

Sinking Spring Playground 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians and Children,

We are thrilled to have a program to offer this summer. The playground program will run from June 9th and end on August 8th. We have weekly themes, games, crafts, and field trips for the summer. We will have a Family Movie night and an end-of-the-summer carnival with bounce houses!

This program is a drop-in program for registered children. Our playground program is a supervised play environment to help kids socialize and be outside this summer. We expect children to be respectful of others and follow the rules as defined at the end of this document.

The playground teams are:

Ruth Street/Main Playground:

Ellie Winkler-Quigley, Head Leader

Rachel Roberts, Assist. Head Leader

Brookfield Manor Playground:

Brooke Stewart, Head Leader

Ryan Sekulski, Assist. Head Leader

Playground Hours:

Hours are the same for both playgrounds:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm AND Monday through Thursday, 6-8:00 pm

You are encouraged to send your children to one or both sessions at your registered playground. Please take advantage of the cooler evening hours.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

Please do not bring your children before 8:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. Please be on time to pick them up. We are only staffed for children during those hours. If leaders are at the park early, they are there to prepare for the day. We are reasonably priced and watch our budget. We have to pay our leaders extra if they work outside of our hours of operation, so if we must pay our leaders, our costs go up, and then your cost will go up.

All children are asked to check in with the leader at the computer when they arrive, and they must tell a leader when they are ready to leave for the day. If you are sending someone

else to pick up your children, please let the Head Leader (Brooke or Ellie) know who those people are if they are in addition to the people listed on your registration.

We know that some kids walk to and from the park independently. We want parents to tell the Head Leader (Brooke or Ellie) that they are on board with that arrangement. If there is a change from your registration form, please let the Head Leader know otherwise we will follow the registration.

MAIN PLAYGROUND (Evans and Ruth Street): When you enter Evans Street, there is a parking lot to your left. Please exit from the end of the parking lot by turning left to return to Ruth Street.

BROOKFIELD PLAYGROUND: As you drop your children off at Brookfield, we ask that you send your kids into the playground on their own and also meet your child on the sidewalk when you pick them up.

Brookfield is in a neighborhood. Many children head to the playground on foot and by bike, so playground arrival and departure will be busy. If you come in on Brookfield Avenue, please DO NOT make a U-turn at the end of the street to leave. If you turn left onto Brook Hollow and left onto Winding Brook at the stop sign, you will return to Reedy Road. It will be safer for kids who cross the street to get to the playground entrance without the U-turns.

Lunch and Snacks: Please send your child with something to drink in a labeled water bottle. It is a good idea to send lunch and snacks. We encourage kids to eat their lunch around 11:00. We can refill water bottles, but we do not have extra snacks to offer children if they eat their lunch early.

On Fridays, you can buy lunch at both playgrounds. The \$4 option will get each child a piece of pizza, a drink, a side snack, and a dessert. Log in to your myrec account to register.

- **THURSDAY is our strict deadline to order and pay for Friday pizza.** Pizza day is very popular! We must pre-order so that there will be enough dough for all those pizzas! As a result, we cannot add orders on Friday or give refunds for pizza day for orders not eaten. Be sure that your child can participate before you sign up. You can sign up within the sinkingspringpa.myrec.com website or in person.

Field Trips: Registration through your family account will be available when details and prices are finalized. We travel by professional bus service and must order the buses ahead of time. Some trips require prepayment to reserve our spot. Please pay attention to deadlines, as we cannot add children after the deadlines. We do keep Main open on field trip days to accommodate kids who do not want to go on field trips and when the field trip is full to new registrations.

We have the following themes and field trips in the works for this summer:

Week 1: Aloha/Welcome	No field trip
Week 2: Game Show Week	6/19 Bowling/Mini Golf
Week 3: Disney Week	6/25 Movie: Trolls (
Week 4: Holidays	7/3 Pool
Week 5: Decades	7/9 Soar'n'Bounce Jump Park
Week 6: Water Week	7/16 Pool
Week 7: Sports	7/22 Reading Phillies Baseball Game
Week 8: Hollywood	7/30 Movie: Smurfs
Week 9: Carnival	8/5 Bounce Houses/National Night Out 8/6 Combined Day at Main/Dunk Tank

All field trips will leave from the Main playground at Ruth and Evans Street.

Playground t-shirts will be distributed before the first field trip. All kids going on field trips should wear their t-shirts.

On field trip days, the main playground will remain open for those who do not go on the trip. Brookfield will be closed, but children from Brookfield are encouraged to come to Main on those days.

Playground Closures. We will be open each day with a few exceptions. We will not be open on July 4th. The playground will close on days when there is a high heat index or thunderstorms. We try to stay open if at all possible. In the event of a closure, parents will be contacted through the MyRec program and are expected to pick up their child immediately. Please have a backup if you are not available.

Group Communication: We will send messages by text concerning closings because of weather, reminders about field trips, and any schedule changes on field trips. You can add and edit your information within the Sinkingspringpa. Myrec.com account. Text messages will only reach cell numbers. If you did not when you created your account, please add Mobile notifications to your myrec account. Brooke and Ellie will email you weekly to remind you about themes, special events and field trips.

General Guidelines: We do not allow cell phone usage! If your kids bring a cell phone, we expect it to be in their lunchbox for emergencies. We have all your contact information at the playground and can initiate calls to parents.

Please do not send your children with electronics or other items from home. We want to avoid arguing over personal items between kids. Pokemon card trading is always popular, but often a source of arguments and sadness over lost cards and bad trades. Many kids enjoy the game and can handle it. Some years, it becomes a problem. If your child might not know the value of his cards or is someone who will give away the good ones, do not send cards to the playground. It is nearly impossible for our leaders to sort out the situation regarding lost cards and trades. We will see how it goes this year. However, if it becomes a problem, we will curtail trading/sharing games like Pokemon cards.

Bikes, scooters, et cetera are welcome for transportation to and from the playground but will only be allowed at the bike rack or outside the fenced area at Brookfield. Bikes are not permitted under either pavilion.

We expect children to clean up after playing with items, making crafts, or eating lunch and snacks. Please put names on water bottles, etc., so we can reunite items with their owners.

We hand out freeze pops at the end of some playground sessions. They should not be expected every day. They are usually given because it is an extra hot day. On other days, our leaders have the discretion to use them as rewards for kids that have done extra to be kind to others or to help clean up.

Permission to use photos of your child in our end-of-year slideshow or Borough promotion is assumed. Please get in touch with the head leader at your playground for an opt-out form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ellie Winkler-Quigley (Main Playground), Brooke Stewart (Brookfield Playground), or Lisa Gantner at (610)334-3576.

We are excited about a great summer with your children. Thank you for choosing us!

Sincerely,

Brooke, Ellie, Rachel, Ryan, Zoe, Jack, Andrew, Ben, Bella, Cat, Audrey, Cole, Mia, Caitlin, Mia, Avery, Natalie, Abby, Bodie, Sarah, Angie, Maureen, Owen, Nolan, Emma, Grace, Malia, Ian and Connor (Playground Team 2025)

Rules of the Sinking Spring Playground Program

1. Play a lot and have lots of fun!
2. Children should wear appropriate attire to the playground. Inappropriate clothing, such as gang symbols, anything that promotes violence, or revealing clothing, is not allowed. Proper footwear is also required, such as sneakers.
3. Cell phones are to be used for an emergency. Other electronic devices are not allowed.
4. Leaders will assist children in getting things from closets. Children should stay out of them.
5. Bikes/Scooters should not be under the Pavilions.
6. NO BULLYING, hitting, swearing, pushing, name-calling, or threatening others.
7. NO WEAPONS. Including items that could be used as weapons.
8. Causing physical harm or injury to another person or repeatedly breaking the rules will result in parents being notified and possible suspension from the playground. There will be no refund.
9. If an incident occurs during a field trip, the child will not be allowed to participate in the following field trip, and parents will be notified.
10. Minor incidents will be handled at the time it occurs.
11. Each playground will add to these rules at their meeting the first week.

All rules and playground etiquette will be posted at the playground.