

# Fort Cherry Elementary Center

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110 Fort Cherry Road  
McDonald, PA 15057  
724.796.1551 phone

Dear 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Families,

This letter is to inform you that your child(ren) will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA). The PSSA's are a statewide testing system designed to assess each child's ability within their given grade level. The information obtained from the assessments serves as valuable tools for planning future school programs, developing curriculum and in-service training of teachers, informing the public about student achievement, and gaining our school's School Performance Profile Score. Each assessment will yield individual student reports, as well as school, district, and state data.

The following is the 2023 Fort Cherry Elementary Testing Schedule:

<b>Grade 3-6</b>	<b>PSSA English Language Arts</b>	<b>April 23, 24, &amp; 25</b>	<b>9:15 – 11:00</b>
<b>Grade 3-6</b>	<b>PSSA Math</b>	<b>April 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>9:15 – 11:00</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>PSSA Science</b>	<b>April 30 &amp; May 1</b>	<b>9:15 – 11:00</b>

Due to the importance of every child's participation during the assessment dates, we ask that parents attempt to have their child(ren) at school on time, do not dismiss them during testing times for any appointments, and make the school aware of extenuating circumstances that may interfere with attendance during the above dates.

In addition, all students will have as much as needed throughout the designated school day to complete the test section being administered. Any student not finishing by 11:00 will be moved to an overflow room for test completion. Due to the strict security rules elicited by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, no student is allowed to have any electronic devices in the testing area. Therefore, no electronic devices other than school-issued devices will be allowed out at school for the dates listed above (ie: smart watches & cell phones). If a student does not abide by this rule disciplinary action will be taken. This does NOT apply to diabetic devices.

Parents may assist their child(ren) in preparing for the assessments by encouraging them to get plenty of sleep the night before and providing a healthy breakfast the morning of the testing. We will be offering breakfast as well. Also, parents can reassure their child(ren) that the assessment gives them an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and help teachers develop appropriate instruction. They should put forth their best effort.

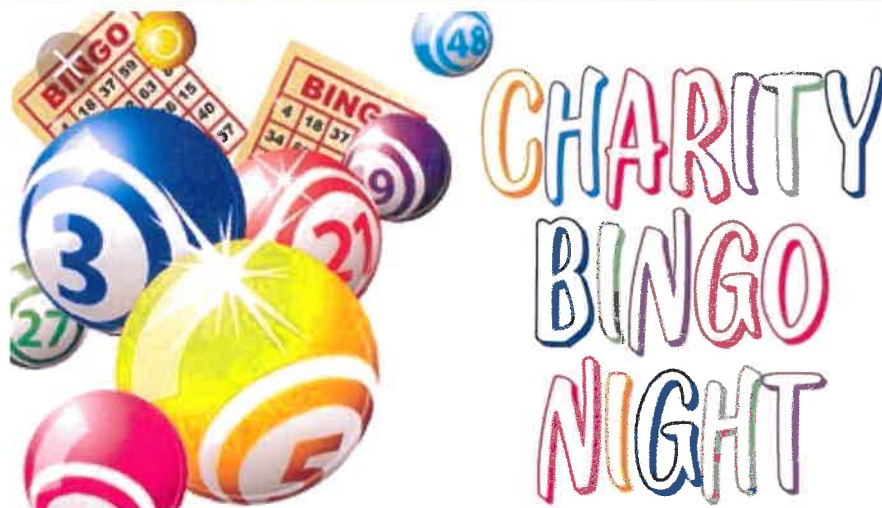
Additional information from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the PSSA is attached. If you have any further questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact Amy Oberly, Guidance Counselor, at 724-796-1551 ext. 2271.



**Let's rock this test, Rangers!**



# Fort Cherry PTO Bingo at The Red Fox!



This event benefits Fort Cherry PTO!

Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> Doors open at 5PM, games begin at 7PM!

We NEED YOUR HELP!

Basket donations are needed. Please contact Jacquelyn for questions. (724) 678-8518.

## Basket ideas:

- **Chocolate Lover:** Assorted chocolates, hot cocoa mix, a cozy blanket, and a mug.
- **Tea Time:** A selection of teas, honey, biscuits, and a teapot.
- **Charcuterie Board:** A selection of cheeses, meats, crackers, and fruits.
- **Spa Day:** Bath bombs, scented candles, a soft robe, and a face mask.
- **Cozy Night In:** A blanket, a book, a mug of hot chocolate, and a scented candle.
- **Movie Night:** Popcorn, candy, a blanket, and a DVD or streaming service gift card.
- **Garden Lover:** Seeds, gardening tools, a small potted plant, and a trowel.
- **Staycation:** A gift certificate for a local spa or restaurant, a book, and a cozy robe.
- **Home Decor:** A candle, a picture frame, and a small plant.

**ANY IDEAS ARE WELCOME!**

**THANK YOU!!**

Learn more about  
**YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT DAY AT**

**Kennywood**

**FT. CHERRY**  
**Friday, May 23, 2025**

*Tickets as low as*  
**\$31.99**  
*if purchased by May 9th*

*(price increases to as low as  
\$35.99 after above deadline)*

**BUY EARLY AND  
SAVE OVER 55% OFF  
MAIN GATE RATE!**

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ON YOUR MAY 23RD  
SCHOOL DATE FOR AS LOW AS \$31.99:**

- STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)  
**STEP 2:** Enter your '2025 School Ticket' ticket quantity  
**STEP 3:** Enter Promo Code **fortcherry** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click Apply'  
**STEP 4:** Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'  
**STEP 5:** **SELECT [AGAIN] THE ABOVE SCHOOL DATE**, then click 'Continue'  
**STEP 6:** Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

**PURCHASE INSTRUCTIONS TO VISIT ANY DATE OF CHOICE  
THROUGH JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR \$37.99:**

- (if you are unable to visit on the date selected at time of purchase, you can visit any day through July 13<sup>th</sup>)**  
**STEP 1:** Go to [www.kennywood.com/schools](http://www.kennywood.com/schools)  
**STEP 2:** Enter your '2025 School Ticket' ticket quantity  
**STEP 3:** Enter Promo Code **fortcherryflex** in the 'Promotional Code' box, then click 'Apply'  
**STEP 4:** Click 'Continue' to advance to the ticket calendar. **SELECT ANY VISIT DATE THROUGH JULY 13<sup>th</sup> TO APPLY DISCOUNT OFFER**, then click 'Continue'  
**STEP 5:** **SELECT [AGAIN] YOUR VISIT DATE**, then click 'Continue'  
**STEP 6:** Click 'Continue' to advance and complete the remaining steps to purchase your tickets!

*\*Good Any Day tickets will only be available for purchase through June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

[www.kennywood.com](http://www.kennywood.com)





**GOT THE SPIRIT?  
WE WANT TO HEAR IT!**

*TRYOUTS ARE ABOUT TO START!*

The Junior High Cheer tryout practices are May 1-8 (not including the weekend), 7:00-9:00pm in the HS gym.

Tryout day is May 9th, 3:00-6:30pm in the HS gym.

All UPCOMING 7th and 8th graders can try out.

If you are interested in trying out for cheerleading, please attend

# Summer Reading Skills PROGRAMS

## CLASSES OFFERED IN BETHEL PARK, PITTSBURGH, and ON CAMPUS

### Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

Your child will learn to read in this exciting program! Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words while developing a real love of books. By the end of the program your child will read simple words and sentences and be confident about reading.

### Program for Entering 1st Graders

Your child will learn to read independently in this fun program. Students learn the most important first grade reading skills—phonics, sight words and comprehension—and develop a love of reading. Your child will start the school year confident, enthusiastic, and ready to succeed!

### Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun program, your child will become a confident, enthusiastic reader! Children build strong phonics skills and improve reading fluency and comprehension. Your child will develop a love of reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

### Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader who loves books. Children improve decoding skills, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary, so they start third grade confident about reading and excited to learn!

### Program for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In this fun and effective program, your child will become a more skilled, confident reader! Students improve comprehension and fluency in fiction and nonfiction and expand their vocabulary. As a result, your child will complete homework more easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

### Program for Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

In this program, your child will become a stronger reader and a more confident, motivated student. Students double reading speed and improve comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. Your child will expand vocabulary and learn note-taking, test-taking, and study strategies that result in higher grades and test scores.

### Program for Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

This program will set your son or daughter up for academic success in high school. Students learn to read twice as fast and increase comprehension and focus in fiction and nonfiction, both in print and online. They expand vocabulary and develop effective study and test-taking strategies, leading to better exam scores and higher grades.

### Program for Entering 12th Graders and College Students

This program prepares students to excel academically in college. In this online program, students double their reading speed, increase focus, and improve comprehension for both print and digital materials. They develop strategies to study efficiently, improve their grades, and score higher on exams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER  
**Call 1-800-499-8557**

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE

**chatham<sup>®</sup>**  
**UNIVERSITY**

**Phonics**  
**Fluency**  
**Comprehension**  
**Love of Reading**  
**Study Skills**  
**Reading Speed**

Source Code: 120-15-76399





## Class Schedule

All programs meet once each week. Tuition varies by grade level. Please ask about our family discount.

Programs meet in **Bethel Park (B)** at Bethel Park Community Center, 5151 Park Avenue,  
in **Pittsburgh (P)** on campus at Chatham University, Shadyside Campus,  
and in **Pittsburgh (McCandless) (M)** at La Roche University, 9000 Babcock Boulevard.

Additional programs available at other locations and online.

### 4-Year-Olds & Entering Kindergartners:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 9:30am-10:45am (B)  
Sun. June 15-July 20, 9:00am-10:15am (P)  
Sat. July 26-August 23, 9:00am-10:15am (P)  
Sun. July 27-August 24, 9:00am-10:15am (M)

### Entering 1st Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 11:00am-12:15pm (B)  
Sun. June 15-July 20, 10:30am-11:45am (P)  
Sat. July 26-August 23, 10:30am-11:45am (P)  
Sun. July 27-August 24, 10:30am-11:45am (M)

### Entering 2nd Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 1:15pm-2:30pm (B)  
Sun. June 15-July 20, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)  
Sat. July 26-August 23, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)  
Sun. July 27-August 24, 12:45pm-2:00pm (M)

### Entering 3rd Graders:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 2:45pm-4:00pm (B)  
Fri. July 25-August 22, 9:00am-10:15am (P)  
Sat. July 26-August 23, 2:15pm-3:30pm (P)  
Sun. July 27-August 24, 2:15pm-3:30pm (M)

### Entering 4th and 5th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 9:30am-10:45am (B)  
Thu. July 24-August 21, 9:00am-10:15am (M)  
Fri. July 25-August 22, 10:30am-11:45am (P)

### Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 11:00am-12:15pm (B)  
Thu. July 24-August 21, 10:30am-11:45am (M)  
Fri. July 25-August 22, 12:45pm-2:00pm (P)

### Entering 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders:

Mon. June 16-July 14, 1:15pm-2:30pm (B)  
Thu. July 24-August 21, 12:45pm-2:00pm (M)  
Fri. July 25-August 22, 2:15pm-3:30pm (P)

### Entering 12th Graders and College Students:

Sat. June 14-July 19, 12:00pm-1:15pm  
Sun. June 15-July 20, 12:00pm-1:15pm

Programs are offered by **Chatham University, College of Arts and Science: Education Department**.  
Programs are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

**Call 1-800-499-8557**

Mon.-Fri. 8am-10pm, Sat. 8am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm

**INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.**



April 16, 2025

Dear Helping Hands Families,

Center United Presbyterian Church in Midway has again graciously offered to continue the **Helping Hands** program over the summer months. If you wish to participate please **OPT-IN** by completing and returning the bottom portion of this form.

Pick-up will be Friday, June 20th and Friday, July 18th from 6:30-7:30 PM. The pickup location will be at Center UP Church, 110 Washington Avenue, Midway. There is a parking lot off of North Main Street. Boxes can be picked up in the basement of Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions please contact Jill Sims at 412-352-3460 or Dan Hillberry at 724-231-8355.

Thank you and have a fun and safe summer!



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Please complete this form and return it to FC Elementary Center by Thursday, May 22nd. You may also email or call Brianne Eiler to be added to this program at [beiler@fortcherry.org](mailto:beiler@fortcherry.org) 724-796-1551 ext. 2003. We will share your information with the Church.

☐ YES, I am interested in participating in the Center UP Church Summer Food program.

Please list all children living in the household and their ages:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Age)

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATE THE END OF THE YEAR  
AT  
SKY ZONE**



**MAY 22ND, 2025**

**6:00 - 8:00**

**SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK**

**281 GEORGETOWN RD**

**CANONSBURG, PA 15317**

**SHOW THIS FLYER AND A PORTION OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO THE FORT CHERRY PTO**



**SKY ZONE®**



# *April is Child Abuse Prevention Month*

## **Washington County Children & Youth Services**



**We know that  
raising a family can  
be challenging at  
times.**

In 2024 our team did  
A LOT to support the  
families in  
Washington County!

### **Our team successfully:**

- Served over 3,000 youth/over 1,500 families.
- Provided on-going support and resources to nearly 1,400 kids/325 families.
- Distributed 414 Beverly's Birthday Boxes to youth.

### **Provided:**

The agency assisted families with necessities to ensure the safety and well-being of children, while keeping families together. We provided: 150 beds, 25 dressers, 14 cribs, 34 pack 'n plays, 45 alarms and clothing and personal care items

### **Our Prevention Unit:**

- Served 550 kids/300 families with meeting basic needs by accessing resources.
- Successfully prevented the need for continued agency involvement.

### **Efforts:**

Through these efforts, nearly 90% of the children served were safely maintained in their natural home. Let us be a part of your village. Please contact us if we can assist your family!

[www.washingtoncountyhumannservices.com](http://www.washingtoncountyhumannservices.com) 724-228-6884

**COME LEARN TO  
PLAY TENNIS  
OR IMPROVE  
YOUR GAME!!!**

# **2025 MCDONALD BOROUGH**

## **SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM**



**HARRY COLLINS  
COURTS -  
HERITAGE PARK**

**Certified pro dedicated  
to teaching**

### **Discover Our Program**

#### **Deadline for Registration**

June 1, 2025

#### **Lessons**

June 10th to August 7th.

#### **Pick up forms at:**

McDonald Pharmacy, Chinese  
Dragon Restaurant,  
Boro Office, or Library.

### **Program for ages 5 years old to adult**

Kids' Tennis Lessons (10 & under)

Adult Tennis Classes

#### **Schedule**

8 weeks of Lessons

Twice a Week

Tuesday and Thursday

#### **Pricing**

Kids: \$80 (first child), \$40 (additional siblings)

Adults: \$85 for 16 lessons

**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER  
PLAYING TENNIS!**



Contact us for more info  
**412 641 9461**

Register Online at  
**[www.mcdonaldboro.com](http://www.mcdonaldboro.com)**



# McDonald Boro 2025 Summer Tennis Clinics

Harry Collins Tennis Courts - Heritage Park - McDonald, Pennsylvania

## Summer 2025 Tennis Clinic Schedule

Tuesday Dates	Thursday Dates
June 10	June 12
June 17	June 19
June 24	June 26
July 01	July 03
July 08	July 10
July 15	July 17
July 22	July 24
July 29	July 31
August 05	August 07

No clinics during June 30 - July 6. The denoted clinics will be used for make-ups if necessary.

## Clinic Details

1	5-6 Years	Learning to Play Tennis	10:00-11:00 AM
2	7-9 Years	Basic Fundamental Skills	11:00-12:00 PM
3	10-12 Years	Strong Fundamental Skills	12:00-1:00 PM
4	13-17 Years	Skills & Some Match Play	2:30-3:30 PM
5	High School	Match Experience	3:30-5:00 PM
6	18+	Any Tennis Experience	6:00-7:30 PM

### Cost

\$80 per child

\$40 for each additional child

\$85 per adult

\$125 for Clinics 4 & 5 together

Make checks payable to: Kumar Simms (Call or text 412-641-9461 for more info)

### Cut here and Mail to:

McDonald Borough  
151 School Street  
McDonald, PA 15057

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## Registration Form

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Previously participated? Yes / No If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have experience playing tennis? Yes / No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

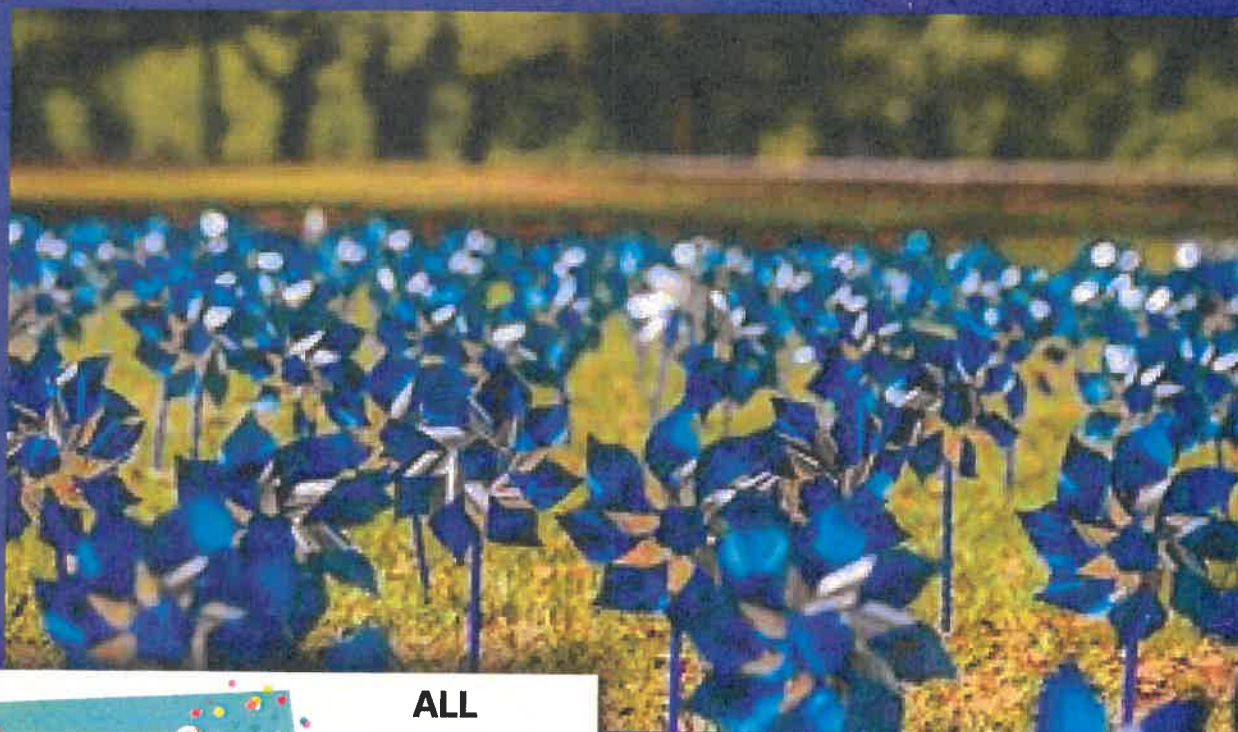




WASHINGTON COUNTY  
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES



# 5K Run/Walk



**ALL  
PROCEEDS  
WILL BENEFIT  
BEVERLY'S  
PGH.**

Join us for a 5K Run/Walk  
in honor of Child Abuse  
Prevention Month.

**April 27, 2025    Mingo Creek Park**

**Registration begins at 11am  
Race starts at 12pm**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.**

**QUESTIONS? CALL AMANDA GOLKOSKY AT  
724-228-6962**



# Fort Cherry Golf Club Junior Golf Program



Welcome to the 2025 Fort Cherry Golf Club Junior Golf Program. This program is designed utilizing the American Developmental Model and shaped by the PGA of America. The program is designed for fun, health, safety and learning. The student teacher ratio will be 12—1 and will feature classes created utilizing age levels. We will ensure this ratio by offering as many class times as needed to insure the 12—1 ratio.

## LESSONS WILL FEATURE

- Skill Based Instruction
- Athletic Motion Activities
- Skill Games and Skill Assessment
- Weekly Lesson Plans
- On Course Instruction
- Equipment Provided

## SESSION DATES

JUNE 9, JUNE 16, JUNE 23, JUNE 30, AND JULY 7

(Lesson length is 50 Minutes per Session) – (Lesson Times Will Be Between 8 AM and 5 PM)

(OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 5—16)

## REGISTRATION FORM

### CHILDREN'S INFORMATION AS OF MAY 1, 2025

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE—\$120.00

**PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO ANONYMOUS BENEFACTOR THE 2025 FEE IS \$60.00**

If you have questions or wish to enroll you child/children in the program, please call 724-926-4181. Enrollment limited to first 120 participants. Enrollment may be completed over the phone, or you may return enrollment in person.

Rich Conwell  
PGA Professional  
Fort Cherry Golf Club

80 Fort Cherry Road,  
Mc Donald, PA 15057  
Phone: (724) 926-4181



T B C R O B I N S O N

# FLAG FOOTBALL



**SKILLS CAMP**

**GRADES 1-8**

**BEGINNING JUNE 10**



REGISTER AT [BIBLECHAPEL.ORG/ROBINSON](http://BIBLECHAPEL.ORG/ROBINSON)







# PARKWAY WEST CTC

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

# SUMMER CAMP

**When:**

**Tuesday June 17th &  
Wednesday June 18th**

**Who:**

**All students entering  
grades 6-8 are welcome**

**Time:**

**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Lunch Provided**

**Details:**

**Students choose two  
programs to experience**

**Cost:**

**\$10** *This total fee covers the cost  
of supplies for your student.*

**Registration Open March 4, 2025**

**Registration Closes May 30, 2025**

## Summer Camp Program Offerings

- Automotive Technology
- Auto Body Repair
- Carpentry
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Graphic Arts & Production Technology
- Healthcare Occupations Technology
- HVAC/R
- Power Motorsports
- Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Therapy
- Veterinary Assistant Technology
- Welding & Fabrication



*Scan the QR Code or Register by  
visiting [www.parkwaywest.org](http://www.parkwaywest.org)*

Parkway West Career & Technology Center | 7101 Steubenville Pike | Oakdale, PA 15071 | 412-923-1772