

Town of Franklin

Municipal Services Guide

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Franklin Senior Center

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Recreation Department
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT



(508) 520-4909

~ Registration Information ~

Walk-In Registration for Spring Programs will begin on **Monday, February 1st at 8:30 am** at the **Old Town Hall**,
Except for **Boston Red Sox tickets, March 1st**

In an effort to alleviate the heavy rush of registrations, we will open **ONLINE** registration through our website as well. ON programs where registration fills up quickly, we will permit 1/2 of the spots to be reserved online. Please go to our website <http://www.franklin.ma.us/recreation>

Please click on "**Program Registration**" and look for the link "**ONLINE REGISTRATION**" where you will be directed to a secure site. You can enter your information (Name, address, phone, email) as well as credit card information. You will receive a confirmation email if your transaction was processed correctly. Please know that you will not receive any other contact and expect you to know the full details of each program.

Ⓢ **Recreation Department Policies:**

All programs are offered to Franklin Residents on a first come, first serve basis. Franklin Recreation reserves the right to cancel or consolidate any program that does not meet the minimum participant registration numbers. Remember nothing terminates a program faster than waiting until the last minute to register. Avoid disappointment and register promptly. Please check to make sure the program has met the minimum participant requirement if you have any questions.

Ⓢ **Participants Responsibility:**

We ask all participants to respect the staff, volunteers, coaches, other participants, age requirements, and the equipment we use. Additional rules will be announced at each program. If a participant fails to cooperate with the rules, the Director reserves the right to dismiss or suspend a participant in any program without a refund or fees returned.

Franklin Recreation is not a day care, after-school care program or babysitting service. Please read and understand the policies. If they are unclear to you, please ask questions. All participants must pre-register and sign a waiver for ALL programs. The program coordinator on duty is solely responsible for the activities taking place. Children should not be left unattended in the building or at the fields at any time. Please be on time dropping off and picking up children from their programs. Failure to do so will result in additional cost, penalties or suspension from programming.

Ⓢ **Registration:**

Registration for programs will be during the regular operating hours listed in the seasonal brochure that is sent to each Franklin household. Registrations will be accepted until the program is full or 1 week prior to the start date. In some cases, registration will be accepted up till the start of the program. You may register for a program at the Old Town Hall 150 Emmons Street, Monday-Friday. We now accept mail in registration by printing off a copy of our waiver form, and sending a check with the registrant's information. All Franklin residents will be given first opportunity to sign up for a program. If a particular program sells out quickly, non-residents may not be allowed to register. Included on our website in the "Program Registration" area is the mail in registration forms which can be U.S. mailed into our office.

Ⓢ **Non-Residents:**

Non-Residents can register for programs for an additional fee pending space available. You must fill out a registration form during the registration times in order to be placed on a waiting list. Program fee plus an additional non-resident fee will be collected prior to the start of the program should space allow. I.e: Season swim pass: Resident \$75, non-resident \$125

Ⓢ **Payments:**

Payment is due at the time of registration, check or money order made payable to Town of Franklin. A fee of \$35 will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds. Failure to pay at the time of registration will result in a "FREEZE" on your account. No new registration or programming will be allowed until the \$35 fee is paid.

Ⓢ **Course Confirmation:**

No confirmations are sent out!!!! Please understand that it is the registrant's responsibility to know the date, time, and location of any program. A participant is registered only when payment is received, unless the department notifies you otherwise. We will only notify you if there are any problems or changes.

Ⓢ **Weather Cancellations:**

When the Franklin School Department cancels school because of emergencies or weather conditions; all Recreation Department programming will be cancelled for the entire day. If a storm develops later in the day, please call the Recreation Department's weather line, 520-4909 ext. 2, or visit our website at www.franklin.ma.us/recreation and go to News, Cancellations, and Upcoming events for an update.

Ⓢ **Switching Programs:**

If space allows and you wish to switch to another program, we will be happy to switch you to that program. However, receipt numbers and participant information must be presented in person at the Recreation office.

Ⓢ **Refund Policy:**

All programs are refundable within 7 days before the program starts, unless the Recreation Department cancels a program, or you have mailed in a registration and no openings exist. You may request to withdraw from a program in sufficient time (7 days prior), pending that a replacement can be found and no costs have been incurred by the Recreation Department.

Ⓢ **Special Needs:**

Children and adults with special needs are encouraged to participate in recreation programs. Staff members are sensitive to your needs and will do everything possible to assist you. If you are interested in participating in a program, but are not sure about the facility, transportation, or wish to discuss program details, please call the Director of Recreation and ADA Coordinator, Ryan Jette to ask about specifics. The Town of Franklin is working toward bringing all facilities into compliance with ADA guidelines. For a copy of our ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, please see Ryan Jette (Director of Recreation & ADA Coordinator).

Ⓢ **Dog Ordinances:**

In order to keep our parks clean and enjoyable for everyone, please remember if you are a dog owner to keep your dog on a leash and to clean up after your pet. It's the law in Franklin. The Recreation Department is currently working on the plans for a dog park in town, until then, please respect our field users and leash your pets.

Ⓢ **Inability to Pay:**

It is the policy of the Recreation Department that no resident of the Town shall be refused participation in a program or the use of facilities because of inability to pay. Confidential applications can be made to the Director of Recreation, and if a hardship exists, the applicant may be granted a reduction in fee at the discretion of the Director. Please contact Ryan Jette in writing and include a copy of your most current 1040 tax form or a copy of a public assistance record. Report ALL household income!

Ⓢ **Field & Facility Use:**

To use a field or facility, you must fill out a facility use form at the Recreation Department or print one off our website and mail it in. All users must adhere to our field & facility use policies and furnish liability insurance coverage for the Town of Franklin. Permits will be issued prior to date of use. Print a field use form off our website at: www.franklin.ma.us/town/recreation/FIELD_USE_GUIDE.

Pee Wee Baseball



This introductory league is designed to teach children 4-6 years old the fundamentals of baseball & softball in a fun, non-competitive environment. This league will get kids ready for the Franklin Youth Baseball Rookie league or Franklin Girls Softball Assoc. by concentrating on hitting, base running, throwing, and fielding through timed stations and controlled games. Limited to 80 kids per session. Instructor: Mike Masseur. This class will sell out quickly and cannot accept more than 80 kids per session. All players receive a team shirt and baseball hat. Cleats and baseball pants are not required. 1.5 hours/week. NEW: 6 year old rotating schedule on Saturdays and Tuesdays, check website for description of program. Parade for all Pee Wee Baseball players will be held April 24th Saturday, meet at 9:00 am, at Davis Thayer Playground
~ REGISTRATION BEGINS FEB 1, 8:30 A.M. ~

⌚ *April 17-June 26, Saturdays, 9:00, 11:00 (or) 1:00 pm*

⌚ *April 20-June 22, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.*

FEE: \$85

LOCATION: Fletcher Field (near basketball courts)

NHL Street Hockey

We're bringing back one of our most popular programs of years past. NHL street hockey gives kids a chance to practice hockey without the expense of purchasing nets, balls, sticks, goalie gear, etc. We'll provide everything for a fun packed league, along with safety goggles and mouthpieces. Tom Gately and David Marchand will be the instructors. Ages 6-14

⌚ *June 7-July 28, Mondays & Wednesday 5:30 pm-7:00 pm*

FEE: \$75

LOCATION: Fletcher Field Basketball Courts

Track & Field

Franklin Recreation is offering an outdoor track & field program for children ages 7-14 years old. Practices will be held at the Franklin High School Track with some meets out of town. Transportation may be provided via bus to away events. Lauren Taranto and Mike Masseur will organize and run meets and practices. Runners of all abilities can participate. Runners can take part in the 4th of July Road Race on Saturday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Common. Track & Field shirts will be provided as part of the program. No practice on Memorial Day May 31st.

⌚ *May 10-July 12, Mondays, 5:00-6:00 p.m. ages 7-10*

⌚ *May 10-July 12, Mondays, 6:00-7:00 p.m. ages 11-14*

FEE: \$80

LOCATION: Franklin High School Track

Spring Basketball



Boys & girls, grades 3-8 can join our Sunday Spring Basketball League. This spring league will play half indoor, half outdoor games. League Coordinator Jim Edgehill will place the players on a team, and four teams will be established in each division. Games are played at Remington Jefferson indoor/outdoor courts. During inclement weather, both games will be played indoor. This is a fun league designed to keep the kids playing basketball throughout the spring & summer months.

May 2-June 27, Sundays, 9:00 am-12 pm

⌚ *No games Memorial Day weekend*

FEE: \$75

LOCATION: Remington/Jefferson Courts

Sports For Tots

This new program will give your little one a chance to try all different sports in a relaxed, fun environment. Soccer, tee ball, basketball, hockey, and running are some of the activities they'll try. Parents are encouraged to stay and work along side your child. Please provide a snack and covered drink for your child. Shirts will be provided to all participants.

Ages 3 ½ -5 year olds

⌚ *March 3-March 31, 9:30 am-10:15 am Carpe Diem Field*

⌚ *April 7-May 12, 9:30 am-10:15 am Fletcher Field*

FEE: \$80

LOCATION: Carpe Diem Turf (March), Fletcher Field (April)

Youth Golf Lessons

Try our popular group golf lessons with head golf professional Mark Copithorne at the New England Country Club. These progressive lessons will cover putting, chipping, bunker play, irons, and woods. Mark brings along some of his top instructors to teach kids in a group setting.

⌚ *April Vacation: April 20 & 22, 10 am (or) 12 pm*

⌚ *Spring: May 12-June 9, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm*

FEE: April Vacation: \$50, Spring class: \$85

LOCATION: New England Country Club

February Break Junior Golf Program

Franklin Recreation is proud to offer indoor golf instruction for the first time. CityGolf Boston is bringing its decade-long experience with working with Park & Recreation students (including the cities of Boston and Cambridge) and has a new location next door in Walpole. Our program is geared toward the emerging golfer ages 6-15 years old. This program is meant for beginners or individuals with minimal experience. Your child will enhance his/her skills and knowledge of the game of golf through instructional lessons taught by our very own PGA professionals. Lessons will consist of swing fundamentals, long and short game, rules and etiquette, games and much more. Life skills taught following the First Tee curriculum and we promise to keep it safe and fun! There will be a maximum of one teacher for every eight children.

Below are the schedules, cost and program options to choose from. Bring clubs if you have them, otherwise they will be provided. Instructed by the Director of Instruction Walpole, Brian Spitz, PGA

⌚ *Tuesday, February 16th - Thursday, February 18th*

Ages 6-8; 9:00-11:00 am (max 8)

Ages 9-11; 12-2:00 pm (max 8)

Ages 12-15; 2:30-4:30 pm (max 8)

FEE: \$99

LOCATION: CityGolf Masters, 2250 Providence Highway, (Route 1) Walpole, MA

Girls On The Run

This experiential learning program for 3rd-8th graders combines self esteem enhancing, uplifting warm ups and workouts that encourage emotional, social, mental, spiritual, and physical development. Girls will train for 8 weeks, while taking part in team building activities. This is not an exclusive track program, although running will be the emphasis. The instructor of this program is Joanne Laliberte. This program will be held at Franklin High School track and fills up quickly!

⌚ *May 11-June 29, Tuesdays, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm*

FEE: \$85

LOCATION: FHS Track

Run For Your Life



The purpose of this program is to help participants maintain a positive attitude toward accomplishments, avoid injuries and ENJOY THE SPORT OF RUNNING! This is a non competitive, "set our own goals" program. We will focus on important aspects of running such as warm-up and cool down; why, how and when to stretch; proper running form; pace setting; keeping a log/journal rest and recovery; and good nutritional habits including hydration. Bring a water bottle. Grades: 3-6

⌚ *March 11-April 15, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

⌚ *April 29-June 3, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m.*

FEE: \$60

LOCATION: Pond Street Recreation Complex

Peter Cottontail's EGGcellent Adventure

Experience the largest egg hunt in the area with Peter Cottontail. Peter & his friends will entertain kids with egg painting, pictures, face painting, and a huge egg hunt. Bring your own basket and join the fun. Bring a camera for some great photos. Kids will be divided into age groups. (Ages: 1-9 years old)

April 2, Good Friday, 9:00 am-11:00 a.m.

FEE: \$10

LOCATION: Franklin High School Field House

Drama Kids®

Drama Kids provides remarkable creative drama education for children and young adults. Drama Kids® provides imaginative learning experiences that also include occasional fun class performances to enhance the experience. Highly qualified and specially trained teachers and new creative lessons in each class, proved to both fun and highly developmental. Early participation in drama develops confidence, and speaking skills, and serves as a wonderful introduction to acting and begins a life-long enjoyment of creative arts. This program is for children ages 3-11 years old. 10 WEEK SESSION!

⊕ *Lower Primary (ages 5-8): April 1-June 10, Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm*

⊕ *Upper Primary (ages 9-12): April 1-June 10, Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 pm*

⊕ *Kinder Kids (ages 4-5): April 2-June 11, Fridays, 10:30-11:45 am*

FEE: Register online at www.dramakids.com/ma4

Drama Kids Summer Camp Coming Soon!

LOCATION: Recreation Department

Squish

SQUISH is moving to Fridays. "New and Improved" Science based class for young toddlers to preschoolers. We will explore everyday materials that will use all of our senses and create fun and exciting learning experiences. Touch, smell, see and engage in sensory activities that will encourage your child to explore and learn about change, cause & effect, and so much more. Activities include play dough, goop, sand, paint, water, shaving cream and more. Be prepared to get messy.

Ages 30 months-4 years old

⊕ *February 26-April 2, Friday, 9:00 am-10:00 am*

⊕ *April 9-May 21, (No class held April vacation) Fee \$60.*

⊕ *May 28-June 25, Fridays, 9:00-10:00 am*

FEE: \$75 **LOCATION:** Recreation Department

Tumbling Two's

This is a play-based class, which focuses on moving your body. A different obstacle course is set up each week with a certain skill to be worked on. There is lots of singing, games, balls, parachute play and fun to be had in this very active class. Dress comfortably.

Ages: Mobile to 2 ½ years old.

⊕ *February 24-March 31, Wednesday 9:00 am-9:45 am*

⊕ *April 7-May 19, Wednesday, (No class held April vacation)*

⊕ *May 26-June 23, (5 week program) (Fee \$60)*

FEE: \$75 **LOCATION:** Recreation Department

Jumping Gymnastics

Each week a new obstacle course will be created to help children develop coordination, balance, strength, and flexibility. Basic gymnastics skills are also a part of this fun. Soft mats with different shapes and a balance beam make this class loads of fun!

Ages: 30 months-4 years old.

⊕ *April 7-May 19, Wednesday 10:00 am-10:45 am (no class on April vacation)*

⊕ *May 26-June 23, Wednesdays, 10:00 am-10:45 am*

FEE: \$75

LOCATION: Recreation Department

Bon A "Petite"

Call all budding chefs! This drop off cooking class, especially designed for 3 1/2 -5 year olds, is an opportunity to create delicious snacks & recipes. We will stir, measure, bake and cook a different project every class. Taught by two certified teachers, a book and craft will compliment each food activity.

⊕ *March 18-April 15, Thursday, 1:00 pm-2:00 p.m.*

⊕ *April 29-May 27, Thursday, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm*

FEE: \$100

LOCATION: Recreation Department

First Friends

Do you have a 2-3 year old who wishes they could go to school? Let your preschooler enjoy some independence and socialization with peers in this preschool curriculum based drop off class taught by two certified teachers. Each week we will explore a different theme and have related activities such as stories, songs, finger plays, art activities, and games as well as gross motor play. This 1 1/2 hour class is a great transitioning first step before preschool and longer drop off activities. Snack is provided, however if your child has allergies we ask that you provide their snack. Also, please send a labeled sippy cup for your child.

☉ *March 15-April 12, Mondays, 9:30 am-11:00 am*

☉ *April 26-May 24, Mondays, 9:30 am-11:00 am*

FEE: \$80 LOCATION: Recreation Department

More Fun With Friends

Has your child already enjoyed First Friends? If your child is age 2.9-5 years old, here is a special drop off class designed just for you! Children will enjoy the same First Friends experiences while exploring a different theme every week. We have increased our class time to 2 hours to allow for more involved activities. Please note the time changes. Class will be taught by certified teachers with a low teacher-child ratio to allow many hands on learning opportunities. Each week we will explore a different theme and have related activities such as stories, songs, fingerplays, art activities, and games as well as gross motor play. Remember to be prepared to get messy and have fun, so dress comfortably. Snack is provided, however if your child has allergies we ask that you provide their snack.

☉ *February 25-April 1, Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am*

☉ *March 16-April 13, Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 am*

☉ *April 8-May 20, Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am*

☉ *April 27-May 25, Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 am*

FEE: \$100 LOCATION: Recreation Department

First Friends Camp

Calling all First Friends ages 2 1/2-5. Here is a special drop off camp designed just for you! Children will enjoy the same First Friends experiences while exploring a different theme every week. We have increased our class time to 2 hours to allow for more involved activities. Summer camp will be taught by a certified teacher and the ratio will be 6:1 to allow many hands on learning opportunities. Each week we will explore a different theme and have related activities. **June 1 & 3**

(Tuesday & Thursday) "Space" 9:00 am-11:00 am

☉ *June 7 & 14 (Monday & Wednesday) "Down at the Farm" 9:00 am-11:00 am*

☉ *June 8 & 10 (Tuesday & Thursday) "Under the Sea" 9:00 am-11:00 am*

☉ *June 28 & 30 (Monday & Wednesday) "Ooey Goey Science" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *June 29 & July 1 (Tuesday & Thursday) "Dinosaurs" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *July 6 & 8 (Tuesday & Thursday) "Prince & Princesses" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *July 12 & 14 (Monday & Wednesday) "Beach" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *July 13 & 15 (Tuesday & Thursday) "Zoo" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *July 19 & 21 (Monday & Wednesday) "Beary Good Times" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

☉ *July 20 & 22 (Tuesday & Thursday) "Cooking Kids/Bon A Petite" 9:30 am-11:30 am*

FEE: \$40.

LOCATION: Recreation Department

Kid Care Babysitting Class

This introductory babysitting class allows potential sitters the opportunity to learn about the business of babysitting, hours of training, certification cards and be put on our Call-A-Teen program list for possible babysitting jobs. Child care & wellness will be the focus with, basic first aid and safety from Franklin Police & Fire, child care specialist, pediatrician. Open to kids aged 11-16 years old.

☉ *February Vacation: February 16 & 18, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm*

☉ *April Vacation: April 20 & 22, 10 am-1:00 pm*

☉ *May 3, 10, 17, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm*

FEE: \$55

LOCATION: Recreation Department