Biddeford Recreation www.biddefordrec.com Welcome to Safari Summer Camp!



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Meet the Safari Staff!

Mya Hankes, Safari Camp Co-Director

Hi there! My name is Mya and I'll be one of your Directors for Safari Camp 2025! I grew up in Braintree, MA, and moved to Biddeford about five years ago to attend the University of New England. After graduating, I now teach for an afterschool program, work as a barista, and love to make all kinds of art from jewelry to painting. This will be my first summer working with Biddeford Recreation and I can't wait to have a blast with you this summer!





Sophia Viel, Safari Camp Co-Director

Hello, I'm Sophia! I grew up and began my summer camp journey in Massachusetts, but made the move to Maine after graduating from the University of Maine. This past year, I worked at Walt Disney World, so creating magical memories is kind of my thing! When I'm not at camp, you'll find me hiking around the woods with my beagle, Bella. I'm so excited to get outdoors, explore creativity, and have an unforgettable summer with everyone at Safari Camp for my first year with Biddeford Recreation!

Payment Reminder: all Full Summer Balances are due by June 13th or payment plans in place!

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Camp Info

J. Richard Martin Community Center 189 Alfred Street Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm; Monday-Friday: June 23-August 15

Camp Reminders

Camp Phone: (207) 205-5305

Rec Office: (207) 283-0841

Open House: Friday, June 20th 5:00-6:00pm

Be prepared! Campers should bring water, snacks, sunscreen, towel, change of clothes, and items related to activities or trips for that day.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch are provided through the School Department Free Summer Meal Program. All students are eligible.

Sunscreen: generic sunscreen is provided at camp; you may choose to send another option if preferred.

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Welcome Biddeford Recreation Summer Camp Families!

The warm summer season may be slow to arrive but Summer Camp 2025 is quickly approaching! We have been working diligently all spring to develop a fun filled summer experience! Our goal is to provide a sense of community that encourages adventure, nurtures creativity, and builds lasting relationships. Safari Camp offers opportunities to have new experiences, explore self-expression, and develop team building skills.

Our campus is located at the J. Richard Martin Community Center (189 Alfred Street). Our hours of operation will be 7:30am–5:30pm Monday through Friday. We will be hosting some special guests which include Common Roots Studio, who will bring out the creativity within our camp by providing art projects and exposure to instruments as well. Bathhouse Beach will be a weekly destination for us to soak up some sun and enjoy our beautiful coast! Camp will offer various trips this summer, such as the Maine Wildlife Park, Splashtown and Schooner Mini Golf to name a few!

It is important to pack a water bottle and sunscreen daily as we will be spending much time outside! Please also pack extra clothes (socks, underwear, shirt, shorts), sneakers, bathing suit, towel, snacks, sunscreen, and bug spray daily for your child!

We are partnering with the School Nutrition Program once again to bring meals into summer camp! Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all students daily. Breakfast will be served 8:00am to 8:30am and lunch 11:30am to 12pm.

A reminder about payments: Full Summer balances are due by Friday, June 13th. If you still have a remaining balance after this deadline, your \$500 deposit must be paid and you must have a payment plan in place for your child to be eligible to start camp. Camp must be paid in full by August 8, 2025.

We have anxiously been preparing for summer fun! We cannot wait to make memories and have a blast this summer season! We hope you will join us for the Camp Open House on June 20th from 5:00-6:00pm at the Community Center and look forward to seeing you on June 23rd for the first day of camp!

Sincerely, Brittany Hall Program Coordinator

