THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS



SUMMER 2023



PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

FULL DAY CAMPS

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



NFBGC Full Day Summer Camp

Provider: Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club

Ages: Entering K-8 **Dates:** 7/3/23 – 8/25/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 7:30am -

6:00pm

Where: 17th Street Clubhouse (725 17th

Street Niagara Falls 14301)

We strive to provide fun, educational activities throughout the summer. All members will participate in STEM, Arts & crafts, Physical Activity, Technology and much more! Partner programs such as Girl Scouts, Theatre Club, Wood Shop, and garden club are all included. Theme weeks will Kids will receive hot freshly made breakfast, lunch & snack prepared by our onsite chef in our kitchen. Sign up for only the weeks you need. Program is \$50/week with scholarships available.

More Information at: www.nfbgc.org or (716) 282-7181

Niagara Falls Housing Authority Summer Camp

Provider: Niagara Falls Housing Authority

Ages: 5-12

Dates: 7/5/23 – 8/4/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm **Where:** Packard Court Community Center or Doris W. Jones

Resource Building

Summer Camp program with wide variety of activities for the kids to have fun and learn. Kids will get to go on field trips, participate in outdoor activities, enjoy guest speakers and learn about photography.



More Information at: (716) 278-0228 for Packard Court Program (716) 285-5374 or Doris W. Jones Program



Elementary Extended Learning Program (ELP)

Provider: Niagara Falls School District **Ages:** Kids exiting Grades PreK - 5 **Dates:** 7/10/23 – 7/28/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:45am – 3pm

Optional 3pm to 5pm program

offered by the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club for \$25/week

Where: Cataract Elementary

Full Day program designed to engage students in Language Arts and Math activities. Children will work with NFSD Teachers in the morning followed by recreation activities with Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club in the afternoon. All children will receive breakfast & lunch. Bussing is available to eligible students.

More Information at: www.nfschools.net

ENL Summer Program

Provider: Niagara Falls School District **Ages:** Kids entering Grades K-6

Dates: 8/7/23 - 8/11/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:45am – 11:30am

Where: Kalfas Elementary School

Half-day program designed to foster literacy skill acquisition while providing students with cultural experiences that celebrate both their native as well as American cultures. Students will be participating in project based activities that integrate the program goals and will end with a family showcase celebration.

Prep/High School Summer Sports & Enrichment Camp

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Kids exiting grades 6-11 **Dates:** 7/11/23 - 8/10/23

Days & Times: Monday -Thursday 12:00pm -

3:00pm

Where: Various Locations



Half-day program designed to engage students in sports and enrichment programs. Students will participate in activities such as cheerleading, football, ice hockey, bowling, Track, girls volleyball and boys and girls basketball. In addition to the sports the camp will offer F-Bites culinary and visual arts. Bussing is available to eligible students. Lunch will be provided.

More Information at: www.nfschools.net

Camp Wolverine

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Ages 13-21 **Dates:** 7/10/23 - 8/10/23

Days & Times: Monday -Thursday 8:45am - 11:45am

Where: Niagara Falls High School

A half-day program designed to help secondary level students enrolled in Functional Life Skills classes maintain their level of academic, vocational, social-emotional and behavioral functioning. Bussing provided

Camp Wolverine Jr.

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Ages 5-12

Dates: 7/10/23 - 7/28/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:45am - 11:30am

Where: Kalfas Primary School

A half-day program designed to help secondary level students enrolled in Functional Life Skills classes maintain their level of academic, vocational, social-emotional and behavioral functioning. Bussing provided

More Information at: www.nfschools.net

Extended School Year

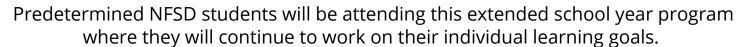
Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Ages 5-21

Dates: 7/3/23 - 8/11/23

Days & Times: Monday - Friday 8:45am to 11:45am

Where: Kalfas Primary School



More Information at: www.nfschools.net



Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grades 9-12

Dates: 7/10/23 - 8/10/23 9am to 12pm **Days & Times:** Monday -Thursday

Where: NFHS/Hybrid

A credit recovery program for all subject areas for students are at risk for meeting graduation requirements. Online/In-person hybrid: asynchronous lessons and assignments equal to 25 hours of instruction.



Regents Review Classes & Regents Administration



Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grades 9-12

Dates: 8/14/23 & 8/15/23 9am to 12pm - classes 8/16/23 & 8/17/23 - Test Administration

Days & Times: Monday -Thursday

Where: NFHS/Hybrid

More Information at: www.nfschools.net

Prep Summer Credit Recovery Program

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grades 7 & 8

Dates: 7/10/23 - 8/10/23 8:15am to 11:45am

Days & Times: Monday -Thursday **Where:** Niagara Falls High School



A credit recovery program for all subject areas for students are at risk for meeting promotion requirements.



SPECIALTY CAMPS

P-Tech Cohort 1

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grade 10 & 11 **Dates:** 7/10/23 - 7/14/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:30am to 11:30am

Where: Niagara Falls High School

TECH 110 - Introductory Technical Calculation Course

More Information at: www.nfschools.net



P-Tech Cohort 2

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grade 9-10

Dates: 7/10/23 - 7/21/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm

Where: Niagara Falls High School

MET 110 - Introductory CAD course for P-Tech Cohort 2 students

More Information at: www.nfschools.net

P-Tech Cohort 3

Provider: Niagara Falls School District

Ages: Grade 8-9

Dates: 7/10/23 - 7/21/23

Days & Times: Monday -Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm

Where: Niagara Falls High School

Introduction to P-Tech including Algebra booster, Engineering hands on project, Speaker Series, field trip and parent engagement activities. Applications were emailed to participating families.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Children's Programs

Summer Reading Challenge

Kids can keep their skills sharp and have fun collecting beads and badges as they read during the summer. Sign up for a reading log beginning June 26 at either location.

Library Café

Free Lunch - for youth age 18 and under

Main Library Children's Room

Monday through Friday: July 3 - August 18, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

(No lunches July 4; library closed)

The library is a Niagara County Youth Bureau Summer Food Service site. This federally-funded program provides free meals to ensure that all children continue to receive nutritious meals during summer vacation. Any child age 18 and under is welcome to stop by for lunch! Drop in - no registration required.

Family Night at the Library: Camp All Together Now

Main Library, Mondays: 6:30pm - 7:30pm, July 10 - August 7 *Registration required*.

All the fun of camp - minus the mosquitoes, skunks and sunburn! Weekly camp-themed activities for families to enjoy together will include games, arts and crafts, singalongs, (slightly) spooky stories, snacks, science and nature.

<u>Preschool Playdate - for children ages 4 and under</u>

Main Library, Wednesdays - 10:30am - 11:45am, July 5 - August 9 *Registration required.*

Spend time with your child and make new friends as you explore activity stations that combine early literacy with play-based learning. Leave with ideas that you can easily replicate at home!

Explore the possibilities!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Summer Fun with Y on the Fly - for children ages 7 to 11

Main Library, Thursdays - 2:30pm - 4:15pm, June 29 - August 10 *Registration required.*

The YMCA staff will present activities to encourage kids to stay active and engaged in mind, body, and spirit: arts and crafts from 2:30-3:15pm, and STEM & physical education from 3:15-4:15pm.

Family Afternoon at the Library: Camp All Together Now

LaSalle Library, Thursdays - 2:30pm - 3:30pm, July 13 - August 10 *Registration required.*

All the fun of camp - minus the mosquitoes, skunks and sunburn! Weekly camp-themed activities for families to enjoy together, including games, arts and crafts, singalongs, (slightly) spooky stories, snacks, science and nature.

<u>Tiny Tot Time for Children ages 2 – 4</u>

LaSalle Library, Thursdays - 10:30am, June 29 - August 10 *Registration required.*

Stories, music, movement and a craft just for our littlest library visitors.

Friday Drop-In STEM Programs for Families / All ages

Main Library Makerspace, Fridays - Drop in between 2pm & 4pm *No registration required.*

June 30: Create-a-Critter: who says an animal can't have spider legs, butterfly wings, tiger stripes and a dinosaur tail? The only limit is your imagination.

July 14: DIY Kaleidoscopes: Art and science collide.

July 28: Cardboard Fort Building: Makedo STEM toys allow for child-safe cutting and assembling of pieces of cardboard.

August 11: Squishy Circuits: Learn about electricity while playing with dough.

Saturday Crafternoons for Families / All Ages

Main Library Makerspace, Drop in between 1pm & 3pm No registration required

July 15: Styrofoam Stamp Making: Safe for kids but still awesome for adults, we will use ball point pens to "carve" our custom designs.

August 19: Garden Fairy Wands: add some sparkle to a potted plant, window box, or garden.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

For tween/teen programs requiring registration, call 716-286-4881 for Main, 716-283-8309 for LaSalle.

Escape Room for Grades 4 - 8

Main Library, Wednesday, July 5 - 1:00-4:00pm

Registration required.

Ever wanted to try an Escape Room? Join us to work together to save the movie theater and the day!

<u>Summer Fun for Grades 4 – 8</u>

LaSalle: Mondays from 2:00-4:00pm, July 10 - August 7

Registration required.

Main: Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00pm, July 11 - August 8

Registration required.

July 10/11: Learn to Tie-Dye: We'll provide dye and rubber bands; please bring something to tie-dye (a clean white/light colored tee shirt, bandana, socks, et cetera) with you from home.

July 17/18: Breakerspace: Do you enjoy seeing how something is put together? Come and pull apart, unscrew, open up and take apart old small appliances to see how they work

July 24/25: Shrinky Dink Charms: Whether you hang it from a keyring or a bracelet, these Shrinky Dink Charms are so fun to make!

<u>August 7/8: Rubber Band Loom Bracelet:</u> Learn how to use your favorite colors and make a one-of-a-kind accessory. No experience necessary.

Chess for Grades 4 and up

Main Library, Wednesdays - 2:00 - 4:00pm, July 12 - August 9

Registration required.

Learn the game, or just come and play with your friends. We will supply chess sets.

<u>Learn to Play Games for grades 5 and up - presented by Nioga Staff</u>

Main Library, Thursdays from 1:00-3:00pm, July 6 & 13

Registration required.

Come and play some classic games - and maybe make some new friends, too!

July 6: Learn to play Dungeons and Dragons.

July 13: Learn to play Magic The Gathering.

AQUARIUM ACTIVITIES



Party on the Plaza

Date: Wednesday August 2nd **Time:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm **Where:** Aquarium of Niagara

Visit the Aquarium's outdoor community space, Whirlpool Commons for a Party on the Plaza! Participate in family-friendly activities, interact with representatives from local cultural organizations, enjoy snacks and refreshments, live entertainment, and more. This FREE event is sure to be fun for the whole family. Please note that the Party in the Plaza is outdoors and does not include admission into the Aquarium. In the case of rain, the event will take place the following week, 8/9.

Rescue Harbor Seal Presentations

The Aquarium's outdoor seal exhibit is free and open to the public daily from 9am-5pm. Feeding and training sessions take place at 11:30 am and 2:30 pm daily.



Educational Games & Activities in Whirlpool Commons

Visit the Aquarium's outdoor community space to enjoy free, hands-on activities daily from 10am-4pm through Labor Day weekend.

Arts Services Inc. (ASI's) Arts Access Pass

The Aquarium partners with Arts Services Inc. (ASI) to welcome Arts Access Pass holders and guests for no charge. The Arts Access Pass is accepted at 45 participating cultural organizations. It is available to any WNY family or individual who receives income-based public assistance via an application process. Visit artsaccess.org to learn more and apply.

Pass holders can present their Arts Access Pass at the Aquarium's guest experience desk and receive free admission for two. The pass can be used once per month, and no advance registration is required.

AQUARIUM ACTIVITIES

Museums for All

Through Museums for All, the Aquarium joins museums across the country to ensure everyone can experience the best museums have to offer, all for the lowest and most affordable prices ever. If you have an EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) card, simply show it when you arrive to receive the Aquarium's lowest admission rate. As part of this program, up to four people can visit for \$3 each. No advance registration is required.

Nature Stories Trail Walks

Join us for a FREE monthly guided walking tour of the Niagara Gorge on the trail system that surrounds the Aquarium. Each month, you'll hear stories and interact with our local environment and the animals that call it home. Breathe in the smells of a changing season, hear the sounds of local species, and spot signs of life hiding in plain sight, all with the guidance of an Aquarium educator. The trails are mild, but we recommend wearing sturdy, closed-toed shoes and dressing for the weather.

When: Sunday, July 9th, 10:30-11:30am In July, learn the human history of our environment as you interact with the nature we encounter. As we walk, we will also take time for plogging (or picking up litter while walking).

When: Sunday, August 6th, 10:30-11:30am
August is for the bees (and birds and butterflies)! Spy the pollinators flying around us and learn about their impact on the area.

When: Sunday, September 10th, 10:30-11:30am September is about making a positive impact on our local ecosystems. Discover how humans interact with the environment and see how our impact has affected the surroundings we see today. This event is a lead up to our Coastal Clean-Up Day.

Friends and family of all ages are welcome. Space is limited; scan the QR code to register and reserve your spot.



AQUARIUM ACTIVITIES

Day Camps

The Aquarium offers one or two-day camps on many of the days when kids are not in school. Aquarium camps feature opportunities to view behind-the-scenes areas, talk to zoological or veterinary staff, experience up-close animal interactions, and participate in hands-on activities. Check out www.aquariumofniagara.org/day-camps to see all of the different camp offerings.

Marine Biologist in Action

Tuesday, August 8th, 9am-4pm
Wednesday, August 9th, 9am-2pm
This program is one class that takes place over two days. Participants should plan to attend both sessions.

Calling all aspiring marine biologists! Come spend two days at the Aquarium learning about ocean ecosystems and the variety of life found among them. Gather and test water samples from both Aquarium exhibits and the ecosystems that surround the Aquarium. Hunt for animal life both inside the Aquarium and beyond. Explore the diversity of ocean life by interacting with preserved specimens and performing animal dissections. Just like trained marine biologists, we will strive to understand the habitat that covers most of our planet while also learning how to preserve it.

Ages: 12-16

Cost: \$60 (Aquarium members save 10%)

Scan the QR code to learn more & register.



Volunteer & Intern Opportunities

Volunteer and intern opportunities are available year-round. Visit www.aquariumofniagara.org to view requirements and learn how to apply.

FOOD PROGRAMS

Free Summer Lunches

Provider: City of Niagara Falls

Ages: All Ages

Dates: 7/3/23 - 8/25/23

Days & Times: M-F



In partnership with the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club, the City will be at 3 parks this summer providing free summer lunches to kids in the parks. The Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club van will be at D'Amelio Park/Center St. Splash Pad and Hyde Park Splash Pad from 11:30am – 12pm, Gill Creek Park from 12:15pm – 12:45pm and then LaSalle Park from 1pm – 1:30pm Monday through Fridays.

More Information at: www.nfbgc.org or (716) 282-7181

Free Breakfast and/or Lunches

Provider: Heart, Love and Soul

Ages: All Ages

Days & Times: Monday-Friday

9am to 10am Breakfast

11:30am to 12:30pm Lunch

Children are welcome to visit the dining room at Heart, Love and Soul located at 939 Ontario Avenue with their guardians for free breakfast (9am to 10am) and lunch (11:30am to 12:30pm) Monday through Friday.

More Information at: www.heartloveandsoul.org



SALVATION ARMY

Bible Study Under the Tent

Provider: Salvation Army **Dates:** 6/19/23 to 8/28/23 **Days & Times:** Mondays

6:00pm

Where: 7018 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls NY 14304

Rain or Shine!

More Information at: (716) 283-7697



Free Community BBQ

Provider: Salvation Army Dates: 6/19/23 to 8/28/23 Days & Times: Mondays 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Where: 7018 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls NY

14304

Rain or Shine!

More Information at: (716) 283-7697

Summer Kids Club

Provider: Salvation Army

Ages: Grades 1 to 6

Dates: 7/3/23 to 7/28/23

closed 7/4/23

Days & Times: Mondays - Thursdays 10am to 2pm **Where:** 7018 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls NY 14304

Gym, Free Lunch, Music, Water Fun, Arts & Crafts and More! Registration Required

More Information at: (716) 283-7697



Dates: Friday, August 4th and August 11th

Time: 9-10:30 AM

Location: Hyde Park Golf Course (meet at driving range)



The First Tee Program of WNY is partnering with Niagara Golf Partners and the City of Niagara Falls to provide golf clinics to our city youth using golf games that are flexible to the ages and abilities of the participants of the program. The golf clinics are open to youth ages 7-14.

What to Bring: Clubs (if you don't have them that is OK, water bottle, and a smile)

Why Golf: Experiences are our greatest teacher. The First Tee Program believes in developing the ones that are just as fun as they are meaningful, where kids feel excited to grow, safe to fail, and better equipped for whatever comes their way next.

The First Tee golf programs kids' will build self-confidence, inspiring more active participation in leadership opportunities and events, community involvement, and college scholarships.

Registration forms for the first tee golf clinics can be picked up at the Hyde Park Golf Course starting July 1, 2023.

More Information: contact John Spanbauer at johnspanbauer8@gmail.com



43rd Annual Ken Ruggiero Junior Golf Tournament

Date: Tuesday, August 15.

Ages: 7-17 can complete in the tournament.

Age brackets consist of 7-10, 11-14, 15-17 years old. The age group of 15-17 will play 18 holes while the other two age brackets will play nine holes. There is a \$5 registration fee for this event. The registration fee includes lunch and entry into a raffle.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Hyde Park Golf Course staring on July 1, 2023. Participants must complete a registration form to be eligible for the tournament.

More Information: contact John Spanbauer at johnspanbauer8@gmail.com

Y on the Fly

When: Every Thursday 6/29-8/17

Y on the Fly is a mobile YMCA that travels to neighborhoods and community events to deliver free programming aimed to help youth of all ages stay active and engaged in mind, body, and spirit. Y on the Fly provides educational enrichment (STEM, literacy), physical activities, games, crafts, & more!

-12:30-1:30 (Beloved Community Center) -2:30-4:15 (Niagara Falls Library)

More Information: www.YMCABN.org



YMCA Swimming Lessons

Provider: YMCA

This free course, led by a certified instructor, teaches children skills that will reduce the risk of drowning and give them confidence in and around water. A typical session includes:

Exercises to help children adjust to being in water Instruction in "Jump, Push, Turn, Grab" and "Swim, Float, Swim," two skill sets children can use if they unexpectedly find themselves in the water

An activity that teaches children about specific safety topics such as pool rules and

boating safety

A fun game to encourage comfort and activity around water

Sign Up at: www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org/safety-around-water/

Abate Elementary

Session 1: 7/17, 7/19, 7/24, 7/26, 7/31, 8/2, 8/7, & 8/9

30 min lessons 1:6 total of 2 lessons at a time 1 instructor each group (48 total participant spots)

4:00-4:30pm 4:40-5:10pm 5:20-5:50pm 6:00-6:30pm

Cataract Elementary

Session 1: 7/18, 7/20, 7/25, 7/27, 8/1, 8/3, 8/8, & 8/10

30 min lessons 1:6 total of 2 lessons at a time 1 instructor each group (48 total participant spots)

4:00-4:30pm 4:40-5:10pm 5:20-5:50pm 6:00-6:30pm









PAL Kids Running Club

Provider: Niagara Falls PAL **Ages:** Ages 2nd to 8th graders **Dates:** 6/28/23 to 8/10/23 **Days & Times:** Thursdays from 9:00am to 10:00am

Where: Niagara Falls High School Outdoor track

No registration fee No experience necessary! Bring your own water

More Information at: www.niagarpal.com or (716) 286-7038

PAL Chess Camp

Provider: Niagara Falls PAL

Ages: All Ages

Dates: 7/12/23 - 8/9/23

Days & Times: Wednesdays 9am to 10:30am **Where:** Niagara Falls High School Cafeteria



Pre-registration preferred but not necessary. Noe fee. Attend when available. All levels welcome!

More Information at: www.niagarpal.com or (716) 286-7038



PAL Instructional Tennis Program

Provider: Niagara Falls PAL

Ages: All age groups 8am to 9am

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays starting 7/6/23 **Where:** Niagara Falls High School Athletic Complex

Learn to play tennis. No registration fee, no experience necessary!

More Information at: www.niagarpal.com or (716) 286-7038



PAL Recreational Soccer Program

Provider: Niagara Falls PAL

Ages: Ages 3-12

Dates: 7/6/23 to 7/27/23

Days & Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Ages 3-4 & 5-6: 9am to 10am

Ages 7-8 & 9-12: 10:30am to 11:30am

Where: Niagara Falls High School Athletic Fields

\$30 per player. Each player will receive a jersey. Shin guards under socks are required. Cleats, turf shoes or sneakers are acceptable. No teammate requests.

More Information at: www.npalsoccer.org or (716) 622-8199

PAL Saturday Soccer Program

Provider: Niagara Falls PAL

Ages: Ages 6-12

Dates: 7/11/23 to 8/5/23

Days & Times: Tuesdays Practices & Saturdays Games

Ages 6-8: 6-7pm practice/ 9:15am to 10:30am games

Ages 9-12: 7:15pm-8:15pm practice/11am to 12:15pm games

Where: Town of Niagara Veterans Park Soccer Fields \$30 per player. Each player will receive a jersey. Shin guards under socks are required. Cleats, turf shoes or sneakers are acceptable. No teammate requests.

More Information at: www.npalsoccer.org or (716) 718-471-1732





TEXT ALERTS

TEXT: RESIDENT

TO:

716-FALLS-23 (716-325-5723)

OR

Scan QR Code

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- School Closings
- Road Closures
- Senior Programs
- Community Updates
- Construction Updates

Visit our website for updated programs

https://niagarafallsusa.org/residents/youth-services/

If you have a program for kids in Niagara Falls and want to be listed please contact:

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