

A photograph of two children playing in a water park splash zone. The child in the foreground is splashing water on their face. A bright green ball is floating in the water. The background shows other people and park structures.

CORPUS CHRISTI *Summer* ACTIVITY GUIDE

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Programs and events may be subject to change.

The City of Corpus Christi promotes participation regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, political belief, or disability. Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request and in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For assistance or to request a reasonable accommodation, please call 361-826-3460 at least 48 hours in advance. Upon request, this information can be available in large print or digital file.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



As the Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Corpus Christi, I am thrilled to share with you all of the exciting summer activities and events that our department has in store for you.

Our city is home to over 190 parks, each with its own unique set of amenities and activities. Our parks and facilities offer a wide range of opportunities for outdoor fun, fitness, swimming, and even water sports at the pools and marina.

We also have a variety of special events planned throughout the summer, including outdoor concerts, movie nights, and nature walks. Our programs cater to all ages and interests, from children's summer camps to fitness classes for adults.

Our team is dedicated to ensuring that our parks and facilities are clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone. We believe that the summer season is the perfect time to get outside and explore all that our city has to offer.

So, whether you're a local resident or a visitor, we invite you to join us for a summer filled with fun, excitement, and adventure in the great outdoors.

Thank you for your continued support of the Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department.

Robert Dodd
Director, Parks & Recreation



PARKS

Over 190 Parks • 120 Playgrounds

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department oversees and maintains approximately 2,100 acres of developed and undeveloped open spaces such as parks, City beaches, and natural habitats, to enrich the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. See page 7 for a short list of some of our investment parks along with unique and well-known parks.

Rentals

Department facilities are available for rentals which may accommodate your private and public meetings, parties, special events, or recreational activities. Make your [online reservation](#) for pools, recreation centers, senior centers, gyms, sports fields, or pavilions. For all other facilities, please call the facility phone number provided on page 6 or (361) 826-PLAY. www.ccparkandrec.com

Development

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department is diligently working on various development projects at any given time as part of its commitment to improving parks, recreation facilities, and amenities, which will better serve and enhance the experiences for its residents and visitors. For the latest list of current projects, please visit our [website](#).



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

SPARK Summer Recreation Camps

Ages: 6 to 16
Fee: \$25/child/session

[Online registration](#) opens on Tuesday, May 2, at 10 a.m.

Campsites:

- Lindale Recreation Center, 3133 Swantner Drive
- Oso Recreation Center, 1111 Bernice Drive

Program Schedule:

Monday-Friday, June 5-July 28

Morning Session: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session: 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This is an eight-week open campus recreation program offered in a generally supervised environment. Recreation activities include arts and crafts, group games, outdoor activities, edible art, science projects, guest speakers, special events, and field trips. Participants must be signed in daily by an adult. Space is limited. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis.

After Hour Kid Power Summer Camps

Ages: 5 to 13
Fees: \$89/week/child for Calallen I.S.D. Campsite
\$99/week/child for Corpus Christi I.S.D. Campsite

Sign up [here](#) to be added to the interest list for the campsite of your choice. List is open now, and will remain open until full.

Campsites:

- Kolda Elementary, 3730 Rodd Field Road
- Club Estates Elementary, 5222 Merganser Drive
- Calk-Wilson Elementary, 3925 Fort Worth Street
- Calallen Magee Elementary, 4201 Calallen Drive

Program Schedule:

Monday-Friday, June 12-July 21, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This fun and enriching program features a variety of activities such as organized games, outdoor play, arts and crafts, guest speakers, and field trips. Activities are designed to spark the imagination, develop physical skill and coordination, encourage lifelong positive values, build character, and develop social skills. A breakfast snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack will be provided daily. It is licensed by Texas Health and Human Services.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

ACTIVE ADULT 50+ PROGRAMS - Check out our 2023 Active Adults Age 50+ Summer Weekend Calendar for the months of June, July, and August on our [website](#).

FOR MORE PROGRAMS

Check our [website](#) or call 361-826-PLAY.
Ask about our pilot toddler program.

SWIM PROGRAM

Lifeguard Training

May 20 & 21, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the Corpus Christi Natatorium. American Red Cross Lifeguard training for ages 15+. This blended learning class has an online component that will have to be completed prior to the in-person training. \$55 sign up required.

American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Class

May 30 to June 2, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Corpus Christi Natatorium. This class teaches individuals to be swim Instructors and to teach. \$225 sign up required.

Swim Lessons Session 1

June 5 to 15, Monday to Friday, for a total of 8 sessions. Oso, H-E-B, & Natatorium pool. \$50 sign up required.

Water Basketball

June 6, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Oso Pool

Contestants will shoot for points in the water with prizes for the winners. Sign up for group one (ages 5 to 7), group two (ages 8 to 11), group three (ages 12 to 16), or the adult group (age 17 and older).

World's Largest Swim Lesson

June 22, 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Greenwood Pool
Free swim lesson. This international event makes the Guinness World Record each year for the number of participants in learning to swim and about water safety.

Build a Boat Competition

June 24, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Oso Pool
Make a homemade boat from cardboard and other scrap materials that are not traditionally a boat. We will have prizes for the fastest boat, boat that won't float, most creative, etc. Bring some friends and to learn about what floats and have some fun.

Adult Water Aerobics Class

June 6 to June 29, Tuesday/Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Collier Pool. Class is held in waist-level water. Swimming skill is not required. For ages 18+. \$35/person/session. Registration closes the Thursday before the session starts.

Adult Aqua Jogging Class

June 6 to June 29, Tuesday/Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Natatorium. Class is held in waist-level water. Swimming skill is not required. Participants wear float belts for the exercises. For ages 18+. \$35/person/session. Registration closes the Thursday before the session starts.

Family Night

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Families can swim later than usual. Kids will not be permitted without an adult family member.

- June 16, Greenwood Pool
- June 23, West Guth Pool
- July 6, Oso Pool
- July 14, Collier Pool
- July 21, Greenwood Pool
- July 28, Oso Pool

Teen Night

7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Teens enjoy a couple extra hours to swim with their friends.

- June 21, Collier Pool
- June 27, Oso Pool
- July 5, West Guth Pool

Independence Day Celebration

July 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at H-E-B Pool

Popsicles and hotdogs.

Swim Lessons Session 2

July 10 to 20, Monday to Thursday, for a total of 8 sessions. Oso, H-E-B, & Natatorium pool. \$50 sign up required.

Rubber Duck Races

July 15, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Greenwood Pool

Come try your luck and race a duck. Lifeguards will release numbered rubber ducks down the water slides, and if you're lucky enough to have your duck goes the furthest you will win a prize.

Junior Lifeguard Training - Sign up required \$185

July 17 to 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Oso Pool

This American Red Cross Junior Lifeguard Class is for students ages 11 to 14. Students will work on their swimming skills, leadership, learn about water safety, and some basic water rescues. \$185 sign up required.

Swim Lessons Session 3

July 24 to August 4, Monday to Thursday, for a total of 8 sessions. Oso, H-E-B, & Natatorium pool. \$50 sign up required.

Leave Your Mark Event

July 29, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at H-E-B Pool

Participants will make a large sheet mural to hang at the pool, which will be brought back next year when we open.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For the list of all pools, addresses, hours, fees, and registration, visit our [website](#).

SPORTS

SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Basketball League

For boys and girls ages 6 to 14

Fee: \$60/player

Late Registration Fee: \$85/player

Sites:

- Corpus Christi Gym, 3606 Cabaniss Parkway
- Ben Garza Gym, 1815 Howards Avenue

Online Registration Deadline: May 21, 2023

Late Online Registration Deadline: May 22-28, 2023

Call: 361-826-3478

FMI: Visit our [website](#).

Weekdays and Weekends, June 12 to June 30

Recreational basketball program will focus on increasing balance, coordination and fine motor skills while learning the fundamentals of basketball. This is a noncompetitive league emphasizing basic skills, good sportsmanship, and fun.

Youth Soccer League

For boys and girls ages 6 to 17

Fee: \$250/team

Late Registration Fee: \$275/team

Site: Ben Garza Gym, 1815 Howard Street

Online Registration Deadline: May 21, 2023

Late Online Registration Deadline: May 28, 2023

Call: 361-826-3478

FMI: Visit our [website](#).

Weekdays and Weekends, June 11 to July 23

Recreational soccer program will focus on team play, basic skills, good sportsmanship, and fun. Teams are brought in pre-formed and placed in appropriate age or skill divisions.

Youth Sports Camps

5 Sports: Basketball, Cheer, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball

For boys and girls ages 8 to 16

Fee: \$60/child/camp

Sites:

- Corpus Christi Gym, 3202 Cabaniss Parkway
- Ben Garza Gym, 1815 Howard Street
- Cabaniss Sports Complex, 3061 Saratoga Boulevard

Online Registration is open and will close on the first day of each camp.

Call: 361-826-3478

FMI: Visit our [website](#).

Weekly, Monday to Thursday, June 5 to July 27

Five different sports will be provided by highly skilled and experienced professionals. Learn the skills of each sport through drills and practice games. Experienced players will learn techniques to improve their game. Teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun will be emphasized.

Bay Jammin' Concert & Cinema Series

Cole Park Amphitheater, 1526 Ocean Drive

Ages: ALL

Fees: FREE

For more information and updates, connect on [Bay Jammin' Facebook Page](#).

Concert Series: June 1 to August 17

Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Cinema Series: June 2 to August 11

Fridays after sunset.

The Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department and JJ Productions invite everyone to enjoy the movies and concert in the park set under the stars and against the Corpus Christi Bay. It's FREE for everyone, so bring your lawn chairs, blankets and enjoy an evening of great entertainment with family and friends.

The Water's Edge Summer Series

The Water's Edge, 602 S. Shoreline Boulevard

Ages: ALL

Fee: FREE

For more information, click [here](#).

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

May 27 to September 4, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This family-friendly event will feature a variety of live music artists playing each weekend at three locations along the water. Food trucks will be onsite offering a wide variety of food for purchase. Hang out, play games, and enjoy the beautiful bay with family and friends.

Coastal Comida Fest

The Great Lawn at The Water's Edge, 602 S. Shoreline Boulevard

Ages: ALL

Fee: Free admission.

For more information, click [here](#).

Saturday, July 1, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Join us for this one-day food truck and music festival. Local food trucks will gather at The Water's Edge park to serve up their best dishes. Live music performances featuring many local artists will play against our beautiful bay backdrop. There will be giveaways throughout the day along with lawn games, obstacle courses, and moon jumps.

OSO BAY WETLANDS PRESERVE

Free Programs

No Registration

Nature Walks

Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Regular, ongoing program. Topics announced monthly. Appropriate for all ages.

Porch Talks

Wednesdays, June 7 to August 2, 9:30 a.m.

Summer specific program. 15-20 minute outside talks about local wildlife and ecology. Topics announced two weeks in advance on Facebook events. Appropriate for ages 5 and up.

Book Club

July 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We will discuss *Wild Souls: Freedom and Flourishing in the Non-Human World* by Emma Marris.

Therapy Dogs

June 10, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Come meet certified therapy dogs, and find out what makes them so unique.

Free Programs

Registration Required

HRI Wetlands Workshop

May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, September 23
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Workshop series led by graduate students at the Harte Research Institute (HRI). Each session will be led by a different research group with interactive programs appropriate for ages 6 and up.

Visit our [website](#) for more information about the Preserve.

Fee-Based Programs

Registration Required

Painting Class (3 Classes)

- June 3, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Adult Class
- August 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Ages 13 to 17
- November 18, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Adult Class

Led by instructor Stacey White.

Further information to follow.

Fee: \$30/class/person

Animal Training Series

June 22, June 29, July 6, & July 13, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration will include all four sessions. Learn about animal behavior, training theory, and how these concepts apply to wildlife. Please note this is not a hands-on animal training workshop.

Ages: 14 to 17

Fee: \$20/person

Teen Dissection Days (2 Classes)

- June 15, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- August 5, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Ages: 14 to 17

Wetland Workshop Fee: \$20/class/person

Camps Schedule

Registration Required

"Bugs & Bloom" -FULL

Week 1: June 5 to 8, (Ages 5 to 7), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Things with Wings" -FULL

Week 2: June 12 to 15, (Ages 8 to 10), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Backyard Birds" -FULL

Week 3: June 19 to 22, (Ages 5 to 7), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Nature Detectives" -FULL

Week 4: June 26 to 29, (Ages 8 to 10), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Wildlife Encounters" -FULL

Week 5: July 10 to 13, (Ages 5 to 7), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Coastal Adventures" -FULL

Week 6: July 17 to 20, (Ages 11 to 13), 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"Coastal Adventures"

Week 7: July 24 to 27, (Ages 13 to 15), 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



FACILITIES

Beaches

North Beach - access by Surfside Boulevard
McGee Beach - 222 S. Shoreline Boulevard
Mustang Island Beaches - access by Zahn Road
Padre Island Beaches - access by Park Road 22

Cultural Center

Heritage Park
1581 N. Chaparral Street | (361) 826-3414

Golf Courses

Lozano Golf Center
4401 Old Brownsville Road | (361) 826-8016

Oso Beach Golf Course
5601 S. Alameda Street | (361) 826-8010

Recreation Centers

Joe Garza Recreation Center
3204 Highland Avenue | (361) 826-4080

Lindale Recreation Center
3133 Swantner Drive | (361) 826-3449

Oak Park Recreation Center
842 Erwin Avenue | (361) 826-3481

Oso Recreation Center
1111 Bernice Drive | (361) 826-3110

Tennis Centers

Al Kruse Tennis Center
502 King Street | (361) 883-6942

H-E-B Tennis Center
1520 Shely Street | (361) 882-6013

Pavilions

Manuel Q. Salinas Pavilion - 354 Airport Road
Parker Pavilion - 654 Graham Road
West Guth Pavilion - 9700 Up River Road

Marina

Corpus Christi Marina
400A N Shoreline Boulevard., Lawrence Street T-Head
(361) 826-3980

Gymnasiums

Ben Garza Gym
1815 Howard Street | (361) 826-3588

Corpus Christi Gym
3202 Cabaniss Parkway | (361) 826-1726

Pools

Collier Pool
3801 Harris Drive | (361) 826-1720

Corpus Christi Natatorium
3202 Cabaniss Parkway | (361) 826-1728

Greenwood Pool
4305 Greenwood Drive | (361) 826-1729

H-E-B Pool
1520 Shely Street | (361) 826-1724

Oso Pool
1109 Bernice Drive | (361) 826-1727

West Guth Pool
9705 Up River Road | (361) 826-1723

Senior Centers

Broadmoor Senior Center
1651 Tarlton Street | (361) 826-3138

Ethel Eyerly Community Center
654 Graham Road | (361) 826-2330

Garden Senior Center
5325 Greely Drive | (361) 826-2345

Greenwood Senior Center
4040 Greenwood Drive | (361) 826-1368
(Temporarily Closed)

Lindale Senior Center
3135 Swantner Drive | (361) 826-2340

Northwest Senior Center
9725 Up River Road | (361) 826-2320

Oveal Williams Senior Center
1414 Martin L. King Drive | (361) 826-2305

Zavala Senior Center
510 Osage Street | (361) 826-3099

PARKS

CITY PARKS INTERACTIVE MAP [here](#)

Online resource of all city parks and their amenities.

Artesian Park - 524 Twigg Street
First City Park in 1854, Historical Marker

Bayfront Park - 1590 N. Shoreline Boulevard
Interactive Fountain, Kiosk with Concessions, Hike & Bike Trail, Located in Science, Entertainment and Arts (SEA) District along Corpus Christi Bay

Bill Witt Park - 6869 Yorktown Boulevard
Sports Fields, Hike & Bike Trail, Splash Pad, Dog Park

Billish Park - 15601 Gypsy Street
Community Gardens

Blucher Park - 212 S. Carrizo Street
Recognized Birding Site, Nature Sanctuary, Managed Wildscape, Nature Trails

Cole Park - 1900 Ocean Drive
Large Regional Park, Pier, Playground, Amphitheater, Skate Park, Hike & Bike Trail

Dolphin Park - 200 Sandbar Avenue
Playground, Boardwalk, Restrooms, Shower, Pavilion, 1.5-mile-long Concrete Beachwalk, Fishing Jetty

The Great Lawn at The Water's Edge
602 S. Shoreline Boulevard
Event venue at the park, includes Playground, Pavilion, Dog Park, Fitness Area, Beach, Seawall

Hans & Pat Suter Wildlife Refuge
909 Ennis Joslin Road
Birding Site, Nature Trail, Boardwalk

Hector P. Garcia Park - 4305 Greenwood Drive
Playground, Pool, Hike & Bike Trail

La Retama Park - 501 Mesquite Street
Downtown Arts & Culture Site, Home to ArtWalk

Labonte Park - 14333 IH-37 Access Road
Located along Nueces River, Camping Site

Lakeview Park - 2098 Rodd Field Road
Duck Pond, Playground

Lamar Park - 4231 Santa Fe Street
Disc Golf

Manuel Q. Salinas Park - 1354 Airport Road
Play-For-All Playground, Miracle League Field, Baseball, Soccer, Basketball Court, Pavilion, Splash Pad, Trail

McCaughan Park - 402 S. Shoreline Boulevard
Playground, Pavilion, Dog Park, Fitness Area at The Water's Edge

Old Bayview Cemetery - 1150 Ramirez Street
First Cemetery in Corpus Christi, Historical Marker

Old City Hall Park - 304 S. Shoreline Boulevard
At The Water's Edge

Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve - 2446 N. Oso Parkway
Programs Offered, Birding & Wildlife Site, Playground, Pond

Packery Channel - 149 Zahn Road
Located off SH 361, Boat Launch, Walkways, Fishing, Birding Site, access to Upper Laguna Madre

Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park
222 S. Shoreline Drive
Historical Marker, Site of Military Celebrations at The Water's Edge

St. Andrews Park - 5902 St. Andrews Drive
Tennis Courts, Trail, Playground

West Guth Park - 9725 Up River Road
Large Regional Park, Pool, Playground, Pavilion, Hike & Bike Trail, Disc Golf

Dog Parks

Bill Witt Dog Park - 6869 Yorktown Boulevard
Small Dog & Large Dog Sections

Vishal Bhagat Dog Park - 402 S. Shoreline Boulevard
Small Dog & Large Dog Sections at The Water's Edge

Splash Pads

Bill Witt Park - 6869 Yorktown Boulevard
Lindale Park - 3133 Swantner Drive
Manuel Q. Salinas Park - 1354 Airport Road

Skate Parks

Cole Park Skate Park - 1900 Ocean Drive
Wranosky Park Skate Park - 422 Graham Road

Disc Golf Courses

Lamar Park - 4231 Santa Fe Street (9-hole Course)
Oso Creek Park - 6805 Safety Steel Drive (18-hole Course)
Waldron Park - 3038 St. Francis (9-hole Course)
West Guth Park - 9725 Up River Road (20-hole Course)



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