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WELCOME

Mission

To provide and preserve quality parks and recreation opportunities for all.

Vision

A quality park system that meets the community's need for recreation and learning opportunities to benefit health and well-being.

A Message From Director Hills

Summer time is here, and it is time to have fun relax. As we welcome the positive energy and be bright days, we want to thank you for being a part of the Parks and Recreation family.

Our summer programming will continue to offer many opportunities for recreation and learning in a safe and inclusive environment that benefit our community as well as everyone's health and well-being. Our Tampa Parks and Recreation staff is looking forward to seeing familiar smiles back and welcoming new faces to our programs and facilities. In 2023, we will be focusing closely on the resiliency and sustainability of our programs and offerings.

As we continue to build upon our goals and fulfill our mission of providing and preserving quality parks and recreation opportunities for all, we also want to thank our dedicated staff for continuing to be the best they can be every day! They put the fun in Parks and Recreation. We look forward to seeing you all this summer!



FAQs & FYIs

Online Account Help

We have numerous resources available by visiting [Online AccountHelp](#). For additional assistance with your online account, you can also refer to our [Ticketing System](#) on the online account help webpage.

Payment Information

Payments may be made in cash, check, money order, or credit card. All checks or money orders should be made payable to the City of Tampa unless otherwise noted. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover.

Please note: Only credit card payments are accepted online.

Refund Policy

To view our complete refund policy for all of our various activities, please visit [our website](#).

Waiver Required

Participation in our programs and activities requires a signed waiver. By signing the waiver to participate in our programs, each patron recognizes the inherent risks involved in the program and accepts the nature of these risks. The patron holds the City of Tampa harmless for any damage caused by participation in these programs. Patrons will not be able to participate in programs if the waiver is not signed.

Code of Conduct

Participants and patrons are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times. The [Code of Conduct](#) consists of disciplinary guidelines set up to help the staff ensure a safe and productive environment for all our participants. All participants are responsible for understanding and adhering to these guidelines and are expected to follow the rules.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for helping their child(ren) understand and abide by these guidelines and for recognizing that unacceptable behavior shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Returned Checks

A minimum service fee of \$25 will be assessed to each returned check and will not exceed 5% of the face value of the check. Household activities and passes will be suspended until reimbursement is received. Reimbursements for returned checks and fees must be made with cash, money order, or credit card. Return of a second check will result in a "cash only" status on all future payments. Unpaid returned checks will be turned over to the State Attorney's Office.



LOCATIONS

Recreation Centers

To locate a community center near you and explore all the amenities they offer, please visit our [Recreation Center page](#).



Aquatic Facilities

To locate an aquatic center near you, please visit our [Pool Facilities](#) page where you can view the schedule of classes and lessons available at your local pool.

Ready for some fun? To locate an interactive splashpad near you, please visit our [Splash Pads](#) page.

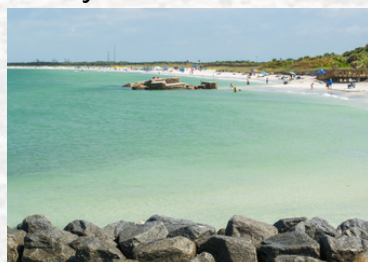


Parks & Beaches

To locate a park or beach near you and explore all the amenities they have to offer, please visit our [Parks & Facilities](#) page and utilize our [Park Finder Tool](#).

Looking for a dog friendly park near you? Check out our [Barks & Recreation](#) page to see a full listing of our locations.

Ready for a boat day? Visit our [Boat Ramp](#) page to find the most convenient launch point near you.



RENTALS

Whether it's a park, picnic shelter, gazebo, banquet hall or sport field, our parks are a favorite place for everyone to enjoy their special events, family get-togethers, and company outings. Please visit our [Rental Facilities Page](#) for detailed information about all our rental offerings.

Special Facilities & Community Centers



Tampa River Center

The [Tampa River Center](#) is a 2,880 sq. ft. premier event space along the west bank of the Hillsborough River. It features floor-to-ceiling glass windows that open to a covered terrace, offering a breathtaking view of Downtown Tampa. For rental information, please email TampaRiverCenter@TampaGov.net or call (813)274-7452.

Seminole Garden Center

In historic Seminole Heights, the [Seminole Garden Center](#) is an intimate event space that offers nature's splendor and peacefulness just outside of Downtown Tampa. For rental information, please email SeminoleGardenCenter@TampaGov.net or call (813)231-8900.



Ragan Park Center

Quietly located in East Tampa, The [Ragan Park Center](#) is a great location for making lasting memories with loved ones. For more information and to reserve the center, please call (813)242-5316.

Community Centers & Gymnasiums

Many of our Community Recreation Centers offer private [rentals](#) for small parties, tournaments and corporate events. Please contact your local [Recreation Center](#) directly to inquire about rates and availability.

RENTALS

Event & Park Rentals

We offer several specially designated Event Parks that offer Community Pavilions and Festival Lawns designed to offer public event space for special events, large festivals, music concerts, and much more. The [Office of Special Events](#) exists to serve the community and to guide event planners through the special event permitting procedure. Please visit us [online](#) or call [\(813\)274-8854](tel:(813)274-8854) for more information.

Picnic Shelters

We have picnic shelters available at over 30 different parks throughout the City. Reservations must be made at least three (3) business days in advance. You can reserve a picnic shelter [online](#) or call our Shelter Reservation Office at [\(813\)274-8184](tel:(813)274-8184). Picnic shelters are on a first come, first serve basis, unless reserved.

Field Rentals

We offer [Athletic Fields](#), softball/baseball diamonds, full-size courts, and multi-purpose fields. These can be reserved for organized play or tournaments by contacting [\(813\)731-9432](tel:(813)731-9432).



Boathouse

The Boathouse is located on the ground floor of the Tampa River Center at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park and offers 13,320 sq. ft. of storage for local rowing and dragon boat teams, and kayak and stand-up paddle board [rentals](#). For rental reservations, please call [\(813\)274-7453](tel:(813)274-7453).

Marina & Docks

Located on Davis Islands, situated at the mouth of the Hillsborough River, [Marjorie Park Yacht Basin](#) offers transient boat slip rentals, fuel and pumpout station.



We are thankful for all of our community partners!



Hillsborough County Florida



Our highest priority is to advance the quality of life in Tampa's neighborhoods by delivering consistent services; maintaining the safety and appearance of city parks and recreation facilities; and instilling community pride.

SUMMER CAMPS

Tampa Parks and Recreation will be offering a variety of camps during the summer in a safe and fun, manner. All participants are required to have a current Rec Card active throughout the program dates. Stay tuned for specific camp details and full registration information. We invite you to visit our [Summer Camp page](#) often for updates.

R.E.C. Camps

R.E.C. (Recreate. Educate. Create.) Camps are full day (7:30am-6pm), summer-long programs that run from May 30 to Aug 9. This year's theme will be “Think Green...Conserve, Protect, Reduce” for all R.E.C. Camp participants to experience. Our youth will enjoy activities such as crafts, games, sports, music art and theatre. They will also enjoy our Roving Chef Culinary program which includes hands-on cooking, food safety, menu planning, healthy eating tips, table setting demos, team building, and much more. There will even be field trips and activities planned safely on and off site for added fun.

Registration Dates

Beginning on March 27, R.E.C. Camps will be available for registration to City of Tampa Residents on a first come, first serve basis. Specialty Camp registration will also begin on March 27. Additional open R.E.C. spots will be made available to all non-residents beginning on April 3. To locate the community center nearest you, please visit our [Recreation Center page](#).

Register

Ages	Fee	Locations	
5-12	\$80	Benito Center	Copeland Center
		Cyrus Greene Center	Desoto Center
		Dr. MLK Center	Fair Oaks Center
		Forest Hills Center	Friendship Center
		Gwen Miller Center	Grant Park
		Henry and Ola Center	Highland Pines Center
		Hunt Center	Kate Jackson Center
		Kid Mason Center	Kwane Doster Center
		Loretta Ingraham Center	Jackson Heights Center
		Oak Park Center	Police Athletic League (PAL)
		Port Tampa Center	Rowlett Activity Center
		Rey Park Center	Springhill Center
		Temple Crest Center	Wellswood Center
		Williams Center	



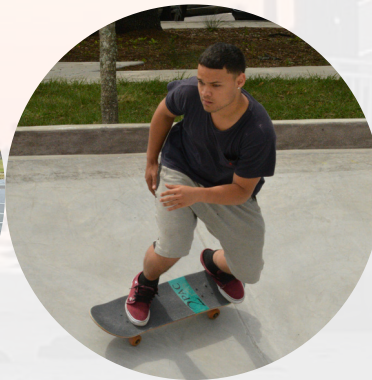
SUMMER CAMPS

Specialty Camps

Specialty Camps are really just that. Participants will spend the week enjoying in-depth explorations of their chosen specialized activity. Specialty Camps include everything from Theatre, Visual Arts, Gymnastics and Dance to Sports, Fishing, Rowing, and Aquatics. We also offer our Therapeutic Recreation, S.P.I.R.I.T. camp for camp goers with different needs. Beginning on March 27, Specialty Camps will be made available to City of Tampa Residents AND non-residents on a first come first serve basis.

Joe Abrahams Sports Camps

Enjoy these weeklong, full-day (9am-3pm) camps for a functions introduction to a variety of sports and skills! Designed for all levels of athletes, participants will be divvied by both age and ability. They will learn the fundamentals of various sports such as soccer, tennis, basketball, flag football, kickball, baseball/softball, cheer, dance, gymnastics, and skateboarding.



Register

Ages	Fee	Location
6-13	\$80-100	New Tampa and Wayne Papy

Early drop off at 7:30am and late pick up from 3:00 to 5:30pm available for \$25.00/week



SUMMER CAMPS

Aquatic Camps

Make a splash with these weeklong, full-day camps (9am-4pm) that have something for everyone who loves anything water related. They will enjoy a variety of pool activities from basic swim and key log rolling to underwater games and swim safety. Specialty themed camps will range in ages from 5-14.

Register

Camp Program	Fee	Location
Mangrove Marcus Adventure Camp	\$100	Loretta Ingraham Pool
Camp H2O	\$100	Cuscaden Pool
Jr. Lifeguard Camp	\$100	Bobby Hicks Pool
Mermaid & Pirate Camp	\$100	Roy Jenkins Pool



Reel Fishing Camp

Jump in hook, line and sinker with these weeklong, half-day camps 8:30 am - 1 pm that have something for everyone who loves to fish. Learn all the basics of fishing, including tying knots, casting, reeling, and setting hooks and drags. Participants will also learn about marine life, and fishing regulations. Fishing camp will start at Marjorie Park Marina each morning and then venture out to different fishing places each day. Each week of camp will also include one off-shore fishing day, weather permitting.

Register

Ages	Fee	Location
8-13	\$100 TBD	Joe Abraham Center at Ballast Point



Recreational Rowing Camps

Camp is 9:00am-3:00pm, and is designed for beginner through intermediate rowers. No experience necessary! Campers will be divided by age, ability, and any previous rowing experience. Activities will vary each week. Campers will learn rowing technique and fundamentals through on the water coaching as well as rowing machine training. They will also participate in other paddling sports such as kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. The week will conclude with a race and awards ceremony at the Tampa River Center.

Register

Ages	Fee	Location
11-17	\$100 per week	JBL Riverfront Park/ Tampa River Center Boathouse



NO CAMP
June 19th
July 4th

Early drop off at 7:30am and late pick up from 3:00 to 5:30pm available for \$25.00/week



SUMMER CAMPS

Champ City Athletic Camps

We are excited for our various weeklong Athletic camp. Children will be able to learn basic fundamentals of the sport, how to be a team player, and understand what it means to persevere and go to the limit.

Champ City Tennis Camp

Get ready for some racket fun for our weeklong, half-day camps 9 am – 1 pm that has something for everyone who loves to play Tennis. They will be taught the basics and learn how to play the game of Tennis with other players. See you on the court!

Register

Ages

6-16



C

Shoot for the stars at our JBL So 1:00pm. This camp is designed for children of all ability levels that are interested in advancing their soccer skills. No experience necessary! Kids will learn the fundamentals of soccer, including dribbling, kicking, passing, heading, guarding and throw-ins.

Register

Ages

6-13

Fee

\$80

Location

JBL Riverfront Park



SUMMER CAMP

Art Camps

Young artists will create one-of-a-kind works of art inspired loosely based on the week's theme. Projects may include painting, drawing, glass, video, paper, wood, clay sculpting, sewing, print making and so much more! Camps include Kids Create and Art Exploration.

Register



Ages	Fee	Location
13-18 (full day, 9am-4pm)	\$100	Taylor Art Studio
8-12 (full day, 9am-4pm)	\$100	North Hubert Art Studio
		Bryan Glazer Family JCC
5-7 (half day, 10am-12:30pm)	\$50	North Hubert Art Studio
5-7 (half day, 1:30-4pm)	\$50	North Hubert Art Studio



Early drop off at 8am and late pick up from 6pm available for \$25.00/week



Arts Theatre Camps

Arts Theatre Company this summer and nurture your child's creative voice! Our programs not only build a solid foundation in performing and technical theatre skills, but they also help to identify and stimulate emotional, social, and intellectual growth. Camps are taught by working theatre professionals with a focus on arts education. See what theatre can do for your child this summer. You would like to enroll your child in morning and afternoon sessions. Please pack a lunch for your camper every day. Due to camp capacity, students may only enroll in one session of certain camps.

Register

	Fee	NO
6-9, 10-13	\$75 (half day)	

**June 19th
July 4th**

Children will need to pack water, lunch and two snacks to get them through the day. Please call the camp host site if you should have any additional questions concerning the camp.
*Additional fees will be charged if your child is picked up later than 6:00pm.



EARLY EDUCATION

Tampa Toddlers In Transition Camp

Join Tampa Toddlers in Transition (T.T.N.T.) for a fun-filled half-day week of activities, games, social interaction, water safety and more in a mini summer camp setting. Participants must be potty trained. Parents must stay and enjoy the hands-on experience with their children.

Register

Ages	Fee	Location
2-5	\$20	Cuscaden Pool

June 19th
July 4th



High Five - 1/2 Day Camps

Enjoy these weeklong, half-day (9am-12pm) camps for a fun introduction to a variety of sports and skills specifically designed for our youngest athletes! Weekly camps keep participants active and learning by focusing on a variety of unique themed activities that focus on anything from sports and movement or tumble and cheer to outer space and under the sea adventures. They will have a ball each week being creative with activities and crafts and learning about teamwork and sportsmanship.

Register

Ages	Fee	Location
5	\$50	New Tampa and Wayne Papy

These are HALF DAY CAMPS for 5 year old's. Before or after care is unavailable. Most High 5 Camps have a showcase on Fridays for family and friends to enjoy.



TEENS

Teens Leading Change Camp

TLC is a traditional, full day camp, for all teens ages 13-17, which provides participants with a fun summer, packed with opportunities for growth to help become successful in life and be positive contributors to the community. Examples of life skill sessions include character development, financial literacy, goal setting, time management, team building, self-worth, and communication. Participants will also enjoy field trips and activities such as crafts, sports, music classes, and visits from the department's Roving Culinary Chef program.



Performing Arts in Motion

This program's mission is to bring an art bas to all teens enrolled in our TLC Summer Cam charge. Making the arts available to teens a City of Tampa is the driving force behind thi mission. Participants will receive hands-on o from theatre and dance to music, and specia



Register

Ages	Fee	Location	
13-17	\$80	Copeland Center	DR. MLK Center
		Grant Park	Jackson Heights
		Rey Park Center	Springhill Center



Stay and Play

Looking for after hour teen activities? Select Rec c invite all teens ages 13-17 to Stay & Play, where t safely socialize, workout and game together. Cente below will remain open daily from 6:30pm to 11pm.



Ages	Fee	Location	
13-17	FREE with Rec Card	Copeland Center	Cyrus Greene Center
		Desoto Center	DR. MLK Center
		Grant Park	Gwendolyn Miller
		Jackson Heights	Springhill Center
		Williams Park	



TEENS

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The Mayor's Youth Corps

The Mayor's Youth Corps (MYC) is an influential organization of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students competitively selected from City of Tampa schools who have a voice to the mayor, opportunities for community service, civic engagement, and leadership development, as well as a youth-oriented social media presence. MYC members can also participate in state and national conferences to share, learn, and network with youth and elected leaders from across the country. Please visit the [Youth Corps Website](#) for more information.



The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC) consists of current high school students who have successfully completed the Mayor's Youth Corps program. MYLC members continue their work with the MYC and serve as mentors to new members.

ADULTS/SENIORS



Social Activities

Being a senior in Tampa is better than ever! Recognizing the diverse aging populations, we challenge ageism, celebrate the wisdom and experience of age, and provide opportunities to engage in meaningful activities, which enhance one's personal well-being.

We value the importance of social interaction for our adult population and consistently offer a wide variety of senior programming, which includes aquatic exercise classes, adult fitness classes, Pilates, stretching, table games, computer classes, line dancing, arts & crafts, table tennis, pickleball, glass fusion, ceramics, pottery, jewelry design and bunco.

Many activities are free with a Rec Card, while other class rates vary based on supply costs. Please visit our [Seniors Page](#) to see our full listing of programs, locations, times, dates, associated fees and to sign up today!

Ages 50+ Locations

Barksdale	Fair Oaks
Williams	Ragan
Cordelia B. Hunt	



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

S.P.I.R.I.T.

INCLUSIVE RECREATION IN TAMPA

We strive to offer fun, specialized, adaptive, and inclusive recreation opportunities in our community. Our [SPIRIT program](#) is designed to create safe, welcoming spaces.

We also offer fun, adaptive, and inclusive recreation opportunities in our community including after school, art, athletic, fitness, and life skill programs.

Individuals requesting an accommodation to participate in an inclusive Parks and Recreation program, please contact our [Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator](#) for an accommodation request for the desired class. Accommodation requests must be received 10 days before the start of the class or activity. For accommodations for swim opportunities, please contact the pool administrators directly.



S.P.I.R.I.T. SUMMER CAMP

S.P.I.R.I.T. camp will keep your child moving, thinking, and creating all summer long. Your child will create new memories, make new friends, and have fun in an environment where they can feel comfortable and secure. Our participants have a variety of diagnoses, including developmental challenges, learning disabilities, Down Syndrome, and Autism Spectrum Disorder. A current Rec Card is required for the duration of the program. If you have questions, please contact Casey Tolar at [\(813\)853-2115](tel:8138532115).

Register

Ages	Fee	Location
6-14	\$80	Kathryn Malone Center



Tampa Parks & Recreation strives to make our programs, services, and activities accessible to qualified individuals with disabilities. If you feel you need a particular modification to access any service, the city will make reasonable modifications to ensure accessibility to such individuals.



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Disabilities Act



CREATIVE ARTS



We are proud to offer performing arts experiences that connect the youth of Tampa to their creativity. Our programs bring dynamic instruction and professional quality production together to encourage everyone to make art a part of their life. Please visit our [Theatre Page](#) to explore the upcoming schedules at a center near you!

Creative Arts Theater

Creative Arts Theatre is the City of Tampa's resident, professional theatre company for young audiences. A staff of five (5) professional artists create and perform innovative theatre experiences, inspired by classic and contemporary children's literature. Their mission is to encourage literacy throughout Hillsborough County through the magic of live performance. Shows tour to various libraries and community centers throughout Tampa. All performances are FREE for the general public.



VISUAL ARTS

We offer a wide range of classes including ceramic sculpture, pottery, oil painting, watercolor, drawing, digital, mixed media, jewelry, glass fusion, stained glass, fiber arts, and printmaking. These classes, workshops, and camps are for anyone looking to explore and develop their creativity in a nurturing and supportive environment.

The City of Tampa Visual Arts Department boasts two(2) cone, 10 gas kilns, two (2) vitragraph kilns, nine (9) glass fusion kilns, two (2) raku kilns and 14 electric kilns dispersed amongst four (4) community art centers. We offer classes in printmaking, painting, pastels, drawing, rotating fiber art workshops, glass fusion, jewelry making, sculpture, mixed media, ceramics, and much, much more! Class schedules vary from studio to studio.

Links to individual studio schedules can be found by visiting our [Visual Arts](#) page.

Wheel & Hand Building

Learn all levels of techniques on the potter's wheel. Beginners will study basic methods including centering, pulling walls, trimming, and glazing. As students progress, projects may include throwing altered forms, lid making, and pot assembly. High and low fire glazes are discussed as well as advanced surface decoration using texture, slips, and wax resist techniques.

Glass Fusion

Students ages 18+ will learn the different expansion rates of glass and how they will react together as well as learn how to cut and place the glass together to create artful forms and jewelry. Those interested in participating are encouraged to call the studio to discuss skill level and materials needed prior to registering for the class. Glass and tools are provided for use during the first class. Tools and glass can be purchased from the studio for future projects. All participants must always wear closed toed shoes.



VISUAL ARTS

Oil Painting With the Masters

Learn to paint with oil in the styles of the many great masters! Shading, highlights, color theory and modeling are all discussed. Classes are designed for students of all levels.

Picture It In Pastels Workshop

Do you love painting and drawing? Pastels are the perfect mix! The ease of drawing with the brilliant color of oil paint is so relaxing. This month-long workshop will focus on the fundamentals of this age old technique. Soft pastels have a fast and forgiving nature. This class will provide an understanding of the concepts and techniques of pastel painting for students of all levels.

Jewelry and Metal Sculpture

This class offers instruction in the fundamentals of metal jewelry making. Students learn basic skills in metal preparation, including sanding, stamping, roller mill texturing, soldering, and various cold connections. Students are provided individualized instruction along with practical demonstrations as they design and construct jewelry or small tabletop sculptures for personal use and gifts.



There is more to discover!

Check us out on the web or give us a call.

N. Hubert Art Studio (813)292-2911

Taylor Art Studio (813)274-8364

Roberta M. Golding Art Studio (813)259-1687

Ybor Art Studio (813)242-5370



AQUATICS

Alert:
Now hiring
lifeguards.
Apply Today!

Swimming is a life-long skill that everyone can enjoy regardless of age. We offer year-round Swimming and Water Safety programs through the American Red Cross. Participants learn how to be safe in, on, or around water and through progressive levels, learn knowledge and skills needed for aquatic skill development.

Please visit our [Pool Facilities page](#) to view the schedule of classes and lessons available at your local pool.



All participants must purchase a Rec Card to use any facility or participate in any program including Lap Swim, Water Aerobics, etc. Lap Swim participants must also purchase a Lap Swim Pass or pay a daily drop in fee. Open Swim sessions are free to Rec Card holders. Non Rec Card holders must pay the daily drop in fee. *Proper swim attire required for pool activities and classes.

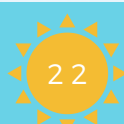


Parent & Child Aquatics **(Ages 6 months to 3 years)**

This program familiarizes young children to the water and prepares them to learn to swim. Parents are given safety information and taught techniques to help orient their children to The water and direct regarding how to supervise water activities. This great bonding experience with wonderful lifelong memories.

Pre-school Aquatics **(Ages 3 to 5 years)**

This program promotes the developmentally appropriate learning of fundamental water safety and aquatic skills by young children. Skills include aquatic and water safety with water entry/exit, breath control and submerging, buoyancy, changing direction and position, treading, swim on front and back, and water safety.



AQUATICS

Learn to Swim (Levels 1-3) (Ages 6 and up)

In levels 1-3, participants work to improve on their water comfort level and begin to learn the basics of swimming. As the levels increase, the swimmer's body position becomes more horizontal and they start to make forward progress in the water with ease. Please speak with an instructor today if you are unsure of participant's current swim level.

(Level 4-6) (Ages 6 and up)

The Learn to Swim program teaches aquatic and personal water safety skills in a logical progression. With six (6) levels of progression, participants build on their basic skills to learn various propulsive movements on the front, back, and side. As the levels increase, stroke refinement and endurance increase.

*Must pass Red Cross Level 3 Water Competency Exit Assessment

Lap Swim (Ages 18 and up or by special permission)

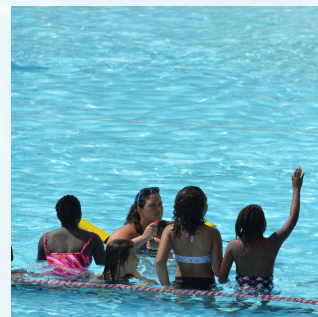
A Rec Card and Swim Pass or Daily Drop-In Fee are required. Lap lanes are reserved for lap swim or aqua jogging. Shared lanes and circle swim may be required depending on participant volume. Individuals under 18 should speak with the pool staff about permission to use the lanes.

Open Swim

Enjoy the pool and all its amenities. Proper swim attire is required. All participants must have a current Rec Card or pay the daily drop in fee. Children under eight (8) years old must be accompanied by an adult in and out of the water. All swimmers under 18 years old will be swim tested and given the appropriate wrist band to signify shallow or deep swim ability. All floatation devices must be Coast Guard approved. Life vests are available for use upon request.

Aquatic Fitness

Water fitness is one of the most effective, low-impact physical activities available. We offer exercise programs that enhance flexibility, body awareness, balance, coordination, stamina and strength.



AQUATICS

Aquatic Leaders
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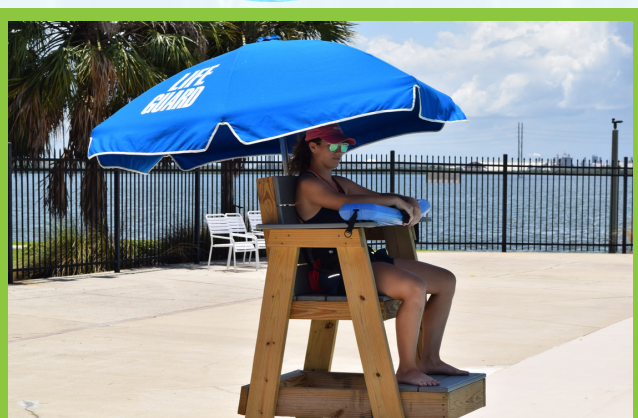
Lifeguard Opportunities

Our Aquatics division operates 12 pools and 9 Splash Pads located throughout the city. 8 pools are open year-round and 4 are seasonal pools open in the summer months.

- Candidates must pass the lifeguard certification program to be eligible for hire.
- Candidates must be at least 16 years old and successfully complete the American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification Course including First Aid/CPR/AED.
- Currently, certified candidates may [apply](#) on our Jobs page. (\$15/hr to start; 30 hrs a week)
- [Lifeguard Classes](#) are offered at many of our pools and the certification is required prior to employment.
- Contact the Aquatic Office at [\(813\)274-7732](tel:8132747732) for more information.



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ATHLETICS

Our Athletics Division provides a wide variety of enjoyable recreation activities and opportunities to the residents and visitors of Tampa.

Our [Athletics Program](#) incorporates staff-led, contractor-led, and co-sponsored programs.



Volunteer Coaches Needed!

We depend on our volunteers to assist in coaching youth sports programs. Please consider volunteering to coach or assist with your child's team when registering. All volunteer applicants must pass a background check to qualify. For more information, please contact the Athletics Office at (813)250-3314.



Youth Leagues

Youth Athletic Leagues, which seasonally include T-ball, girls softball, football, hockey, basketball, soccer, and girls flag football, are designed to allow all participants ages 5-18 a chance to improve their athletic skills in a fun and safe environment. Additional football, baseball, and soccer leagues are made available through collaborative partner organizations.

For contact information and seasonal scheduling, please visit our [Youth Leagues & Sports Page](#).

Adult Leagues

More than just being fun, research has proven that people live longer, healthier lives when they engage in activities outside the home. We partner with seasonal leagues that include softball, basketball and kickball.

Please visit our [Adult Leagues Page](#) for specific dates and details on how to register.



ATHLETICS

Courts

Our Athletic Division offers a variety of activities and sports to partake in. Want to participate? Use our [Park Finder](#) to locate the closest facility to you!

Tennis

Court Rentals and Private Lessons are available in our summer months. Please visit our [Tennis Page](#) for more information. Our outdoor tennis hard and clay courts are open from sunrise to sunset. They are available for play on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wheelchair Tennis

[Wheelchair Tennis](#) is one of the forms of tennis adapted for wheelchair users. The size of the court, net height and rackets are the same, but there are two major differences from pedestrian tennis: athletes use specially designed wheelchairs, and the ball may bounce up to two times, where the second bounce may also occur outside the court.

Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport that incorporates elements from tennis and ping-pong for a fast, social game for everyone. We also offer [Indoor and Outdoor Pickleball](#) at select locations.

Sand Volleyball

Sand volleyball is a team sport played by two teams of two or more players on a sand court divided by a net. Similar to indoor volleyball, the objective is to send the ball over the net and to ground it on the opponent's side of the court.

Locations	
American Legion Ben T. Davis Beach	
Cypress Point	McDugland
Picnic Island	

Racquetball

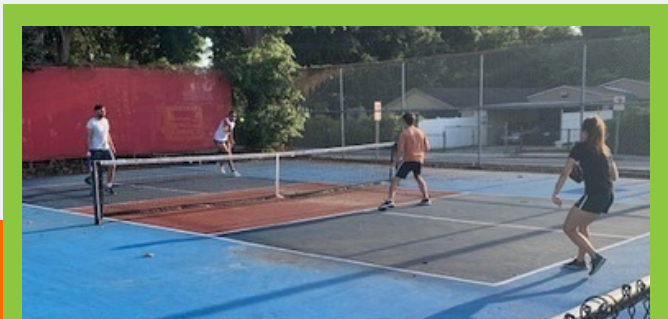
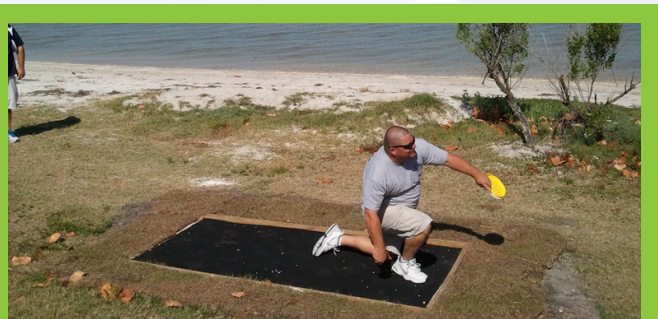
Racquetball is a racquet sport and a team sport played with a hollow rubber ball on an indoor or outdoor court. Joseph Sobek invented the modern sport of racquetball in 1950, adding a stringed racquet to paddleball in order to increase velocity and control.

Locations	
Al Barnes Jr.	Copeland
Davis Islands	Forest Hills
Highland Pine	Julian B. Lane
Macfarlane	Rowlett Activity Center

Disc Golf

Disc golf, more commonly known as Frisbee Golf, is a flying disc sport in which players throw a disc at a target; it is played using rules similar to golf.

Locations	
Cypress Point	Picnic Island
USF	



ATHLETICS

Team Tampa

We have partnered with [CANDO](#) to offer a quality [Team Tampa Competitive Sports Program](#) designed to develop a child's athletic skills, create a sense of teamwork, and motivate athletes to work hard while having fun. This partnership has created a year-round program for any child that has a desire to pursue rowing, basketball, softball, gymnastics, or dance.



Team Tampa Rowing

Open to all Middle and High School students who want to try a new sport, get a great workout, and have fun on the water! We offer the first week of practice free so that participants can try rowing without a long-term commitment. Our season runs year-round. We operate out of the Tampa River Center Boathouse located at Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. Our practice schedule is flexible so athletes can still participate in other club and activities. Consider joining our Team Tampa Row family. For more information about the rowing program, please email Victoria.Mattie@tampagov.net.



Team Tampa Basketball

The Team Tampa Basketball program is designed to develop a child's athletic skills, create a sense of teamwork, and motivate athletes to work hard while having fun. This year-round program is for any child who has the desire to play basketball. Our basketball program is designed for boys and girls ages 5 through 17, with a curriculum that includes weekly training, summer camps, recreational leagues, competitive travel teams. For more information, email TTBasketball@CandoSports.org.

Team Tampa Softball

The Team Tampa Softball program focuses on developing student athletes to be future leaders through their commitment, dedication and work ethic both on and off the field. Our Team Tampa program offers competitive ball for 10u- 18u and has provided several former athletes the ability to play at the next level in college. For more information, please email TTSoftball@CandoSports.org.



TAMPA GYMNASTICS & DANCE

Tampa Gym and Dance (TGD) facilitates a relaxed and fun environment where every child will feel comfortable learning. We offer the highest quality recreational and competitive [Gymnastics](#) and [Dance](#) programs for ages 1-17 years old at two convenient locations, the New Tampa Community Park Recreation Center and Wayne C. Papy Athletic Center. For assistance on how to join our TGD waitlist, please visit [Online Account Help](#).

Now hiring Gymnastics & Dance Leaders. If interested, please contact our Gym & Dance Office at (813)274-7725 for more information.



Recreational Gymnastics Classes

Parent & Tot

This is a fun class for both the child and one (1) adult to enjoy! The first part of the class is free exploration of a variety of gymnastics activities within a designated area. They will then finish with some fun group activities, parachute and songs!

Transitional

This class is a combination of Parent and Tot and Preschool. This gives the child an opportunity to follow the guidelines and structure of a preschool class, while still having one (1) adult in the class to help if needed. They will then finish with some fun group activities and parachute, similar to a Parent and Tot class.

Programs Include

These are age-based recreational gymnastics classes with no skill requirements needed. They will learn basic gymnastics fundamentals on vault, bars, beam, floor and TumbleTrak. Additional programs include: Preschool, Kindergarten Gym Stars, Boys in Action, and Tumbling classes.

Developmental Gymnastics Classes

These are permission-based classes that will give children a little more structure to get them prepared for our competitive programs. They will need to be invited to these classes by the instructor.

Programs Include:

Tiny Tumblers, Mighty Mites 1 & 2, Gym Achievers.

Competitive Gymnastics Classes

Our Team Tampa competitive program participates in both the AAU and USAG programs of gymnastics. We offer an outstanding curriculum, state of the art facilities, and expert coaching, with over 25 years of teamwork developing champions of all ages, at an affordable price for all athletes. Scholarships are available thanks to our collaborative partnership with [CANDO](#).

Programs Include:

Levels 2-10 and XCEL Silver, and Gold.



TAMPA GYMNASTICS & DANCE

Recreational Dance Classes

These are age-based recreational classes with no skill requirements needed. They will learn basic dance fundamentals. Permission-based classes that offer additional structure are also available on an invitation basis.

Programs Include:

Preschool Dance, Kinder D Dance Stars 1 & 2, Pre-Te and Hip Hop, Dance Star Hip Hop 1 & 2, Dance Star Lyrical.



Developmental Dance Classes

These are permission-based dance classes that will give children a little more structure to get them prepared for our competitive program. They will need to be invited to these classes by the instructor.

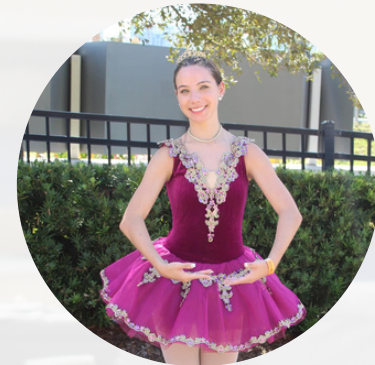
Programs Include:

Kinder Starlets, Dance Starlets 1, 2, and 3, a Permission Pointe, Permission Lyrical, and Permission Hip Hop



Showstars

Our Team Tampa Showstar program offer Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, and a Production group. In partnership with [CANDO](#), they participate in community outreach through shows, parades, and a big recital at the end of the year.



FITNESS

Physical fitness is proven to be one of the best ways to stay healthy and motivated. Please visit our [Fitness Page](#) to learn more about what Tampa Parks & Recreation has available in terms of classes and programs, which include everything from traditional Stretch, Cardio, Toning, Weights and Personal Training to Yoga, Pilates, Self-Defense, Zumba, Line Dancing, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Tai Kwon Do, and Spin.

Memberships

Our Joe Abrahams Fitness & Wellness Center offers a membership program that includes access to all the weights, cardiovascular equipment, and most classes (additional fees apply for certain programs).

Community Center Fitness Room

Not interested in a membership? One of the benefits of having an annual Rec Card is the use of fitness rooms and open gymnasiums at your local community center.



Training Box

The Tampa Training Box is a fitness community that supports our youth athletes in the City of Tampa. In partnership with [CANDO Sports](#), we commit 50% of all proceeds to go directly to the scholarship fund for the City of Tampa youth. Train with us and you, “Train with a purpose.” For more information and upcoming schedule availability, please contact our New Tampa Recreation Center at [\(813\)975-2794](#).





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