Park's Majestic Canopy! On this dog-
friendly hike, experience nature with
your pup while learning about the
importance of Parks Rules and Regs
around our four-legged friends.

RECREATION

Brooklyn Beach Sports Festival

August 1st | 10:00am–4:00pm |
Coney Island, West 10th Street &
Boardwalk | BK

You worked all year for this! Come show
your strength and grit in the annual
Brooklyn Beach Sports Festival. You can
compete in a Calisthenic, tug-of-war,
or Spike Ball competition. You can also
come and participate in Corn Hole on
the beach and/or in meditative morning
activities. This is a family fun event!

Hula Hoop Aerobics

August 1st | 12:30pm–1:30pm |
Pelham Fritz Recreation Center | MN

This creative and fun workout fuses
high-energy dance aerobics with hula
hoops! Hoops are available for loaning.
Participants must bring waist belts
(waist trainers). Participants must bring
locks to lock up their bags. Organized by
Shape Up NYC.



AUGUST

Kids In Motion: Let's Make Slime

August 5th | 3:00pm–5:00pm |
All Bronx Locations | BX

Join NYC Parks for a gooey, giggle-filled adventure for kids. Get ready for a hands-on, squishy, and colorful afternoon! Kids will explore their creativity while making their very own slime to take home. From glittery galaxy swirls to neon goo, the possibilities are endless! This event is free and open to the public.

Manhattan Summer Camp Finale

August 11th | 11:00pm–3:00pm |
Chelsea Park | MN

Join NYC Parks to celebrate the end of the Summer Camp season with music, games, activities, crafts, water-play fun, and much more! This event is FREE and open to the public.

Kids In Motion: Crafting Under The Sun

August 12th | 3:00pm–5:00pm |
All Bronx Locations | BX

Join NYC Parks for a magical morning of hands-on crafting under the open sky! Kids of all ages will get to create their own sun-themed art projects, from colorful sunflowers to glittery suns, while enjoying fresh snacks, music, and a friendly atmosphere. This event is free and open to the public.

Parents' Night Out

August 16th | 4:00pm–8:00pm |
One location each borough

Parents' Night Out is an opportunity for parents to drop off their child(ren) at a designated recreation center. This allows parents to step away from caregiving and their everyday routine, giving them time for fun or tasks that need their attention. Qualified NYC Parks staff will provide full supervision and structured activities while parents have a night out on their own. Children remain on-site until scheduled pickup. This one-off special event highlights Parks important role in making NYC affordable for working New Yorkers and showcases recreation center/field house offerings.

Registration opens July 6th at
nyc.gov/parks

Youth Sports Jamboree

August 19th | 11:00am–3:00pm |
Williamsbridge Oval Park | BX

Join NYC Parks for a day full of sports clinics, small-sided games, and competitions. Activities include basketball, ball hockey, flag football, GaGa, pickleball, soccer, track and field, volleyball, and more. Participants will have the opportunity to earn incentives and sign up for recreation center membership. This event is best for youth between the ages of 6 and 14.

For a full list of programs and more
information visit nyc.gov/parks



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