

2024 Plymouth Recreation Hedges Pond Half Day Playground



Plymouth Rec. Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs 7:30a-4:00p
Tues 7:30a-6:30p, Fri 7:30a-12:00p

June 17th, 2024

OUR STAFF

- Ray Christensen
Hedges Supervisor
- Harry Leyden
Hedges CIT Supervisor
- There are 2 permanent staff at each activity.
- All of our staff are CPR/ FIRST AID certified and CORI/SORI checked.

CONTACT INFO:

Hedges Phone: 508-740-1678

Email:

ccalabro@plymouth-ma.gov

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer is here! We would like to thank you for registering your child/children in the Hedges Pond Half Day Playground Program. This popular program allows us to offer your children the opportunity to participate in many different sports, activities, arts and crafts, and group play in a fun and exciting environment. All of our staff are extremely excited to be working with your children this summer. Please read our newsletter for important information about the program. You should also review this information with your child so they are prepared for what their program experience will be like. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact us, otherwise we will see you all at Hedges!!

**Summer
Time!**

-Sam Botelho-

-Recreation Program Supervisor-

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Before heading to Hedges, check our **Weather Hotline: 508-747-1620 x.10321** or website: **www.plymouthrec.com** (update will be on by 8:15am)
- In the event of soaking rain that causes fields and courts to become unsafe, the half day program will not run.
- In case of thunder & lightning, program will end immediately.
- Once at Hedges, if it starts to rain steadily enough to create unsafe conditions **you must come pick up your child**. Please watch the weather on days it could rain and check for updates on the weather hotline, plymouthrec.com website or Facebook page.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

(such as being late to pick up or picking up early)

contact the Hedges emergency cell phone: 508-740-1678 and speak with Ray Christensen

Fun in the Sun





HEDGES SCHEDULE

Monday June 24th - Friday August 9th (No Program Thursday July 4th)

- 9:00-9:10AM:** Children will meet on the soccer field and choose where to start the day.
- 9:10-10:00AM:** Activity 1: see choices below
- 10:05-10:50AM:** Activity 2: see choices below
- 10:50-11:00AM:** Snack/water break before moving on to their last activity
- 11:00-11:50AM:** Activity 3: see choices below
- 11:50AM-12:00PM:** Pack-up and get ready for pick up

ACTIVITY 1

Tennis (all ages)
Soccer (all ages)
Arts & Crafts (all ages)
Baseball (ages: 9-12 only)
Basketball (ages: 6-8 only)
Playground/Board Games (all ages)
Gaga ball (all ages)
Dodgeball (all ages)

ACTIVITY 2

Tennis (all ages)
Soccer (all ages)
Arts & Crafts (all ages)
Baseball (ages: 6-8 only)
Basketball (ages 9-12 only)
Playground/Board Games (all ages)
Gaga ball (all ages)
Dodgeball (all ages)

ACTIVITY 3

Tennis (all ages)
Soccer (all ages)
Arts & Crafts (all ages)
Baseball (all ages)
Basketball (all ages)
Playground/Board Games (all ages)
Gaga ball (all ages)
Dodgeball (all ages)



EQUIPMENT

- Children participating in tennis must supply their own tennis racquets. Children in baseball must supply their own baseball gloves. All other equipment will be supplied.
- Everything a child brings to Hedges should be clearly marked with their name (first and last) and telephone #. We suggest children bring a back pack with their equipment and snack/water.
- Dressing appropriately is very important for this program. Please make sure your child is wearing sneakers to this program. **Flip Flops, sandals and crocs are not safe for a child to be participating in activities, and children will not be permitted to participate in the program with them on.** Be sure to take into consideration heat, chance of rain, sea breeze, etc. A ball cap is also a good idea.
- Please make sure your child comes to Hedges with sunscreen already on. We are not permitted to put sunscreen onto your children. Also, Hedges Pond is by water and in a very woody area. You should also put bug spray on your child. Please do not send your children with bug spray, as they are not permitted to use it during the program.
- **Please check your child for ticks every day. We are in woody areas, so there is always the possibility.**



MEDICATIONS / FOOD / BATHROOM FACILITIES

- The Hedges Supervisor, Ray, **MUST BE** informed of any allergies the child might have or medication he/she is carrying with them (i.e. Epi Pen, pill, or blood sugar device)
- If your child requires an epi pen, they must carry it in their backpack everyday they are at the program. Your child will not be permitted to be dropped off without it.
- There will be a snack break between the second and third session. We encourage all children to bring a snack and non-glass container with a sport drink/water. Please try to make your child's snack peanut-free.
- Bathroom Facilities are available at Hedges Pond

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU STAY WITH YOUR CHILDREN AFTER THE HALF DAY PROGRAM TO USE THE PARK, THE BEACH DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL 12:30 PM, NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE WATER UNTIL THEN.

PARKING DOES REQUIRE THAT YOU HAVE A BEACH STICKER OR YOU WILL NEED TO PAY THE DAILY PARKING FEE OF \$20. THANK YOU!



HALF DAY PLAYGROUND RULES

While we want this to be a fun experience for your child, they must follow the rules.

There is absolutely no swearing, bullying, fighting, or being disrespectful to the staff or other participants allowed at the program. We will notify you if your child gets into trouble, and ask that you talk to your child about the rules. If this becomes a persistent problem, your child will be suspended from the program without a refund.

Cell phones are not permitted to be used during the program. If a child needs to contact their parent, they must first check with an instructor. If your child is caught using their cell phone, it will be taken away and returned to the parent at the end of the day. If this becomes a persistent problem, your child will be suspended from the program without a refund.

Sneakers or closed-toe shoes must be worn to camp. Crocs, flip flops, sandals and slides are not safe for a child to be participating in activities, and children will not be permitted to participate in the program with them on.

Children are not permitted to go near the Pond at anytime. If a child goes near the pond without permission they will be suspended from the program for 5 days.



DROP OFF & PICK UP

- Children can be dropped off as early as 8:45am. There is NO PARKING during drop-off. **For drop-off and pick up:** drive down the big loop toward the beach (please stay on the dirt path) and circle around to the tennis courts. Our staff will open the doors to help speed up the process.
- If your child is going to be picked up early for any reason, the supervisor **MUST BE** notified in writing. If your child is going to be going home with someone besides a parent/guardian, the supervisor **MUST BE** notified in writing.
- PICK-UP time will begin @ 11:50. **You will not be able to come into the park until then, so please do not come any earlier. We will have the front gate closed to prevent parents from arriving early. You are not permitted to park in front of the closed gate or on the side of the road either.**
- **Please notify everyone on your child's authorized pick-up list that we will have the front gate closed until 11:50. Nobody is permitted to park in front of the closed gate or on the side of the road either.**
- Please note: While we can understand the unexpected emergency, our latest pick-up time is 12:15pm. If your child is not picked up from Hedges by 12:30pm, you will be charged \$15; and every minute after that will be an additional \$1 until your child is picked up. Your fee must be paid within 5 business days of your tardiness. There will be one warning before the fee is imposed. Continued tardiness will result in your child being suspended from the program.

CIT Siblings

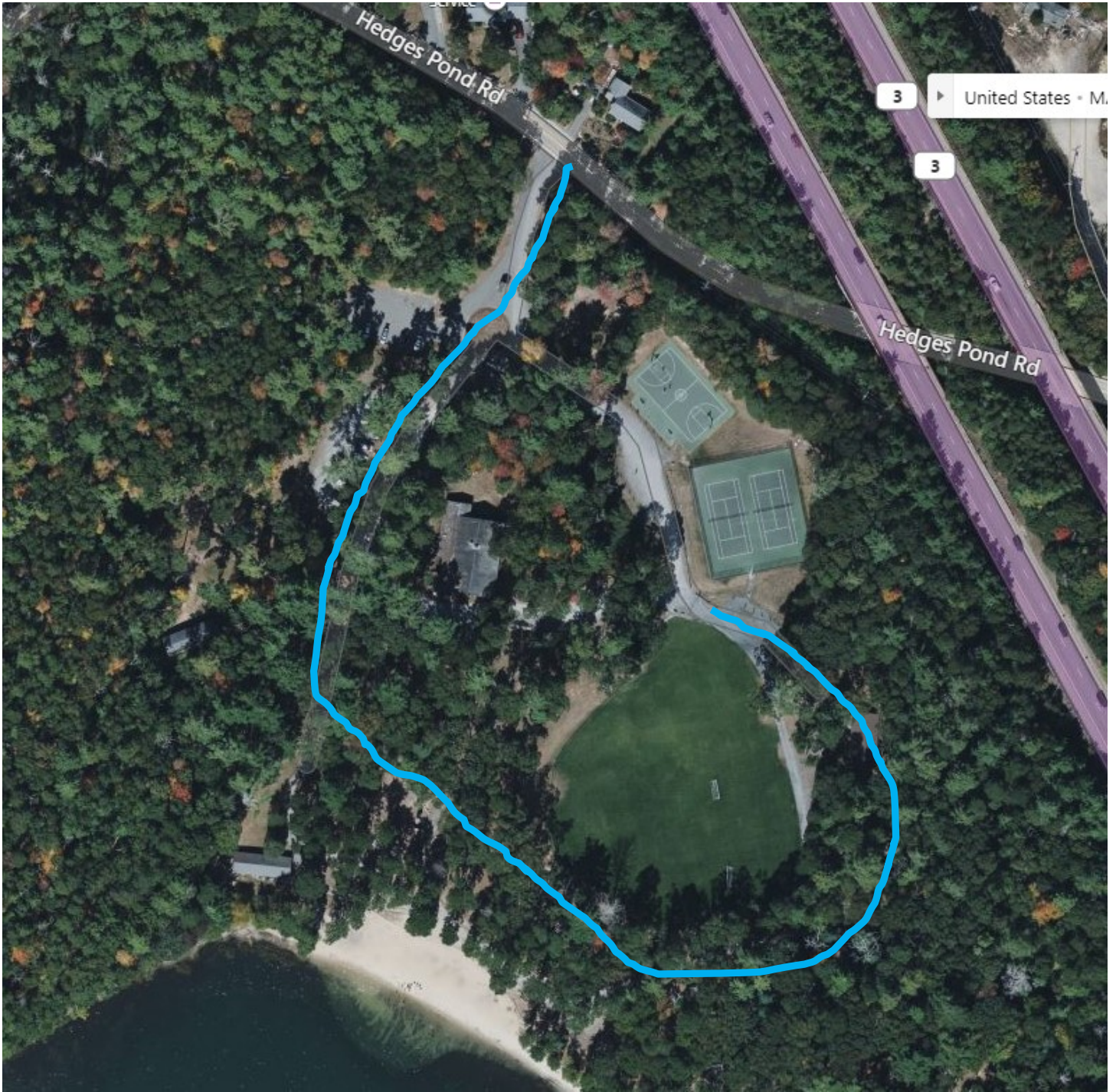
If you have a child in the CIT program and a child in the Playground program, please drop-off both children at the CIT starting time. For pick-up, please go through the line for your child in the Playground program then park next to staff vehicles and wait for your CITs pick-up time.



PICK-UP POLICY

- ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT IS PICKING UP A CHILD FROM OUR PROGRAM MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID ON THEM AND SHOW IT TO OUR STAFF EVERY DAY.
- We will have an approved pick-up list for your child. Everyone must bring a photo ID if they are picking up a child.
- If someone comes to pick up your child that is not on the approved list and we did not receive a written letter that morning, we will not release your child until we have reached you by phone and get a verbal acknowledgment that you are allowing them to be picked up by this individual. They must then show a photo ID.
- **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY, PLEASE BRING YOUR ID EVERY DAY!!**

Hedges Pond Address: 158 Hedges Pond Road



Blue Line— Drop-off & Pick-up line