



School's Out 2023-2024 Frequently Asked Questions

Here is an outline of our program and answers to frequently asked questions that are known at the moment. Thank you!

Program Enrollments: enrollments will open Tuesday, July 11, 2023 and will be limited by grade and location. We will use a wait list in the event that programs fill. See Enrollment Process online for instructions – all participants must be enrolled in the program through the office prior to registering for any services or attending the program.

Program Dates: align with the school calendars for 2023-2024.

- Programs are scheduled to begin the week of August 28th, 2023 and end mid-June 2024 (pending snow days)
- **Starts Dates** for Saco and Dayton Participants are as follows:
 - Grades 1-5 after school starts Wednesday, August 30th, 2023
 - Kindergarten after school starts Tuesday, September 5th, 2023
 - PreK after school starts Thursday, September 7th, 2023
- **School calendar links:**
 - Saco Schools: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E0yKRD247pozfvjpQoxP-WVSuqn0nh_j/view?ts=642f1806
 - Dayton Consolidated: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vkG_OT1PSzM9Wli36zyDiEiTgsgTFVf7/view

School's Out Programs Available Include:

- **After the Bell** (after school) hours are end of school day through 5:30pm, Monday-Friday. Registration is \$18.00/day. *This option includes Regular School Days, Early Release Days and Abbreviated Wednesday schedules.*
- **Full Day Off** hours are 7:30am-5:30pm – offered on most holidays, vacation weeks, and teacher professional development days. Registration is \$36.00/day.
- **Closure Dates:** we will not be offering Full Days Off services on the following dates:
 - Friday, September 1, 2023
 - Monday, September 4, 2023
 - Thursday, November 23, 2023
 - Friday, November 24, 2023
 - Friday, December 22, 2023
 - Monday, December 25, 2023
 - Monday, January 1, 2024
 - Monday, May 27, 2024
- *For this school year, we are not offering the Early Rizer before care program.*

Program Locations:

PreK After the Bell: Saco PreK Facility, Willey Rd. – *available to Full Day and Afternoon PreK students*

K-2 After the Bell: Saco Community Center – *transportation is provided by the school department from Young and Fairfield schools*

Grades 3-5 After the Bell: C.K. Burns School Gymnasium and cafeteria

Dayton PreK-5 After the Bell: Dayton Consolidated School
Full Day Off Programs PreK-5: Saco Community Center

Food: Please send your child with snacks for After the Bell programs, and for Full Day Off programs please send snacks and a cold lunch option. Meals are not provided by the Saco Parks and Recreation Department.

Emergency medications: for campers who have prescriptions for emergency medications such as inhalers or EpiPens, these items must be turned in to the SPR Office prior to attending and will be kept on site during the program. Deadline is Thursday, August 24th, 2023 – current summer 2023 participants may request to roll over emergency medications.

Payment/Registration Options:

- Payment Options this year include Weekly and Daily.
- Daily attendance options: often referred to as “pick and choose”, this allows you to choose specific days of the week your child will attend. Participants may have consistent schedules of days attending week to week or varying schedules.
- **After the Bell Registration deadline:** Register your child online no later than 1:00PM of the day needed to ensure your child will be on the attendance roster. Most participants register 1 or 2 weeks at a time, but you do have up until 1:00PM each day to register online to meet the deadline.
- **Full Days Off deadline:** Register at least one business day prior to the day needed. Some vacation weeks may require earlier registration deadlines due to max enrollment limits; this will be noted on the online payment activity pages. Due to maximums, Full Day registrations cannot be guaranteed until they are registered and paid for.

Fee Waivers: the fee waiver application for 2023-2024 programs is available at www.sacorec.com under “Department Info”-Forms. Completed applications and supporting materials can be submitted in person at the SPR Office or via mail to

“Attn: Ryan Sommer, Saco Community Center, 75 Franklin St., Saco ME 04072”.

- If you have received a fee waiver award for Summer Camp 2023, please email Ryan Sommer to determine if you are eligible to request a rollover: rsommer@sacomaine.org.

Call-Outs: Refunds and Cancellations

- **After the Bell Call-Outs:** In the event your child will not attend an after school day registered for, please contact the SPR Office no later than 1:00pm that day. Your child will be removed from the attendance list and your household account will be credited the registration fee for that day.
- **Full Days Off Changes:** please notify the SPR Office by 3:00pm at least one business day prior of any changes to your Full Day registrations to receive an account credit.
- *We are not able to provide a refund or credit for last minute cancellations or notifications after our attendance deadlines.*

Additional questions: we are continuing to plan over the course of the summer and may have updates that will be posted to our info page. If you have any additional questions, please refer to our full program policies page online or email the office at parksandrec@sacomaine.org.

Thank you for your support of SPR programs!