

UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2009 PARKS & RECREATION

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Summer Recreation Sign-ups Double in 2009



Counselors lead campers on a hike during Camp Black Rock last summer.

More than 120 children and teens registered for Upper Providence Township's summer recreation programs this year, doubling last year's sign-ups. The interest in the Recreation Department's programs, bus trips, and events has been steadily increasing, and we continue to expand and build on our programs to fill the growing recreation needs of Upper Providence residents.

"The popularity of Camp Black Rock exploded this year, with 60 children enrolled in just this one session," said Susan Barker, recreation director. "We expanded the program to include 20 more children than last year. It is exciting to have so much interest."

Next year the Recreation Department hopes to offer a new drama camp, in addition to Camp Black Rock, to try to include as many kids as possible, while still keeping the child-to-counselor ratio low.

"We strive to provide the types of programs our residents are looking for," said Ms. Barker. "Residents want low-cost ways to have fun with their families close to home. Next year we're planning to offer more family-oriented programs and events and more full-day camps, which are very popular."

We list many recreation opportunities throughout this newsletter and on our Web site, www.uprov-montco.org. Visit us online for more information and to download a registration form. Or, contact the Recreation Department at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org to sign up.

2009: More Summer Programs for Residents

Just two years ago, the township's summer recreation opportunities for kids were minimal, with a few sports camps here and there. Things have definitely changed.

This summer, the Upper Providence Recreation Department is offering nearly 30 camps, activities, bus trips, and events for youths, teens, adults, and families. The department is extremely excited to have such a full summer planned for our residents. Each year, we have continued to build upon the previous year's programs, and we're proud to be able to run programs every single week this summer.

With the help of our summer intern, Lauren Sherman, we're strengthening our focus on offering family-oriented events and camps for youths and teens. This year's summer recreation roster offers a variety of choices. Golf camp, soccer camp, and science and geocaching camps—new this year—round out the new offerings for 2009.

Our summer recreation programs are already underway, but there's still time to sign up. To register, download a registration form on www.uprov-montco.org or contact the Recreation Department at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org.

We have the participation and support of the community to thank for the success of our recreation programming. Peruse this newsletter to learn more about our programs, and don't forget to check the dates and times of our Friday night movie showing and concerts in the park on Thursdays.

Visit our Web site for frequently updated information on all the fun summer activities we've planned.

Sue Barker

Recreation Director

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Summer Recreation Programs

To register for recreation programs, download a registration form on www.uprov-montco.org and mail it to the township offices, or contact the Recreation Department at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org, unless otherwise stated.

Kixx Soccer Camp

For ages 6 to 14

DATE: July 6-10

TIME: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Anderson Farm Park

COST: \$150 per participant

Children will learn individual soccer skills and develop the fundamentals with Philadelphia Kixx players and staff. The atmosphere is educational and fun, filled with soccer-related drills and games. Groupings are based on children's age and ability. Register online at www.kixxonline.com.

Tri Golf Program

For ages 5 to 11

DATE: July 6-10

TIME: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Black Rock Road

COST: \$90 per participant

This weeklong program is for children with little or no golfing experience. They'll learn key golf terms and how to drive, strike, chip, and putt. At the end of the program, they'll participate in the Total Sports Solutions Masters.

Sensational Science Week

For ages 5 to 11

DATE: July 13-17

TIME: 9 a.m. to noon

LOCATION: Black Rock Park

COST: \$130 per participant

Counselors from Mad Science of West New Jersey provide a fun-filled week of science experiments and cool projects. Campers will learn about simple machines and create their own mini-sonic race cars. They will also investigate the basics of geology, the wonders of nature, and more.

Cheer & Baton Camp

Ages 5 to 11

◆ **SESSION 1:** July 20-24

◆ **SESSION 2:** August 17-21

TIME: 9 a.m. to noon

LOCATION: Black Rock Park

COST: \$55 per participant

Campers will learn cheers, chants, leaps, stunts, routines, baton fundamentals, and teamwork at each session of this weeklong camp. Wear sneakers and bring a water bottle each day. Equipment is available for use or purchase.



Geocaching Adventure Summer Camp

For ages 10 and up

DATE: July 27-31

TIME: 9 a.m. to noon

LOCATION: Black Rock Park

COST: \$85 per participant

Campers will learn how to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit to explore the outdoors and hunt for hidden caches of goodies. They will also design their own geocaching course and participate in team games. GPS units will be supplied. Bring a water bottle and healthy snack, wear comfortable shoes, and dress for outdoor activity and the weather.

Concerts in the Park

Bring your blankets and chairs and join us at Black Rock Park for great performances all summer long. **All events start at 7 p.m.** Refreshments will be offered for minimal cost.

At each concert, we will collect donations for the Montgomery County SPCA, including dog and cat food, cat litter, litter boxes, towels, blankets, and monetary donations.



*Pete Gumbo of Zydeco-A-Go-Go.
Photo courtesy of Mike Lynch.*

Thursday, July 9

Charlie Zahm

A successful performer in the Celtic festival circuit, Charlie Zahm weaves magical moments of Scottish and Irish history for his audience to enjoy.

Thursday, July 16

Zydeco-A-Go-Go

This five-piece zydeco dance band specializes in Cajun, zydeco, classic New Orleans rhythm & blues, vintage Louisiana rock & roll, and '40s jump blues.

Thursday, July 23

German Oom-Pah Band

This lively and entertaining Bavarian-style band plays a selection of foot-stomping, thigh-slapping German tunes, such as polkas, waltzes, and marches. It will be like Oktoberfest in July!

Thursday, July 30

The Rockhardforty Band

The musicians of The Rockhardforty Band are dedicated to rocking the crowd with some of the best classic rock songs you can really dance to, from the Rolling Stones to the Stone Temple Pilots, and more.

Thursday, August 6

The Flying Mangos

A Latin-Caribbean fusion trio, the Flying Mangos play popular and traditional folk songs from Cuba, Mexico, and the Caribbean, plus stylized covers of popular songs, from Ray Charles to the Beatles, and more.

Thursday, August 27

Ron Kayfield & Co.

Ron Kayfield & Co. plays the music of great guitar legends Led Zeppelin, Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, and more.

Bus Trips

All bus trips depart from the Upper Providence Township Building or another local township building, unless stated otherwise. To make your reservation, download a registration form at www.uprov-montco.org or contact the Recreation Department at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org, unless otherwise stated. Seats are limited and many bus trips fill up quickly, so reserve your spot early.

Phillies Game

DATE: Friday, July 24
DEPARTURE: 4:30 p.m.
COST: \$65 per person

See the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies at Citizens Bank Park. Our tickets for the 7:05 p.m. game against the St. Louis Cardinals are for Section 242 and include a \$10 concession credit.

Wildwood, N.J.

DATE: Saturday, August 8
DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.
DEPART WILDWOOD: 6 p.m.
COST: \$42 per person

Wildwood is a family-friendly beach town with fun activities for all ages. After you check out the beach, choose from a wide variety of restaurants, visit the boardwalk and amusement piers, and enjoy the sights and sounds of a summer day at the shore.

Best of Michigan

DATE: Sunday, August 16 to Saturday, August 22
COST: \$739.95 per person, double occupancy

Ride in our deluxe motor coach to the Straits of Mackinac area in Michigan. Cost includes six nights of deluxe hotel accommodations, including three nights in a deluxe lakefront hotel, six continental breakfasts, and four dinners. Tour the Straits of Mackinac and Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula and choose your own itinerary from many fun activities and attractions.

American Music Theater

DATE: Saturday, August 22
DEPARTURE: 11 a.m.
DEPART LANCASTER: 5:30 p.m.
COST: \$60 per person

Enjoy a New York City-style show featuring the best music on Broadway. Enjoy the classics from Irving Berlin and George Gershwin, plus current hits from "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera." Before the show, we will stop for lunch at Cracker Barrel (not included in the cost).

Ellis Island & Statue of Liberty

DATE: Saturday, August 29
DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.
DEPART JERSEY CITY: 6 p.m.
COST: \$65 per person

Take our comfortable motor coach to Liberty State Park in Jersey City, N.J. From there, a 10-minute ferry ride will take you to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Your pass to enter the Statue of Liberty and the ferry ride are included in the trip cost. The ferry travels between Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty all day, giving you the freedom to plan your day as you wish.

Atlantic City, N.J.

DATE: Sunday, September 20
DEPARTURE: 9 a.m.
DEPART ATLANTIC CITY: 6 p.m.
COST: \$10 per person

Our luxury motor coach will drop you off at the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. Spend the day doing whatever you like, without the hassle of driving. Cost is for transportation only.

Movie in the Park

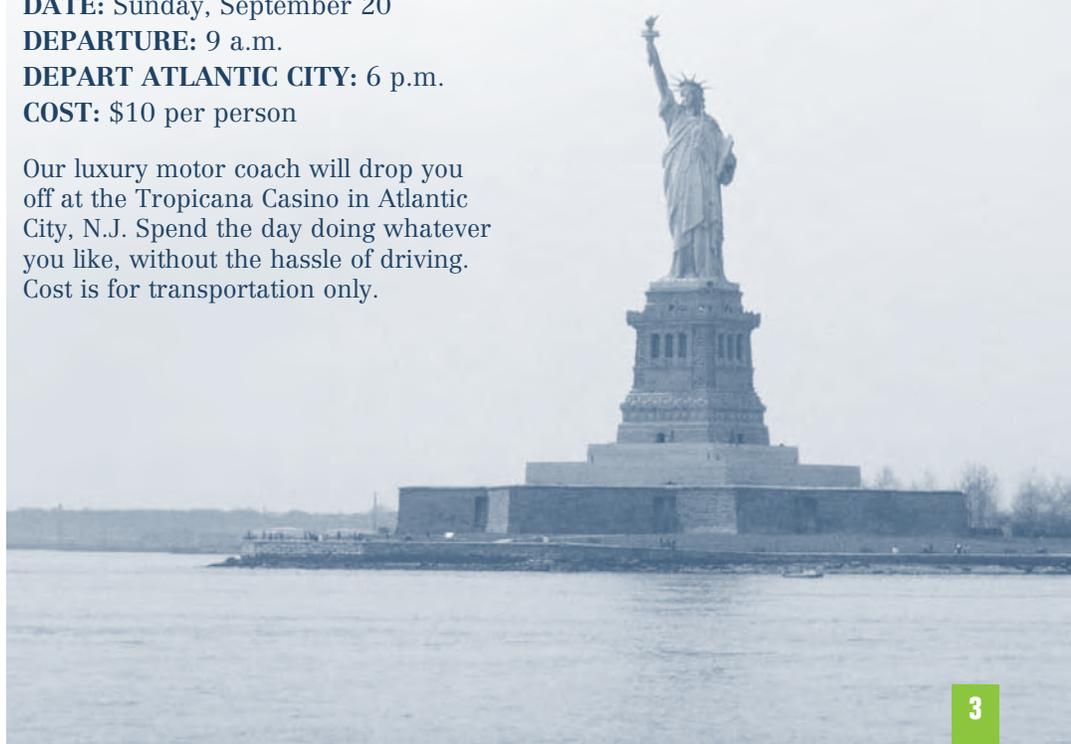
Bring your blankets, chairs, and friends and join us at Black Rock Park for a family-friendly feature. The Recreation Department sells popcorn, candy, hotdogs, and drinks. Admission is free.



Monsters vs. Aliens

Friday, August 14
8:30 p.m.
Rated PG
94 minutes

When a meteorite from outer space hits a young girl and douses her with the alien liquid Quantonium, it turns her into a 48-foot-tall monster. She then joins a ragtag group of monsters who are asked to save planet Earth from the evil alien Gallaxhar in this animated comedy.



Open Space Corner

Recycling in Upper Providence



Residents are required by law to recycle glass, aluminum, tin, steel cans, plastic bottles, and newspapers. Free recycling containers are available at the township offices. Place your recyclables at the curb for pick-up by your contracted private trash hauler. Recyclables may be co-mingled in one recycling bin. For pick-up dates, contact your private trash hauler.

Annual Community Day is Saturday, September 19

Spend time with neighbors and friends and take part in many fun, family-oriented activities at Upper Providence Township's 13th Annual Community Day on Saturday, September 19. Join us at Black Rock Park for the Business Fair and Craft Show, 5k race, live music, food, fireworks, and more! Meet the police officers and firefighters that serve Upper Providence Township and enjoy demonstrations, rides, and children's events. To sell crafts at Community Day or to sign up for the race, contact the Recreation Department.

Look for more details online at www.uprov-montco.org and in your e-mail when you sign up for eNews.

Volunteers Wanted

We're always looking for volunteers to help plan and run Community Day. We also have seats available on the Parks and Recreation Board. If interested, please contact Recreation Director Sue Barker at 610-933-9179 or PandR@uprov-montco.org to find out how you can help.

Community Day is 8,000-people Strong

More than 8,000 people came out to Community Day last year to enjoy the great weather, delicious food, and family-friendly musical performances. Our first-ever 5k race kicked off the start of Community Day and raised \$1,000 for the local chapter of the Special Olympics.

This annual event began in 1997 when it was called Pride Day. Since then, attendance has grown from 500 participants to more than 8,000—a 1,600 percent increase.

7 Ways to Protect our Water Resources

After stormwater flows across lawns, down driveways and streets, and into storm drains in Upper Providence Township, it eventually makes its way into the Schuylkill Canal, the Schuylkill River, the Perkiomen Creek, and other waterways used for drinking, swimming, and fishing. Before entering our water supply, stormwater picks up dirt, debris, and chemicals. You can protect our water supply when you make good personal decisions at home and at work.

Here are 7 ways you can protect our water resources:

1. **Convert a corner of your yard to a rain garden.** If you have a wet area in your yard, look for native plants that like wet soil and turn it into a beautiful focal point.
2. **Cut back on lawn fertilizers and pesticides,** and fertilize only in the fall. Much of the fertilizer applied in the spring flows directly into local waterways because the grass isn't ready to absorb it.
3. **Pick up after pets** and dispose of their waste properly. Not only is this required by law, but if left in your yard or at the park, pet waste can be carried into streams and the storm sewer system by stormwater runoff.
4. **Plant drought-tolerant, native plants and grasses** in your garden. They often require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
5. **Use the Waste System Authority** of Eastern Montgomery County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to dispose of hazardous household substances, such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies, and oil-based paint. Visit www.wsaemc.org for collection dates and times.
6. **Keep paved surfaces to a minimum.** Patios and parking spaces can be created with attractive, pervious materials that allow stormwater to drain to the soil below.
7. **Take your car to a commercial car wash** instead of washing it in your driveway. Car washes treat and recycle the water they use.

For more information on stormwater, visit www.uprov-montco.org under Public Works > Stormwater.

Discount Theme Park Tickets

Take your family and friends on a fun-filled day trip this summer, and save up to 55 percent on ticket prices! Discounted theme park tickets are available for purchase until September 1 at the township offices, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We accept cash, check, or credit/debit cards. No refunds or exchanges.

	Gate Price	Our Price
Adventure Aquarium Camden, NJ www.adventureaquarium.com		
Adult (13-61)	\$21.35	\$15.00
Child (2-12) / Senior (62+)	\$17.07	\$11.00
Baltimore Aquarium Baltimore, MD www.aqua.org		
Adult (13-59)	\$24.95	\$20.00
Child (3-11)	\$14.95	\$12.50
Senior (60+)	\$23.95	\$19.00
Camelbeach Poconos, PA www.camelbeach.com		
Adult or Child (3+)	\$32.99	\$26.99
Dorney Park Allentown, PA www.dorneypark.com		
Adult (48" or taller)	\$39.99	\$31.00
Junior (3 years to 48" tall) & Senior (62+)	\$19.99	\$19.00
Parking Fee \$8.00 Dorney's gate price is lower than our selling price before May 26 and after September 3. Age 2 and under are free.		
Dutch Wonderland Lancaster, PA www.dutchwonderland.com		
Regular (3-54)	\$30.95	\$27.00
Parking is FREE Senior tickets at gate only.		
Hersheypark Hershey, PA www.hersheypa.com/attractions/hersheypark		
Adult (9-54)	\$51.95	\$41.00
Child (3-8) & Senior (55-69)	\$30.95	\$29.00
Parking Fee \$10.00		
Knoebels Amusement Park Elysburg, PA www.knoebels.com		
Weekday Regular (48" and taller)	\$29.50	\$26.00
Weekday Child (under 48")	\$19.50	\$16.00
Morey's Piers Wildwood, NJ www.moreyspiers.com		
Water Park (all day all ages)	\$34.00	\$26.00
Rides only (48" and taller)	\$46.00	\$36.00
Adult combo (48" and taller)	\$55.00	\$40.00
Child combo (under 48")	\$42.00	\$32.00
PA Renaissance Faire Lancaster, PA www.parenaisancefaire.com		
Adult (12+)	Call for prices	Call for prices
Child (5-11)	Call for prices	Call for prices
Philadelphia Zoo Philadelphia, PA www.philadelphiazoo.org		
General Admission (age 2+)	\$18.00	\$14.00
Sesame Place Langhorne, PA www.sesameplace.com		
General Admission	\$54.72	\$43.00
Parking Fee \$13.00		
Six Flags Great Adventure Jackson, NJ www.sixflags.com/greatadventure		
Regular (age 4+) (Theme Park/Safari)	\$64.19	\$29.00
Hurricane Harbor Water Park	\$34.99	\$18.00
Parking Fee \$15.00		
Splash Zone Wildwood, NJ www.splashzonewaterpark.com		
4 hour ticket	\$28.00	\$19.00

Prices do not include parking fees. We recommend calling five days in advance to be sure we will have all the tickets you need.

Play at Your Parks

- ♦ **Anderson Farm Park**
499 Hopwood Road, on the corner of Hopwood Road and Route 113
- ♦ **Black Rock Park**
1286 Black Rock Road, between Routes 113 and 29, next to the township's Administration, Police, and Public Works buildings.
- ♦ **Hess Park**
275 Rittenhouse Road
- ♦ **Lock 60, Schuylkill Canal**
Across the river from Phoenixville
- ♦ **MacFarlan Park**
250 Greentree Road, between Black Rock and Egypt roads and adjacent to the Oaks Fire Company
- ♦ **Port Providence Road Park**
300 Walnut Street
- ♦ **Upper Providence Canal Park/ Reynolds Dog Park**
100 Longford Road

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UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP 2009 RECREATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

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September

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◀ *Community Day drew more than 8,000 residents last year. See page 4 for more on this year's event.*

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