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FAMILY CAMP OUT AT MUZZY FIELD Saturday, August 24, 2024

We are passionate about sharing outdoor exploration with our community. That said, keeping you and your family safe is our first priority. That is why you will find some guidelines below:

You and your entire family can experience a unique overnight camping experience. Join us for a night under the stars at the Family Camp Out at Muzzy Field. **Arrive anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm to receive your assigned campsite.**

A variety of activities, such as crafts, games, and giveaways will be set up on the field and concourse.

In the morning, there will be light refreshments at the Farewell Breakfast beginning at 6:00 am prior to **guest departure from Muzzy Field by 7:00 am.**

Registration is based on tent needs. If you will be supplying your own tent for the evening, please select "We will supply our own tent". If you're in need of a tent please register by tent size needed and follow the prompted questions to properly secure a tent with registration.

IMPORTANT INFO

What to bring?

Backpacks, duffle bags or small suitcases "carry-on" sized overnight bags are ideal.

Sleeping bag and sleeping pad (sleeping pad goes under your sleeping bag). Sleeping pads, cots or air mattresses are highly recommended within your tent. Keep in mind your assigned campsite will not have access to electricity.

Basic toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, and hairbrushes are ideal, and wet wipes are a great way to freshen up in a pinch.

Pajamas and sneakers/slip on shoes. (Shoes must always be worn when walking around Muzzy Field for safety reasons.)

Clothing should be comfortable. Casual clothes and/or pajamas, and good walking shoes are recommended. Remember to bring a jacket or sweater as it can get cooler in the evenings.

Food/snacks: you can bring small snacks or water. We will not be able to store your food. Coolers will need to be kept inside your tent. Small snacks and water are acceptable at your campsite. Please remember to properly dispose of all trash from the evening prior to departure.

Bug spray can come in handy prior to lights out while participating in activities on the concourse and field.



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Charging banks are a great idea and allow you to charge your device without an outlet.

What NOT to bring?

Please keep in mind that you will be sleeping near other residents, park patrons or and guests. We ask that you show the same courtesy and respect to them that you would like them to show you. Please leave the following at home:

- ANY kind of glass container
- Electrical hair appliances (blow dryers, straighteners, curling irons etc.)
- Unregistered guests. Only registered participants can attend a Campout. Chaperones are not permitted to bring any children who are not registered.
- Pets (unfortunately, no animals will be allowed into the Family Camp Out.)
- Alcohol and/or drugs of any kind. Please note, as of March 1, 2020, smoking/vaping is prohibited within City of Bristol parks and recreational spaces)
- Sentimental and valuable items that you wouldn't want to lose.

Adding Kids or Adults to Your Reservation?

If you need to add more children or adults to your reservation, please email parksandrecreation@bristolct.gov by August 8th at 5:30 pm.

Medical Conditions

Please DO NOT sign-up if you are sick, do not feel well or were recently exposed to someone who was sick recently.

If you need to bring a CPAP machine, please bring a battery power source. If a battery source is not available to you, please contact parksandrecreation@bristolct.gov by August 8th at 5:30 pm.

Our Campout staff will not administer any medication to anyone. If a child is bringing prescription medicine that needs to be taken during the campout, then either their parent/guardian must administer it to them.

First Aid

The BPRYCS department has a fully equipped first aid kit and will have all registration forms readily available if needed for an emergency.



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Arrival and Check-In

Getting to Muzzy Field

- Muzzy Field is located within Rockwell Park on Muzzy Street in Bristol, CT
- Guests can also utilize the entrances to Rockwell Park located on Jacobs Street and Park Street

Parking and Check-In

- Check-in is between 6:00 and 7:00 pm
- Parking is free of charge and available at Rockwell Park
- Check-in is conducted at the Front Gate of Muzzy Field where you will receive directions on where to go to begin your overnight experience.

Expectations

If a participant needs to go to the restroom, BPRYCS recommends an adult or chaperone go with them.

Parents/Guardians/Adult chaperones will be responsible for maintaining your group's adherence to the program's guidelines. Violation of these policies may result in removal of the participant from the program. BPRYCS is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please leave valuables at home.

What to Expect

Food

- BPRYCS recommends participants eat dinner prior to check in beginning at 6:00 pm.
- You can bring your own food if needed for dietary restrictions. All food must be stored inside assigned campsite tents. Small snacks and water are allowed at campsites.
- Participants are encouraged to bring plenty of water.

After Check-In

- Set up and settle into your assigned campsites and then explore the Muzzy Field Concourse on your own.
- Volunteers will be available to assist guests in setting up tents as needed.



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Welcome

- After tents are set up and campsites are ready, there will be welcome announcements and remarks. Campsite staff will review the schedule for the evening, guest expectations and introduces the key staff for the evening.

Family and Friends

Parents/guardians/chaperones are encouraged to:

- Participate and enjoy this unique experience together. Make memories that will last for a lifetime!
- Encourage engagement of the campers in the activities.
- After lights-out, it is up to you to keep your group quiet and settled.

All participants under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 24, 2024

6:00 – 6:30 pm	Check-In, Campsite Assignments, Set-Up
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Concourse & Field Activities, Settle into Campsite
7:30 – 7:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks
8:00 pm	Movie on the Big Screen / Glow Sticks / Pop-Corn
10:30 pm	Quite Time / Lights Out

Sunday, August 25, 2024

6:00 – 7:00 am	Farewell Breakfast, Pack-Up, Break Down Campsite
7:00 am	All Participants have departed from the Family Camp Out



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do I need camping experience to attend?

No, it is not required, but it is helpful to have some experience camping and setting up a tent. There will be staff members to help if needed.

How big are the campsites? Can I pick my site?

Campsites are approximately 10' x 10' and spaced 10' to 20' apart. Campsite may vary by group size. You will have the choice at registration to select if you will supply your own tent or if you will be needing one. Sites are assigned on a first- come, first-served basis.

How dark will it get outside?

The main field lights will be turned off but the stairwell and concourse areas will stay lit. Overall it will be fairly dark, but there will still be light in the area. The stadium lights may be turned on for a brief period of time following the movie showing to clean and pack up projection equipment – we apologize for the disruption.

Will it be quiet?

Muzzy field is located in downtown Bristol, situated amongst neighborhoods and main roadways. Campsites are located on the outfield within the facility. There are typically fewer cars passing by overnight but be aware that campers may hear emergency vehicle sirens or cars passing by in the distance.

What is the weather plan during outdoor campouts?

If severe weather (flash flooding, strong thunderstorm, tornado) occurs during the night, inside shelter will be provided. If inclement weather is forecasted a cancellation or makeup email will be sent out pending Muzzy Field scheduling and availability.

Will there be restrooms and showers nearby?

There are restrooms located off the concourse. There are no showers available for use during the Family Camp Out.

Can I drop off my children and pick them up in the morning?

No, all children under the age of 18 must attend with at least one chaperone/parent. Anyone under the age of 18 will not be allowed to check in without a parent/chaperone who is staying with their group.



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Can we bring food and beverages?

Attendees may bring their own food if needed due to dietary restrictions. Absolutely NO cooking will be allowed. Any food or coolers must remain stored inside your assigned campsite. Small snacks and water are acceptable within your campsite.



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Will I have access to my vehicle overnight?

After lights-out, the facility will be completely locked down and monitored by staff. BPRYCS asks all participants to visit their vehicle for any last minute needs prior to lights out. In case of emergency and a participant needs to access their vehicles during the night, they should let a staff member know.

If I am camping outdoors, will I be able to charge my electronic device?

There are no charging stations at the outdoor camp sites. We recommend outdoor campers bring a charging bank if needed.

Will there be any staff staying overnight on site?

Yes, there will be a full staff monitoring the building and grounds.

Can we check in early?

No, check-in will not begin early. Participants are encouraged to arrive between 6:00 and 7:00 pm for check-in.

What if I need to smoke?

Smoking/vaping is prohibited within City of Bristol's parks and recreation spaces. We kindly ask that you leave the premises if the need arises. Keep in mind the facility will be locked down at 10:30 pm with participants not able to leave the facility until 6:00 am.