

City of New Britain

Kids & Family Activity Guide

Summer 2021



A message from Mayor Erin:
In New Britain, you can have lots of

Fun!



Welcome kids and families to New Britain!

Welcome to the City of New Britain Kids & Family Activity Guide, Summer 2021 edition! This booklet has been created to help lead you through a summer of fun activities and events where you can make cherished memories with your friends and family. Here you will find all you need to know about camps, after school programs, places to find a sweet treat (try Stewart's Cookie Dough at Frisbies!), New Britain Bees games, and more, so there is bound to be something for everyone. "Bee" sure to place a sticker or stamp in the Passport section found at the end of the booklet, and draw a picture of your favorite summer activity! Additional information on the events or activities the City is hosting throughout the summer can be found at www.newbritainct.gov or by reaching out to the New Britain Parks and Recreation Department at 860-826-3360 or www.nbparksnrec.org.



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 City of New Britain Fire Department

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www.newbritainfire.org

The Hospital of Central Connecticut

(860) 224-5011

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www.hocc.org

Local Parks

A.W. STANLEY PARK

2159 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

CENTRAL PARK

27 W Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

CHESLEY PARK

35 Wildwood Drive
New Britain, CT 06051

MARTHA HART PARK

135 Corbin Avenue
New Britain, CT 06052

OSGOOD PARK

460 Osgood Avenue,
New Britain, CT 06053

STANLEY QUARTER PARK

451 Blake Road
New Britain, CT 06053

WALNUT HILL PARK

184 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051

WASHINGTON PARK

61 Carmody Street
New Britain, CT 06051

WILLOW BROOK PARK COMPLEX

230 John Karbonic Way
New Britain, CT 06051
Home of New Britain Stadium
Veterans Memorial Stadium
and Beehive Field

WILLOW STREET PARK

43 Willow Street
New Britain, CT 06051

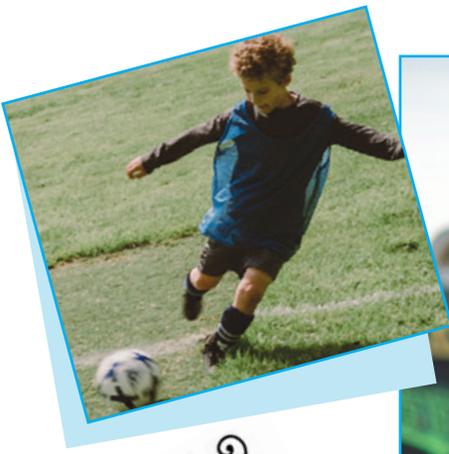


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Fun



things to do around town!



Make your own soda!



Avery's Beverages

520 Corbin Avenue, New Britain • (860) 224-0830

www.averysoda.com

Sherman F. Avery began making soda in a red barn on Corbin Avenue in the summer of 1904. Avery's quickly became known for its variety of flavors, especially the Cream Soda, Birch Beer, Root Beer and Ginger Ale.

Their sodas are still handcrafted using methods and recipes from generations ago including real cane sugar, the finest quality ingredients and naturally pure well water. Each flavor is carefully made in small batches and is packaged only in glass bottles to preserve the wonderful old-fashioned flavor.

A visit to Avery's is a unique experience. It is truly a step back in time where you can actually invent your own soda flavors and take a tour of the soda factory, including the mixing room where you can measure syrup into each bottle, watch as they are filled, capped and hand shaken.



Enjoy a trampoline Park!

Fun City

50 E. Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 • (860) 224-1787
www.funcitynb.com

At Fun City Trampoline Park we have activities for all ages! Come on and jam at slam ball, or swim around in the foam pit. Be sure to test your endurance on the climb wall. There's no age limit for fun!

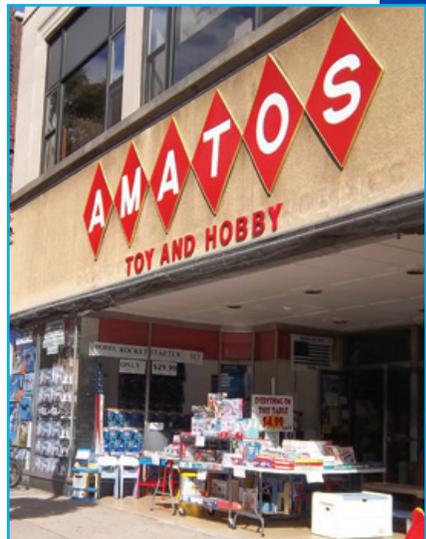
visit a landmark toy store!

Amato's Toy and Hobby

283 Main Street, New Britain • (860) 229-9069
www.AmatosNewBritain.com

Just around the corner from City Hall, is Amato's Toy and Hobby. This unique children's store carries classic toys, hobbies, model trains (in all gauges), science project supplies, Boy & Girl Scout uniforms/supplies, remote control cars, planes, helicopters and parts.

In the old tradition of customer service, Amato's Toy and Hobby also offers model train repair service on all scales and brands, and repair service on all brands of radio-controlled vehicles that they sell.



Parks

and Playgrounds

visit a park, sign up for a program
or register for a summer camp!
Let's have fun!



New Britain Parks and Recreation Department offers hundreds of recreation programs throughout the year. The Recreation Division publishes brochures annually to promote the many great opportunities for the community. Visit www.nbparksnrec.org for a complete list of programs, information on registration, summer camps, special events, youth activities and more!

Central Park

Central Park is located at 27 West Main Street and across from New Britain City Hall, is the heart of the city's downtown. Central Park is home to the City's Farmer's Market which runs every Wednesday from June through October and features live entertainment, farmers, vendors and a variety of Food trucks



Hungerford Park

Hungerford Park's 79-acres, located at 191 Farmington Avenue (Rte. 372) Kensington, is home to the New Britain Youth Museum and the city's greenhouse whose products are used throughout the year to beautify parks and other areas in the city.

Martha Hart Park

Martha Hart Park, located at 135 Corbin Avenue, is a 37 acre park that includes Doerr Pond (a family fishing pond), basketball court, two baseball fields, one softball and swing set.

Washington Park

Washington Park, located at 61 Carmody Street, is a 13.2 acre neighborhood park which features a brand new lit basketball court, new dog park, ball field and newly renovated playscape.

Chesley Park

Chesley Park, located at 35 Wildwood Street, is an 11.8 acre neighborhood park that features a new artificial turf sports complex, splash pad, new playground, picnic pavilion, handball court, grass open space and two newly renovated lit basketball courts.



A.W. Stanley Park with New Pool

A.W. Stanley Park, located at 2159 Stanley Street, features a new aquatics facility with a zero depth entry, water spray features, climbing wall and diving boards; new playscape, basketball court, baseball diamond, softball diamond, nature/bike trail, fishing pond, picnic areas with grills. A. W. Stanley Park is home to the department's Camp Total Rec and Leaders in Training, which serves hundreds of New Britain children for seven weeks over the summer.

Willow Street Park

Willow Street Park, located at 43 Willow Street, is a 3.1 acre neighborhood park that features a picnic pavilion, lit basketball courts, natural grass soccer field, splash pad, playground and game tables.

Willow Brook Park

Willow Brook Park, located at 653 South Main Street, is home to Veterans Memorial Stadium, New Britain Stadium (home to the New Britain Bees) and Beehive Stadium. Veterans Memorial Stadium is home to New Britain High School Hurricanes football and soccer and hosts a number of state and regional events throughout the year.

Beehive Stadium is home to the New Britain High School baseball team. Willow Brook Park features four soccer fields, a family destination zero depth entry swimming pool with slide, six tennis courts, and a playscape. Willow Brook Park is home to the department's Camp Total Rec which serves hundreds of New Britain children for seven weeks over the summer.

Stanley Quarter Park

Stanley Quarter Park, located at 451 Blake Road, features a family fishing pond, seven station fit trail, two baseball diamonds, two lit basketball courts, newly designed playscape, skate park, picnic pavilion, picnic and gaming tables, two soccer fields, four tennis courts, and 0.6 walking path. Stanley Quarter Park hosts many events throughout the year including the Great American Boom and Children's Fishing Derby.





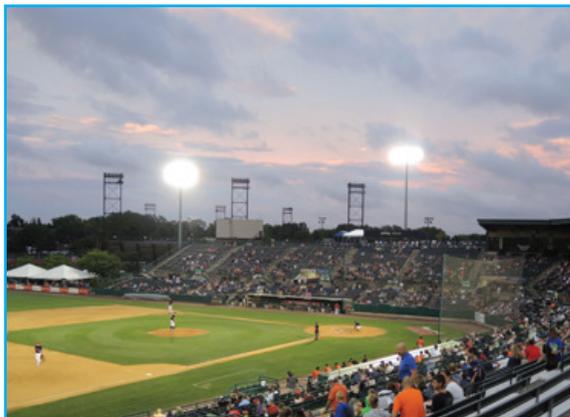
Walnut Hill Park

Walnut Hill Park, located at 184 West Main Street, is the city's oldest park and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Walnut Hill Park covers 85 acres and features the notable Darius Miller Memorial Band Shell, Rose Garden with scenic views, a 1-mile walking loop, ten station fit trail, cricket field, four tennis courts, four pickle ball courts, two baseball diamonds, one softball diamond, concessions gazebo, sledding hill, and newly designed playscape. The Darius Miller Memorial Band Shell is host to the summer music concert series every Monday and Wednesday during the months of July and August.

Osgood Park

Osgood Park, located at 460 Osgood Avenue, is an 18 acre park located adjacent to Diloreto Elementary School and EC Goodwin Technical High School. Osgood Park features a football field, softball field, and playscape. Osgood Park plays host to New Britain PAL Raiders.

Future plans for Osgood Park include a major park renovation to include artificial turf football/soccer field with stadium seating, new playground, splashpad, picnic pavilion, new lit basketball courts, redesigned parking lot, lit walking path and renovation of existing grass baseball/softball fields.



Camps

By the City



Camp TotalRec

Camp TotalRec is a 7-week day camp that offers active outdoor fun and enrichment opportunities that challenge kids through crafts, games, sports, swimming, and special guest presentations. Camp TotalRec is held at three parks: A.W. Stanley, Chesley, and Willow Brook Park. At TotalRec, kids build friendships, explore their creativity, and develop new skills all while having an unforgettable summer. Camp TotalRec is affordably priced and offers flexibility for parents in today's busy world by offering one week sessions and before and after care with Camp Clubhouse.

Leaders in Training Camp

Leaders In Training is a 7-week leadership development summer camp for middle school youth. Young leaders develop and engage in daily programming in which they are taught skills to help strengthen their individual leadership. LIT's will focus on problem solving, group leadership, professionalism, character development, communication, teamwork, time management, decision making, safety, responsibility, and respect.

Downtown Player Youth Theater Camp

Theatre camp members will engage in show rehearsals, theatre workshops and recreational activities as they work toward an evening performance of Disney's Moana, Jr. This summer's camp features workshops in acting, character development, set construction, improv, voice projection, team building and movement. The camp will be held at Walnut Hill Park at the Band Shell.

Visit www.nbparksnrec.org for information and registration!

Camps

By Our Non-Profits

Summer Sizzlers 2021, at the YWCA, will combine excitement along with fun-filled enrichment experiences to create a totally awesome summer! The program is open to children who have already completed kindergarten through 5th grade. It will run from June 21 - August 20

Each week discover something new with specialized theme activities.

Week 1: June 21 - 25: Blast Off Into Summer • In our first week of camp, we will blast off into space! We will learn about different planets and make our own telescopes. We will get to know our fellow campers through welcome activities, creating suncatchers, and explosions! Campers will compete against each other in a game about planets. Friday is all about rockets! We will use Mentos and Coca-Cola to make an explosion.

Week 2: June 28 - July 2: Summer Stars and Stripes • During Summer Stars and Stripes week, we will participate in activities that celebrate our country. Take pride in our land and cultures, from everything red, white, and blue, to hometown heroes, to celebrating national monuments and landmarks across our city and the nation!

Week 3: July 5 - 9: Superheroes of Summer • During Superheroes of Summer week, we will dress up as our favorite superhero, take a superhero character challenge, play some superhero games, and work on some superhero crafts.

Week 4: July 12 - 16: Deep Sea Adventure • Campers will learn about the different animals that live in the ocean and hopefully take a trip to the aquarium to check them out!

Week 5: July 19 - 23: Believe in Magic • This week is all about Disney! During this week's theme, we will make monsters to join the scare team with Mike and Sully. Campers will compete in a tug of war game using Rapunzel's long hair and find seashells to paint with The Little Mermaid. We will end the week making alien slime and a DIY Forky from Toy Story.

Week 6: July 26 - 30: Sports Extravaganza • We will be playing a different sport each day, talking about our favorite sports teams, and wearing our favorite sports jerseys!

Week 7: August 2 - 6: Down on the Farm • This week campers will learn about all the different animals that live on the farm. We will also talk about the different jobs that need to be done on the farm and work on some fun arts and crafts.

Week 8: August 9 - 13: Show Your Spirit • We will represent our group through a variety of activities and contests. Each day will have a different theme.

Week 9: August 16 - 20: Summer Send Off • Let's all begin to wind down and relax before we head back to school with our favorite arts and crafts, board games, and gym/outdoor fun!

To sign-up, please fill out a registration packet. For more information on Summer Sizzlers, contact Michelle Japs at 860-225-4681 x285 or mjaps@ywcanewbritain.org.

Sports

Start Smart Programs

Golf, Baseball and Soccer

Start Smart Programs are age appropriate introductory programs offered through New Britain Parks and Recreation.

Basketball Leagues

Divisions for grades 3rd-8th
Fall-Winter basketball leagues.
Visit www.nbparksnrec.org.

New Britain Summer Baseball Teams

Prep Division 13 & under.
Junior Division 15 & under.
Visit: www.nbparksnrec.org.

Swimming

- Lessons for all ages
- Junior lifeguarding program including CPR and AED

Visit www.nbparksnrec.org.

Tennis Programs

Summer

- Group youth summer lessons
- U.S.T.A. New Britain Tennis League
- Private lessons

Fall

- Beginner youth lessons
- Middle school U.S.T.A. team tennis
- Private lessons

New Britain Sports Contacts

Boys & Girls Club

James M. Jones
Executive Director
(860) 229-2865
jamesmjones@bgclubnb.org

New Britain Little League/Fagan

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Antonio Velazquez, President,
NBLLPresident1@gmail.com

New Britain Soccer:
newbritainsoccer@gmail.com
<https://www.newbritainsoccer.org>

New Britain Jr. Hurricanes Football

Lisa Samuels, President
nbhurricanesyfc@gmail.com
www.nbyouthhurricanes.com
www.facebook.com/nbjrcanes

P.A.L. Youth Sports
nbpal@newbritainct.gov
(860) 827-4560

V.I.B.E. Athletics
vibeathletics@gmail.com

Y.M.C.A.
(860) 229-3787

Y.W.C.A.
(860) 225-4681



pools

and splash pads

Come Get Your Pool Pass

New Britain's public pools will open Saturday June 19th! The use of City pools is reserved for New Britain residents and their guests. If you are interested in purchasing a season pool pass please visit the Parks and Recreation Office in City Hall Room 302, Mon-Friday, 8:15am-3:45pm.

Season Pass costs are:

Season Pass Per Family: \$50.00

Seasonal Pass Per Individual: \$30.00 • Replacement Cards \$5.00

Get a Pool Pass and receive:

- Unlimited access during pool hours
- FREE entry into pool parties

A.W. Stanley Park Pool 2159 Stanley Street, New Britain

Willow Brook Park Pool 80 Mill Street, New Britain

FREE Admission Splash Pads

Chesley Park Splash Pad 23 Wildwood Street, New Britain

Willow Street Splash Pad 43 Willow Street, New Britain.



If you don't have a pool pass you must pay the daily admissions fee.

Daily Admissions for the pools are as follows:

- Children ages 5 and under are admitted for free
- Children ages 6-17 are admitted for \$3.00
- Adults age 18 and up are admitted for \$4.00

For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (860)826-3360. Enjoy the pools this summer and stay safe!

After



School Programs

Offered through Parks and Recreation, the after school programs are designed to offer homework help, academic support, enrichment, and fun activities while providing students a positive place to be.

Every Kid Counts After School Program

Free of charge to students in grades 3-5.

The program includes:

- Homework help
- Enrichment activities
- Academic support
- Field trips
- Bus transportation
- Family events
- Snack

... and much more!



Exercise the Right Choice After School Program

Free of charge to students in grades 6-8 attending Pulaski and Slade Middle Schools. The program includes:

- Homework help
- Recreational activities
- Academic enrichment
- Bus transportation
- Field trips
- Family events
- Snack & dinner

... and much more!



Information on Before and After School Care programs provided through local community organizations can be found starting on page 29.

Visit www.nbparksnrec.org for information and registration!

Events

By the City

The City of New Britain hosts many annual events some of which are sponsored through Parks and Recreation designed for kids and families to enjoy.

Great American Boom

This year, the 29th Annual Great American Boom will be in Willow Brook Park where visitors will enjoy the festivities sitting in their vehicles “Drive-In Style”. The event sells out quickly, so get your tickets by pre-registering through the Parks & Rec. Department. Cost is only \$10 per car. The parking lot opens at 7:30pm with the fireworks show starting at 9:15pm. The evening activities include musical entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display set to patriotic music. In 2022, the Great American Boom will return to Stanley Quarter Park.



Downtown Farmers Market

During the summer months, the recently renovated Central Park is transformed into a hive of activity in the European-style square. From June through October, Central Park also hosts a Connecticut Department of Agriculture-certified farmer’s market featuring local and organic fruits and vegetables, crafts, and other vendors.

Christmas Tree Lighting

This event held in Central Park is an annual tradition marking a symbol of the holidays in the City. The event includes activities for children, hot chocolate, music, and more



with Santa Claus bringing gifts for all of the children in attendance. Children are given the opportunity to tell Santa their Christmas wish while enjoying the singing of carols. This event is one of the oldest public Christmas tree traditions in the nation, starting the same year as the Rockefeller tree in New York (1912) and pre-dating the National Christmas Tree on the White House Lawn by eleven years.

Tuba Christmas

Held annually at Trinity-on-Main, Tuba Christmas is a 43-year-old nationally celebrated tradition of well-loved Christmas songs played by tuba players of all ages and levels.

Halloween Trick or Treat Safe Zone

This annual Halloween event draws thousands, where children can safely walk the downtown area to Trick or Treat in a safe, controlled environment. The event first debuted in 2013 and has grown exponentially every year since. It is put on in collaboration with the New Britain Downtown District, the New Britain City Journal and made possible by the generous donations of city downtown merchants. Little ghouls and goblins roam freely in the downtown streets to gather candy at over 20+ businesses locations.



Memorial Day Parade

This city-sponsored parade held in the City of New Britain is traditionally a huge event. The parade features veterans organizations, the Sphinx Temple Motor Patrol, cyclists, and Temple Guard, school marching bands, clowns, a stilt walker, the Police, EMS, Fire Departments, and many Fife and Drum Corps, youth and local organizations. The parade route is 2.2 miles from Broad/Burritt Streets to Main Street and ends near Franklin Square.

Celebrate New Britain's 150th Year

Celebrate New Britain will be on September 25 and 26 and is a two day street fair that includes a variety of street-walking entertainers such as magicians, clowns, stilt walkers and bagpipers, a beer garden for adults, Oktoberfest, car show, and a kids zone with inflatable toys and carnival rides. Downtown New Britain will also host a variety of musical acts and other entertainers. Additionally there are more than 75 booths for arts and crafts vendors and various food trucks. Festivities will kick off with a parade for the entire City to enjoy on Friday September 29th.

Visit www.nbparksnrec.org for more information!

Events

by Parks and Recreation

Summer Concert Series

Pack a picnic and bring your lawn chair for the Summer Concert Series. Concerts are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. through the months of July and August at the Darius Miller Band Shell in Walnut Hill Park.

Pool Parties

Pool parties are held simultaneously at A.W. Stanley and Willow Brook Park pools on Friday evenings from 6:15 p.m.– 7:45 p.m. through the months of June, July and August.

Flick and Float

This event is held on July 23rd, at 8:00pm, at the A.W. Stanley Pool and features concessions, inflatable amusements, and other activities before the movie, Raya and the Last Dragon, starts. Bathing suits required, floats and lawn chairs are allowed. \$3.00 fee per person.

2021 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

PRESENTED BY:
Mayor Erin E. Stewart and
the New Britain Parks,
Recreation and Community
Services Department

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Experience the NEW
New Britain
PARKS, RECREATION
and Community Services Department

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
July 5 - Aug 30
7-9PM
DARIUS MILLER MUSIC SHELL AT
WALNUT HILL PARK

Celebrate
new britain
150 Years

www.nbparksnrec.org 860-826-3360

JULY 5	NEW ENGLAND HEAD OVER HEELS POPULAR SHOW BAND
JULY 7	COAST GUARD BAND PREMIER ENSEMBLE
JULY 12	JUKEBOX 45 SHOWBAND OLDIES BAND
JULY 14	DUALY NOTED POPULAR HITS
JULY 19	102D ARMY BAND NATIONAL GUARD BAND
JULY 21	SHADED SOUL R&B/SOUL (ADA CELEBRATION)
JULY 26	AVENUE GROOVE R&B/FUNK/DANCE BAND
JULY 28	TIMMY MAIA EXPERIENCE POPULAR SHOW BAND
AUG 2	SOUND CHECK BAND R&B/JAZZ/POP BAND
AUG 4	SKYWAY BAND DANCE HITS
AUG 9	ROTARY CLASSIC ROCK
AUG 11	BLUES CONNECTION BAND BLUES BAND
AUG 16	CENTER LINE BAND BLUES AND COUNTRY
AUG 18	BIG DEAL ROCK ROCK AND ROLL
AUG 23	MOTO CARIBBEAN GROOVES CARIBBEAN BAND
AUG 25	EP BOULEVARD ELVIS PRESLEY TRIBUTE
AUG 30	LAST LICKS CLASSIC ROCK BAND

Abilities Walk & Roll

The Abilities Walk & Roll event will take place on July 28th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Walnut Hill Park. Participants will gather at the Darius Miller Memorial Band Shell for a one mile walk/roll around the park.

Additional Events

Contact Parks and Recreation for additional events that include: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny • Princess Tea Party • Fishing Derby Breakfast with Santa • Little Monster's Bash • Super Heros Breakfast Farmers Market

Arts



and culture

New Britain has many arts, music and enrichment opportunities to offer children and families. Visit a museum, try-out for a theater production or sign up for an art class!

New Britain Museum of American Art

The New Britain Museum of American Art is a world-class art museum offering numerous programs for kids of all ages as part of their Nurture Through Art programs.

ArtLab

The ArtLab is open during regular museum hours. Drop in and discover new and exciting ways to explore art, science, math and literature. Geared towards young audiences, the ArtLab interprets key areas of the permanent collection and special exhibitions through a multimedia approach to engage a broad range of visitors' learning styles.



Programs

The museum offers age appropriate programs for babies up to 24 months, toddlers, pre-schoolers, students from ages 6-13 and a teen studio with internship opportunities.

New Britain Youth Theater

Founded in 2010, New Britain Youth Theater brings together the best of community and educational theater for children and teens in Connecticut. NBYT provides educational programming to schools in and around New Britain, produces a season of performances by and for children and young adults, and offers summer programs and drama classes in acting, musical theater and improv.

Children's Dance Theater Connection

CDTC specializes in the presentation of full-scale theatrical productions of well-known stories. Open to boys and girls ages 3-18, there is instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and other forms of dance. Production skills such as make-up, costuming, and choreography are also offered.

YWCA New Britain School of Dance

The YWCA School of Dance strives to bring out the beauty and grace in students. The goal is to teach students the discipline and art of dance by exploring the different facets that make it a unique art form. Students are grouped within each class according to age and ability and are encouraged to achieve at their own pace. Instructor recommendation is required for proper class placement.

Parks and Recreation Enrichment Programs

New Britain Parks and Recreation Department offer fall, winter and spring programs including Piano and Voice lessons, Hip Hop and Jazz Dance Lessons, and Youth Theatre Workshops. Summer events in Walnut Hill Park include the Summer Music Festival every Monday and Wednesday evening. Downtown Players, a 7-week Summer Theatre Camp, stages a Musical Junior production in early August at New Britain High School.



Museums

New Britain Museum of American Art

www.nbmaa.org

56 Lexington Street, New Britain, CT



Overlooking scenic Walnut Hill Park, the museum has a collection that dates from 1739 to the present and has grown to approximately 10,235 works of art including oil paintings, drawings, prints, sculptures, photographs and illustrations.

Some of the nation's finest artists are represented including John Singleton Copley, Frederic Church, Thomas Cole, Georgia O'Keeffe, Thomas Hart Benton and Sol LeWitt. The collection is especially rich in American Impressionism including works by Mary Cassatt, William Merritt Chase, Theodore Robinson, Child Hassam, John Henry Twachtman, Julian Alden Weir and Willard Metcalf to name a few. The NBMAA is the oldest museum in the country to concentrate on the collection of only American art.



Summer Spectacular! • July 15 & Aug 12 • 4pm-7pm

Come one, come all to an all-ages arts extravaganza at the Museum! These Thursday evening events will feature impressive performances, including life sized puppets, jugglers, stilt walkers, and live music!

Guests can enjoy hands-on activities including a participatory circus zone by Circus Moves and art activities led by Museum Educators. Tasty treats will be available for purchase at the Museum Café. Summer Spectacular is held in conjunction with Art Happy Hour.

Celebrate New Britain 150 Years

September 24 & 25 • 10 am-4pm

Free admission and hands on activities for families!

Look out for the NBMAA's booth downtown on this weekend!

Weekend Programs

Free Take-n-Make Kits

Every weekend, Museum visitors receive a kit containing NBMAA goodies, a scavenger hunt, and supplies for an at-home art activity! Come back every month for a new themed-kit!

Free Admission Saturday Mornings

10am-12pm

Saturday morning admission is free due to support from the American Savings Foundation.

Studio Classes

Every Saturday starting in October

Art Start

11am-11:45 am • Ages 3-5 • Members: \$5 Non-Members: \$7

Art Explorers

10:30 am-12:00 pm • Ages 6-8 • Members: \$7 Non-Members: \$9

Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's next birthday at the NBMAA! The 90-minute party begins with a scavenger hunt through the galleries where we look for colors, shapes, animals, people, and more. Then, party guests will create a work of art in our American Savings Foundation Art & Education Center studios.

Birthday parties are suitable for children ages 5 and up.

Pricing: Birthday Child FREE; \$15 per child if the birthday family is a household Member; \$25 per child for non-Members

Goodie Bags available as an add-on: \$5 per child if the birthday family is a household Member; \$10 per child if the birthday family is a household non-Member

Teens & Outreach

Ask us about our after school offerings for youth and teens!

Community Days

The NBMAA is committed to holding special community celebrations featuring local artists, performers, scholars, and businesses that spotlight the diversity of the arts and life in greater New Britain. Celebrations are held six times a year and focus on different cultural holidays and themes. Community Days are always free to the public, whether in-per

Stanley Black & Decker Makerspace

Available by appointment.



New Britain Youth Museum

30 High Street, New Britain, CT

www.NewBritainYouthMuseum.org

The New Britain Youth Museum is a destination where children and families can explore the history and cultures of Connecticut and the world. Changing exhibits feature cultural and historical artifacts.

Children can explore the Puppet Theater (designed for visitors' own performances), a changing children's activities area, an indoor slide, storybook garden, construction toys, coloring pages, and games.

Educational programs at the museum and outreach programs to schools are available. Frequent special events for families (clowns, magicians, musicians and educators) are offered throughout the year.

New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park



191 Farmington Avenue, Kensington, CT

www.NewBritainYouthMuseum.org

The New Britain Youth Museum at Hungerford Park provides a unique opportunity for children and families to explore the natural world around them through pleasant forest trails, a pond observation station, a wildflower meadow and indoor history exhibits. Farm and exotic animals are also found at the museum.

The museum also functions as a native wildlife rehabilitation site. School programs and individual classes are offered. Special events are scheduled throughout the year.





New Britain Industrial Museum

59 West Main Street, New Britain, CT

www.nbim.org

Visitors to the New Britain Industrial Museum are routinely amazed by the range of products pioneered in New Britain from the common coat hanger to high-tech products for the military and aerospace industries. Located on West Main Street, the museum is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Over 50 industries are represented categorized by the products made in New Britain over the last 200 years. The museum regularly changes exhibits and fields questions from all over the U.S. on its website.

Members receive a Quarterly Newsletter covering various aspects of New Britain's industrial history. Admission is free.



Games



See a game! Become a fan!

New Britain Bees Baseball



New Britain has a rich history of sports starting with baseball. Dozens of major leaguers played here in the early days of their careers including Roger Clemens, Joe Mauer, Jeff Bagwell, David Ortiz, Justin Morneau, Torii Hunter, Mo Vaughn and Michael Cuddyer.

Sundays are YWCA Family Fun Days where special pricing on tickets, food and beverages are available. Prior to the game, fans are invited onto the field for an autograph session with the Bees, and after the game, kids can take the field and run the bases.

Also, check the Bees schedule for Fireworks Saturdays at:

www.nbbees.com.

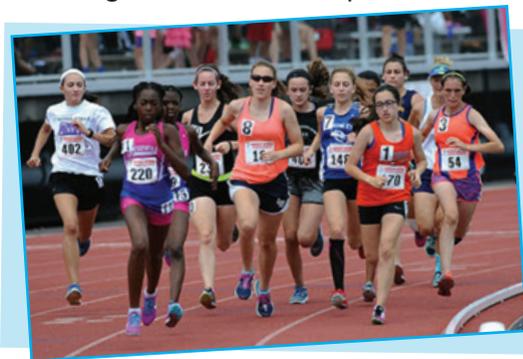


Nutmeg State Games



local and national businesses to help support “Good Kids Making Good Choices!” We welcome your participation as a sponsor and partner to help perpetuate this most unique statewide event.

The Nutmeg State Games is the largest amateur multi-sport sporting event in Connecticut. Now celebrating its 31st Anniversary of uniting Connecticut’s residents in the common bond of amateur sport and Olympic spirit. This year, 7,500+ athletes ages 6 to 18 will compete in twenty-two different sport offerings. The “Games” represent an outstanding opportunity for



CCSU Athletics

Central Connecticut State University, known as the Blue Devils, is composed of 16 teams representing intercollegiate athletics, including men and women's basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and track and field. Men's sports include baseball and football. Women's sports include volleyball, lacrosse, swimming and diving, and softball. The Blue Devils compete in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and are members of the Northeast Conference.



New Britain High School Athletics

High School sports are often of great interest to many sports enthusiasts and New Britain is no exception. The competitive football and baseball programs of New Britain High School are great draws for the community, and renovations at Veterans Stadium including a new artificial football field and a new track, have given the New Britain High School teams which play there one of the finest facilities in the state.



Library

The New Britain Public Library has a calendar full of events for families, teens and children including movie nights, summer reading programs, chess club, story time, and more!

The library also has a wide selection of magazines, new book collections, TV series on DVD, popular movies, audio books on CD and cassette as well as a wide variety of music CD's. The Computer Center has a high-speed wireless network and many computers for use to access personal email or the Internet.

The Teen Room is a great area for teens to find books, movies, computers and a comfortable area to relax. The Homework Center, funded by the American Savings Foundation, provides free homework help.

The Children's Department offers a wide selection of materials, both print and non-print for children, kid friendly computers and a vast array of popular programming for families and children, which reach out to all ages. It also has a great selection of materials in Spanish and Polish.

www.nbpl.org

Main Library

20 High Street, New Britain
(860) 224-3155

Jefferson Branch

140 Horse Plain Road, New Britain
(860) 225-4700

Facebook.com/nbpl.ct/ @nbpl.ct • Twitter and Instagram: @newbritlib

All of these programs are free of charge, registration required where noted.



New Britain Public Library Teen Programs (Gr. 6-12)

The library has a Teen Area with computers, books, graphic novels, manga, video games, board games, and other resources just for teens. We also offer in person and virtual programming, including STEAM, gaming, maker activities, movie screenings, homework help, reading clubs, and more. Updated info at <http://nbpl.info/teenprograms.html>

Tails and Tales

Summer Read & Bead: Pick up a summer reading packet and start reading. Elementary school children and preschoolers whose parents/caregivers read to them can participate. The packet includes everything you need: a reading log, necklace, brag tag and beads! Read for at least 20 minutes a day and earn a bead. Earn special beads, prizes, brag tags and tickets for a drawing for more prizes. Begins June 23, ends August 21.

Storytime on Facebook

Fairy Tales? Animal tails? Kite tails? Enjoy stories with the librarians on Facebook, best suited for ages 3-8 years.

June 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11. 10:00am - 5:00pm

Time for Tots: For children under 3 years with an adult.

Fridays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 10:00am - 5:00pm.

Summer on the Library Lawn—Bring a Blanket!

Summer Kick-Off: Join storyteller, Rona Leventhal, for Bees, Beavers & Beasts: Animal Tales! (Tails?). Pick up your Read & Bead packet, a Take & Make craft, and a snack-to-go! Wednesday, June 23, 10:00am:

Thursdays at 4:00

June 24: **Li Liu** - Chinese acrobat

July 1: **Singin' & Swingin'** with **Judy Pancoast**

July 8: **Hero Training** with Batman, The Flash, and Wonder Woman!

July 15: **Pet Show** - Children and adults can bring their pets - or just come and enjoy the animals. Registration of pets is required - call the Children's Department at 860-224-3155, ex. 121.

July 22: **Princess Storytime** with **Belle, Rapunzel and their friends.**

July 29: **Animals! Animals!**. Tales and tunes.* **Mary Jo Maichack.**

Minstrel/Storyteller.

August 5: **Magic** with **Ed Popielarczyk - and bubbles!**

Bingo!

Bingo for Children - Up to age 12, accompanied by an adult.

Tuesdays, July 13 & August 17, 2:00pm.

Terrific Tots - Storytime for children ages 2½- 3½, with an adult.

Activities include stories, a simple craft. Mondays (September 13 - May16) 10:00am.

Super Kids - Storytime for children ages 3-5. Stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft or a short film. Wednesdays (Sept. 15-June 22) 10:00am.

Family Story Hour - Storytime for children ages 3-8. Children may be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Stories and a short film.

Thursdays (September 16 - June 23) 6:30pm.

Time for Tots - Storytime for children under 3 years, with an adult.

Fridays (September 17- May 20) 10:00am-5:00pm on Facebook.

Schools

The Consolidated School District of New Britain prides itself on the motto: “Pursuing Excellence...One Student at a Time.”



The school system’s mission is to provide a rigorous and relevant, high-quality, research-based, data-driven education that meets the intellectual, physical, moral, and social and emotional needs of every child. The school system consists of 19 different schools that serve more than 10,000 students. Alternative schooling is available, as are numerous special educational opportunities, ranging from special education to the Gifted and Talented program. Guidance, social work, speech, psychological and diagnostic testing

are also offered to students to make their education more productive and successful. New Britain is proud to have a diverse school population that hails from 69 different countries and speaks 60 different languages.

Collaborative efforts involving parents, educators, government officials, as well as health and social service agencies, have partnered to develop strategies and to ensure students have the skills necessary to be successful in life. Early intervention programs, literacy initiatives and summer enrichment programs are a few of the things being integrated into addressing educational needs.

In recent years, the public school system has been recognized nationally for the successes that students and teachers have achieved to improve the quality of student successes both inside and outside the classroom. This recognition has come from the National Civic League, along with the National Civic League, along with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading.



Summer programming offered to K-8. Registration is currently open for students who have been invited at:

www.csdnb.org/summer-learning.

The Jump Start into Kindergarten program that will also run July 19-August 6 at DiLoreto School. (Brand new this year) It will be for students entering CSDNB Kindergarten in the Fall. There are 120 slots and it runs 8-4. Students will work with K teachers, but also work with a team of community partners from the YMCA. That program should be open for registration after Memorial Day.

Teachers in the Parks - Collaboration with Camp Total Rec - Math Enrichment Games

Dates: Week of June 28 - July 30

Weekdays: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hours: 9:30-11:00

Registration: none - students who are attending Camp Total Rec 1 day at each of the three camp sites (Chesley, W.B., A.W.) a week

Teachers would push into the parks and work with small groups of students during camp and play hands-on math games.

Teachers in the Parks Pre-School

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 6/22 & 6/24; 6/29 & 7/1; 7/6 & 7/8; 7/13 & 7/15 • Times: 5-6 PM

Locations: Roosevelt Early Learning Center (Family Hour)

Gaffney Elementary (Start Smart sports)

Registration will be posted on the CSDNB website as we get closer.

Pathways-Senderos Center

Middle School and High School year round.

Youth development program 6th through 12th grade. **NO FEE**

43 Viets Street New Britain CT 06053 • 860-229-2776

www.pathways-senderos.com

Facebook: Pathways Senderos

Twitter: @pathwaysenderos



Kids with Special Needs

Hospital for Special Care Sports and Fitness

2150 Corbin Avenue, New Britain, CT 06053

860-223-2761

www.hfsc.org

ConneCT Kids (Resource page)

www.ct.gov/kids

Connecticut Family Support Network (Resource page)

ctfsn.org

New Britain School Listings

Adult Education

183 Steele Street
(860) 229-6106

New Britain High School Satellite Careers Academy

40 Goodwin Street
860-826-1065

New Britain Transitional Center

204 Merigold Drive
860-827-4577

Chamberlain Elementary School

120 Newington Avenue
(860) 832-5691

DiLoreto Elementary and Middle School

732 Slater Road
(860) 223-2885

Gaffney Elementary School

322 Slater Road
(860) 827-4577

Northend Elementary School

160 Bassett Street
(860) 223-3819

Roosevelt Early Learning Center

322 Slater Road
(860) 225-6247

HALS Academy

40 Goodwin Street
(860) 826-1866

Pulaski Middle School

757 Farmington Avenue
(860) 225-7665

Brook Side School

505 South Main Street
(860) 224-6450

Holmes Elementary School

2150 Stanley Street
(860) 223-8294

Roosevelt Early Learning Center

40 Goodwin Street
860-827-2017



Slade Middle School

183 Steele Street
860-225-6395

Smalley Elementary School

175 West Street
860-225-8647

Jefferson Elementary School

140 Horse Plain Road
860-223-8007

Lincoln Elementary School

145 Steele Street
860-229-2564

New Britain High School

110 Mill Street
860-225-6300

Smith Elementary School

142 Rutherford Street
860-223-1574

Vance Elementary School

183 Vance Street
860-225-8731



Partners

in the community

New Britain/Berlin YMCA

www.nbymca.org



New Britain YMCA

50 High Street, New Britain
(860) 229-3787

Berlin YMCA

362 Main Street, New Britain
(860) 357-2717

The New Britain/Berlin YMCA offers many programs for kids and families including dance, music, theater and clay/mixed media. Their youth programs include cooking, rock climbing, Ski Club, STEM, and Intro to Karate. Their youth sports include basketball, flag football, Mighty Mights, soccer, T-Ball, Floor Hockey/Pillo Polo, and volleyball. There is family swim time, swim lessons and swim team. Child care is also offered, along with School Vacation Fun Days and summer camp.

Group Swim Lessons • Age 6 mo-13 yrs 7 week sessions through the year Fee \$50-60 Dept: Aquatics	Private Swim Lessons • 4 Years+ Throughout the year Fee: 100-150 Dept: Aquatics
American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Courses • 15+ Throughout the year Fee \$350 • Dept: Aquatics	Intro to Dance • 2.5-9 Years Fee \$45-50 Dept: Fitness
American Red Cross Babysitting Course • 11-15 Years June 19th 9am-2pm September 18th 9am-2pm Fee \$40-60 • Dept: Fitness	Middle School Strength Training 11-14 Years 7 week sessions throughout the year Fee \$45-50 Dept: Fitness
Before and After School Childcare in NB Schools • Grades 5 -K School Calendar Year 2021-2022 Fee: \$83 Week School Aged Children	Before School Childcare Grades 5 -K School Calendar Year 2021-2022 Fee: \$40 Week School Aged Children
After School Childcare Grades 5-K School Calendar Year 2021-2022 Fee: \$60 Week School Aged Children	Combo Care (Before & After Care) Grades 5-K School Calendar Year 2021-2022 Fee: \$75 Week School Aged Children
Camp Thundermoon • 4-15 years Summer Months Fee: \$165-\$208/ week Price based on membership type and particular camp chosen Dept: Camp	New Britain School Readiness Program (50 High Street Location) • 2.9-5 years Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Sliding scale based on income & family size Dept: Childcare

Little Scholars (Campus Hospital for Special Care) • 6 Weeks Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee \$267 • Dept: Childcare	Little Scholars (Campus Hospital for Special Care) • 1-3 Years Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee \$267 • Dept: Childcare
Little Scholars (Campus Hospital for Special Care) • 3-5 Years Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee \$255 week/full -\$195 week /part-time Dept: Childcare	Childcare Academy (Hart St.) 1-3 Years Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee \$267 week/part time Dept: Childcare
Childcare Academy (Hart St.) 6 Weeks Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee \$267 week full-time • Dept: Childcare	Childcare Academy (Hart St.) 1-3 Years Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee: \$201 week part-time • Dept: Childcare
Berlin Childcare (Chamberlain Highway) 6 Weeks Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am 5:30pm Fee \$267 week full-time • Dept: Childcare	Berlin Childcare (Chamberlain Highway) 6 Weeks Year round Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm Fee: \$201 week part-time • Dept: Childcare
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Alton Brooks Baseball League 4-6 Years Fee: \$25-50/session Dept: Youth Sports	Alton Brooks Baseball League 7-9 Years Fee: \$25-50/session Dept: Youth Sports
Alton Brooks Baseball League 10-12 Years Fee: \$25-50/session Dept: Youth Sports	Soccer • 5-10 Years September - December Fee: \$20-50 session Dept: Youth Sports
T-Ball • 5-10 Years April-May Fee: \$20-50 session Dept: Youth Sports	Football • 5-10 Years September-October Fee: \$20-50 session • Dept: Youth Sports

Indoor Rockwall • Grades 1-8
Year Round
Fee: \$40-55 session
Dept: Youth Sports



YWCA
www.ywcanb.org

19 Franklin Square
(860) 225-4681

The YWCA provides life-changing programs to children and teens helping them gain confidence, opportunity, and independence. They provide a safe, comfortable place with warm and caring staff to nurture children and teens into the next generation of smart, capable leaders. Also offered is childcare for infants/toddlers, pre-schoolers and before/after school care. There are also gymnastics, karate, dance and theater programs.

YWCA New Britain Youth Programs

19 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051 • 860-225-4681

Website: www.ywcanb.org • Facebook: www.facebook.com/ywcanb

Twitter: www.twitter.com/YWCANewBritain

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ywcanewbritain

<p>Childcare Program - Toddler Dates: Monday – Friday; year-round Time: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$265/week</p>	<p>Childcare Program - Preschool Dates: Monday – Friday; year-round Time: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$10 – \$200/week (sliding fee scale)</p>
<p>Before & After School Program Grades K-5 Dates: Monday – Friday; September – June Time: 6:30 - 9:00 a.m., 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$125/week</p>	<p>Summer Sizzlers – Grades K-5 Dates: Monday – Friday June 21 – August 20 Time: 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$140/week</p>
<p>YWCA New Britain Institute of Martial Arts Classes – Ages 3+ Dates: Monday & Thursday; 10 week sessions offered year-round Time: Evenings (varies by class) Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: Starting at \$60/session (varies by class)</p>	<p>YWCA New Britain School of Dance Classes – Ages 3+ Dates: Monday – Saturday; September – April Time: Varies by class Where: YWCA New Britain, 19 Franklin Sq. Fee: Varies by class</p> <p>Tap & Ballet Class – Ages 5-7 Dates: Saturdays; July 3, 10, 17, & 24 Time: 10:15 – 11:00 a.m. Where: YWCA New Britain, 19 Franklin Sq. Fee: \$55 for the entire session</p>
<p>Twinkle Toes Dance Class – Ages 3-4 Dates: Saturdays; July 3, 10, 17, & 24 Time: 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$55 for the entire session</p>	<p>Hip Hop Class – Ages 8-10 Dates: Saturdays; July 3, 10, 17, & 24 Time: 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$55 for the entire session</p>
<p>STRIVE – Grades 6-8; Female Identifying Youth Dates: Monday – Friday September – June Time: After School Where: Pulaski Middle School Slade Middle School Fee: Free</p>	<p>House of Teens – Grades 9-12 Female Identifying Youth Dates: Monday – Friday; September – June Time: After School Where: YWCA East Side Community Center, 600 East Street Fee: Free</p>
<p>Summer Youth Employment Learning Program – Ages 14-17 Dates: Monday – Thursday July 6 – August 13 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Where: YWCA East Side Community Center, 600 East Street Fee: Free (and free transportation)</p>	<p>Yoga for Kids – Ages 4-6 Dates: Wednesdays; June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 Time: 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Where: YWCA New Britain 19 Franklin Square Fee: \$40 for the entire session (must bring own yoga mat)</p>

Boys and Girls Club of New Britain

150 Washington Street, New Britain, CT 06051 • (860) 229-2865

www.bgclubnb.org • www.facebook.com/bgclubnb

The mission statement of the New Britain Boys & Girls Club is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The club offers the following programs: A.C.E. Mentoring Program • Biddy Basketball Program • Homework Club • Healthy Foods Culinary Program • HOP Sports Program • SMART Girls • Youth of the Year

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME 2021

8:00am-4:00pm

www.bgclubnb.org/summer-2021-programs

June 21-25.....Blast Off into Summer
June 28-July 2....The Wild, Wild, Wild West
July 5- July 9Summer Olympics
July 12-16Around the World
July 19-23Caribbean Carnival
July 26-30Spirit Week
August 2-6.....Kids Choice
August 9-13Shark Week

Other Programs

SMART Girls - Skills Mastery and Resilience Training for girls.

SMART Moves - Skills Mastery and Resilience Training for boys.

Keystone Club - Keystone Clubs provide leadership development opportunities for young people ages 14 to 18. Youth participate in activities in three focus areas: academic success, career preparation and community service. With the guidance of an adult advisor, Keystone Clubs aim to have a positive impact on members, the Club and community.

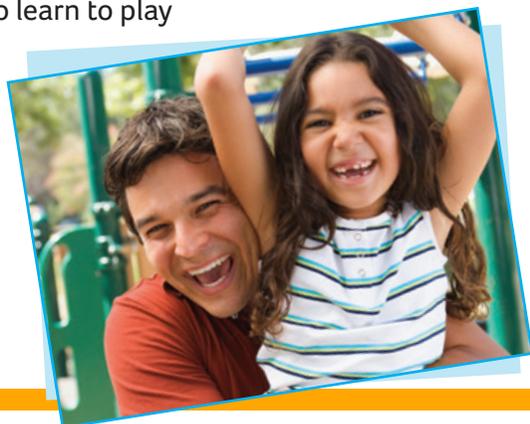
Project Learn – A leadership and mentoring program open to all members. Club staff uses all areas and programs in the Club to create high-yield learning activities.

Power Hour Homework Club - A great opportunity for kids and teens to get their homework completed in a quiet place with support from trained, caring staff at the Club.

Culinary Program – A professional chef from Whitson's Culinary Group provides classroom and kitchen lessons for members who sign up for this program.

Rock Band – Members can sign up to learn to play keyboard or guitar. Lessons are given from music teachers from the local middle school.

Biddy Basketball – Girls and boys ages 6-11 learn the fundamentals of basketball. If child is not a member of the club, there is a \$50 activity fee to participate.



Ice Cream



Ice cream, gelato and frozen yogurt

Treat the family to some of the best frozen goodies around town.

Frisbie's Dairy Barn

951 Farmington Avenue
New Britain
(860) 357-2520

Max Pizza II

79 Shuttle Meadow Avenue
New Britain
(860) 357-2974

YoYo Ice Cream

159 Main Street
New Britain
(860) 357-4755



Kids & Family
PASSPORT



**Were you a busy bee this summer?
Place a sticker in the honey comb for each place you
visited or activity you performed!**



My Favorite Summer Experience

Draw a picture of your favorite Summer Experience

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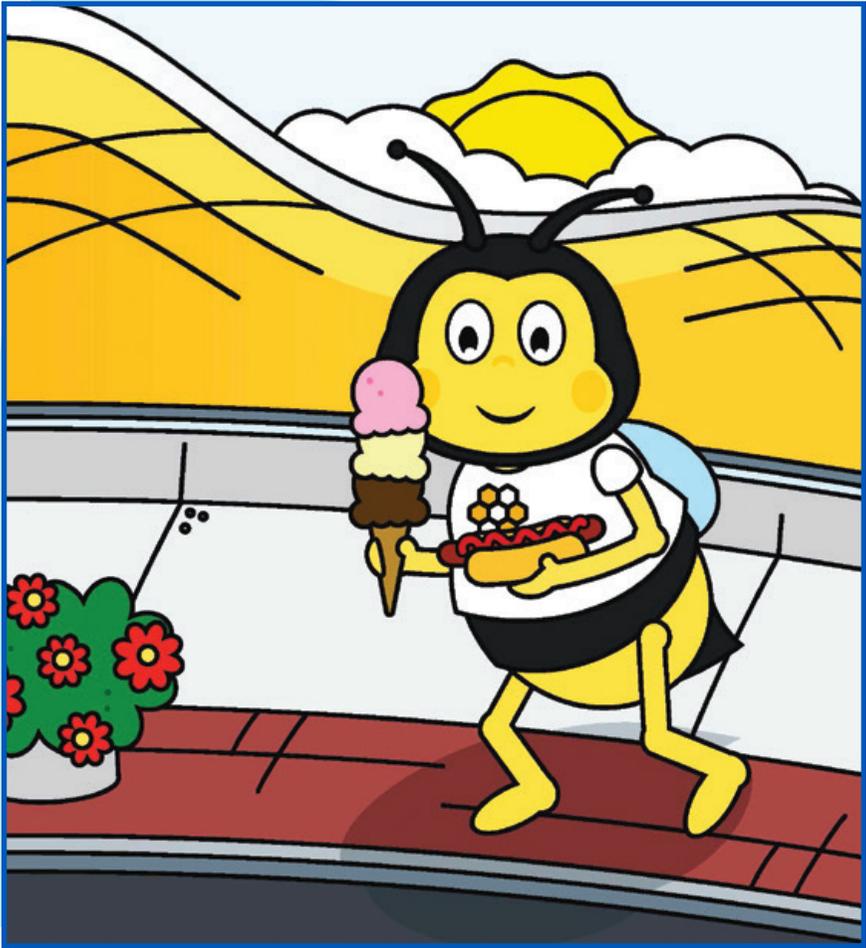
Describe what is in your picture



Share all your Summer fun on social media.

Simply use: **#2021NBSUMMERFUN**

 Facebook  Instagram  Twitter



Have a Fun Summer