

Fanwood Recreation

SPRING PROGRAMS 2025

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From there, you will be directed to the Community Pass registration website. If you're not already a member of Community Pass and haven't created a Community Pass Family Profile yet, you can do so for FREE.

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 12, 10 AM, Forest Road Park

PYTHON CODING CLASSES

For Kids

- Beginner & Intermediate Classes Available!!
- Laptops Provided
- Register today at Fanwood Community Pass

Our fun and interactive Coding Classes teach the basics of coding, problem-solving, and creative thinking!



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

MY CODE DRAGON PYTHON & R CODING FOR BEGINNERS

Students will learn foundational coding concepts such as basic syntax, variable types, conditional logic, loops, lists, and functions by creating a text-based Space Explorer game in Python. They will also use R to build a decision tree model that uncovers the characteristics of Water Pokémon, gaining essential programming skills while exploring the synergy between data, modeling, and real-world applications.

Time: Fridays, beginning May 9–June 13, 5:30–6:30 PM. 6 sessions.

Place: La Grande Park building

Age: 8+

Fee: \$249

Resources provided: We provide laptops to use in class for all students to ensure a seamless learning experience

Class Size: 6 min - 15 max.

About the Instructor: Daniel Zaremba: A Northwestern University graduate with a Master's in Data Science. Currently the Director of Risk Strategy & Analytics at First Citizens Bank and an instructor at Gauss Math Academy.

MY CODE DRAGON PYTHON CODING FOR INTERMEDIATES

Students will extract, refine, and transform Premier League soccer data from online sources, using Python to analyze and create visualizations. Additionally, they will code and explore the mechanics of a computer vision Color Hunt game in Python, as they develop and play their own interactive game.

Time: Fridays, beginning May 9–June 13, 6:30–7:30 PM. 6 sessions.

Place: La Grande Park building

Age: 9+

Fee: \$249

Resources provided: We provide laptops to use in class for all students to ensure a seamless learning experience

Class Size: 6 min - 15 max.

About the Instructor: Daniel Zaremba: A Northwestern University graduate with a Master's in Data Science. Currently the Director of Risk Strategy & Analytics at First Citizens Bank and an instructor at Gauss Math Academy.

CRAZY CHEM WORKS

Welcome to Crazy Chem-Works, where young scientists transform into chemistry wizards through a whirlwind of exciting experiments! Discover the wonders of "Super Sticky Stuff," witness "Chem in a Flash," and dive into the gooey fun of "Slime Time." Experience the frosty magic of "Dry Ice Capades," roll up your sleeves for hands-on "Lab Works," and unravel the mysteries of "pH Phactor." Light up the room with the dazzling "Glow Show" and explore explosive reactions in "Junior Reactors." Get ready for a chemistry adventure that's bursting with surprises and ignites a passion for science!

Time: Fridays, April 4– June 6, 4–5 PM. 8 sessions. No classes on 4/18, 5/30.

Place: Forest Road Park building

Grades: K–6

Cost: \$209

Brought to you by Mad Science of Northeast NJ. <https://northeastnj.madscience.org/>

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

UNDERGROUND EXPLORERS SPRING BREAK CAMP



Dig up dinosaurs and the ancient past! Solve real-life mysteries! Kids learn about archaeology and the techniques scientists use to excavate fossils and long-lost cities! They also study bone fragments, pottery shards, amber deposits, and fossils to understand what they can tell us about history! What's more, each class includes a make and take-home project, like a fossil reproduction, an amber time capsule, and coins from around the world! Finally, every camp will receive an unforgettable visit from 'Tiny T' an amazingly lifelike 10-year old Tyrannosaurus Rex!

Time: Monday–Friday, April 14–18, 9 AM–12 noon

Place: La Grande Park building

Grades: K–6

Cost: \$275

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MULTI SPORTS CAMP

Multi Sports Camp gives players the opportunity to experience a variety of sports throughout the program including soccer, basketball, flag football, kickball, lacrosse, polo, and more! Players will work on developing their skills in each sport before participating in small tournament-style scrimmages.

Time: Monday–Friday: April 14–18, 9 AM–12 PM

Ages: 5–11 years old

Location: Forest Road Park

Cost: \$210

Offered in association with USA Sport Group.

To register, please go to:

<https://usasportgroup.com/orgs/79-Fanwood-Recreation->



Register ONLINE at fanwoodrecreation.org

SPORTS

SQUIRTS MULTI SPORTS

The Squirts Multi Sports program allows children to try a variety of different sports throughout the season including Lacrosse, Soccer and Track & Field. All sports are taught in a safe and structured learning environment designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun!

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: Ages 3–4.5 years old: 8:30–9:15 AM or 10:10–10:55 AM
Ages 4–5.5 years old: 9:20–10:05 AM or 11–11:45 AM

Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

PARENT & ME MULTI SPORTS SQUIRTS

The Parent & Me Multi Sports Squirts program allows children to try a variety of sports with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! Ease your child into social situations with support and confidence as you engage in fun sports activities and games together.

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: Ages 1.5–2.5 years old: 9:15 to 9:55 AM
Ages 2 to 3.5 year old: 8:30–9:10, 10–10:40 or 10:45–11:25 AM

Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

PARENT & ME SOCCER SQUIRTS

Parent & Me Soccer Squirts is a fun and positive introduction to soccer for young children with a helping hand from Mom or Dad! With a parent participating by their side, kids will have fun learning the fundamental skills of soccer through structured activities, fun based games, and scrimmages.

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: Ages 1.5–2.5 years old: 10–10:40 AM
Ages 2 to 3.5 year old: 8:30–9:10, 9:15–9:55 or 10:45–11:25 AM

Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

SQUIRTS T-BALL

Open to both boys and girls, there's no better introduction to the sports of baseball or softball! Skills covered include hitting, throwing, catching, base running, fielding, and more. Each session is taught through structured activities, fun games, and scrimmages designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun!

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: Ages 3–4.5 years old: 9:20–10:05 AM or 11–11:45 AM
Ages 4–5.5 years old: 10:10–10:55 AM

Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

SOCCER SQUIRTS

Soccer Squirts is your child's perfect introduction to the most popular sport in the world! Skills covered include dribbling, passing, shooting, stealing, and more. Each session is taught through structured activities, fun games, and scrimmages designed to ensure learning and most importantly: fun, fun, fun!

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: Ages 3–4.5 years old: 8:30–9:15 AM or 10:10–10:55 AM
Ages 4–5.5 years old: 9:20–10:05 AM

Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

SOCCER – SKILLS & SCRIMMAGE

Our Soccer - Skills & Scrimmage program focuses on developing essential soccer skills in a fun, game-oriented environment. Players will master techniques such as dribbling, passing, footwork, and more, through dynamic activities that emphasize both individual and team play. Each class includes targeted skill-building exercises, game-related challenges, and scrimmage sessions where players can apply their skills in real-game scenarios.

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22
Time: 11–11:45 AM
Ages: 5–7
Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190



BASKETBALL – SKILLS & SCRIMMAGE

Our Basketball - Skills & Scrimmage program is designed to develop fundamental basketball skills in an engaging, game-based setting. Players will work on essential techniques like dribbling, passing, shooting, footwork, and more, through fun drills and activities that encourage both individual improvement and team collaboration. Each class combines skill-building exercises, game-related challenges, and scrimmage play, allowing players to apply their skills in live game situations.

Dates: Tuesdays, April 22–June 10
Ages 5–6 years old: 4:30–5:20 PM
Ages 7–8 years old: 5:25–6:15 PM
Ages 9–10 years old: 6:20–7:10 PM

Location: Forest Road Park basketball court
Cost: \$190



T-BALL – PARENT ASSISTED

Embark on an exciting T-Ball adventure tailored to match your child's development and pace. Your child will dive into the world of baseball and softball, nurturing essential T-Ball skills such as throwing, hitting, running, and catching, all with the support and guidance of a parent.

Dates: Sundays, April 27–June 22, 8:30–9:15 AM
Ages: 2.5–3.5 years old:
Location: Forest Road Park
Cost: \$190

All programs on this page offered in association with USA Sport Group. For more information call 732 563 2520.

Register ONLINE at usasportgroup.com/orgs/79-Fanwood-Recreation-



TGA PREMIER JUNIOR GOLF

TGA makes it convenient and fun for your child to learn and play golf. Our curricula are specially designed by industry-leading golf professionals and education specialists to ensure that the lesson plans are age-appropriate and easy to understand and retain. Students will experience a mix of golf instruction, rules and etiquette lessons, educational components, character development lessons and physical activity as they advance through the five-level program.

Our screened and certified instructors have a passion for working with children and are trained to help your student athlete develop a strong foundation of skills and knowledge as well as a passion for the sport.

- TGA provides all equipment
- First-time students receive a TGA hat and a TGA Student Handbook
- Students earn color coded TGA hat clips at every level
- Maximum 8:1 student to instructor ratio

When: Tuesdays from April 1st–May 13th, 5–6 PM. No class on April 15th. 6 sessions.

Where: La Grande Park. Drop-off is by the entrance to the circular rink in La Grande Park.

Ages: 6–11

Cost: \$150

For more information about TGA, please contact Nick Meltzer at nmeltzer@playtga.com or call (732) 835-8TGA

SPRING INTO TENNIS FOR CHILDREN

Learn tennis in beautiful La Grande Park! Tennis skills are the focal point of this program. All aspects of the game (grip, backhand, forehand, volley and serve) will be instructed and practiced in an encouraging small group atmosphere. Fun games and footwork skills are incorporated in the lesson.

Students need to wear sneakers, and bring a tennis racquet and a water bottle to each lesson.

Maximum of 6 students on court.

Dates: Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 7, 14. Make-ups due to inclement weather will be held the next day (Sunday) at the same scheduled time.

Times: Tots (5–7 years): 2:30–3:30 PM

Beginners (8–11 years): 3:30–4:30 PM

Intermediates—this student must be able to sustain a rally from the base line and have a level of understanding of all strokes (9–13 years): 4:30–5:30 PM

Place: La Grande Park Tennis Courts

Cost: \$200 for 6-class program

About the Instructor: Lessons are taught by pro Brian Maloney PTR, APTA, PPR



SKATEBOARDING LESSONS

Learn the basics of skateboarding in a fun, relaxed and safe manner! Beginners will learn how to push, glide, carve and kickturn, and start to enjoy the thrill of riding up and down ramps. Intermediates will begin to develop their trick skills with ollies, shuv-its, nose manuals, and wheelies, and start to work on ramp tricks as well!

More importantly perhaps, kids will learn the value of hard work, determination, resiliency, creativity and confidence in a fun and exciting way!

Skateboards and helmets are required. Knee pads, elbow pads, and wrist guards—while not required—are recommended. The maximum number of participants is 12 students per class.

Time: Saturdays, April 5–May 31. 7 sessions. No class on April 19, May 24.

Beginners (ages 5–8): 9–10 AM

Intermediates (ages 5–8): 10–11 AM

Beginners (ages 9–14): 11 AM–12 noon

Intermediates (ages 9–14): 12–1 PM

Place: Forest Road Park skatepark

Cost: \$110

About the Instructor: Coach Jeremy Picado has been skateboarding for more than 25 years. He's been teaching both private and group skateboarding lessons for almost 5 years, most recently with the Plainfield Recreation Department. Coach Jeremy will teach the kids the fundamentals of skateboarding in a safe, courteous manner, at a skill level appropriate to each individual.

Register ONLINE at fanwoodrecreation.org

ELEMENTARY DRAWING BY YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Spring has sprung, and that means it's time for SPRINGTIME FUN WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS! If your little artist



is captivated by the magic of the movies, they'll love bringing our movie theater still life to life. Ready for an adventure? Drawing Aladdin's Lamp will be a wish come true! We're also riding the waves with our super-cool Surfer & Wave illustration—it's totally rad! For those with a love for fantasy, our baby dragons lesson will fire up their imagination and teach them to master color and composition. And to top it all off, we'll explore the world of art legends with a stunning portrait of Frida Kahlo to spark their creativity. Don't let this artistic adventure pass by—sign up today and let the creativity bloom!

Brought to you by Young Rembrandts of Central and West NJ.
<https://www.youngrembrandts.com/>

Date: Mondays, April 21st–June 16th. 8 weeks.
No class on 5/26.

Time: 5–6 PM

Place: La Grande Park building

Age: Grades K–6

Cost: \$164 (includes all materials)

BABYSITTING CERTIFICATION CLASS

For 11 to 15-year olds who want to learn babysitting and childcare services. Using guidelines provided by the American Safety & Health Institute, students who successfully complete the class receive a 2-year babysitting safety certification card and manual and a 2-year CPR certification card and manual. Learn how to deliver basic First Aid, change diapers, handle unexpected visitors or phone calls and get vital information from parents.

Learn hand hygiene, food preparation safety tips, proper supervision and appropriate playtime activities. The class also covers how to safety-proof and walk through the home before the parents leave, bedtime routines, how to safely babysit as a business, and how to perform CPR and choking procedures on all ages. 10 students maximum.

Class provides Babysitting Safety and CPR/AED books

Class includes hands skills. Please also notify us if anyone has an allergy to hazelnuts.

Time: Tuesdays, beginning April 29th, 4–6 PM,
3 sessions.

Place: La Grande Park building

Fee: \$70

Ages: 11–15

About the Instructor: Melissa Padulsky, owner of Little Hearts Big World, LLC, has been an EMT in New Jersey for 14 years. She currently is a volunteer EMT with both Fanwood and Scotch Plains Rescue Squads and has worked as a paid EMT in Clark, Linden, and Elizabeth. She has been a CPR and EMT instructor for the last 10 years, and has taught at corporate training, major public gas and electric facilities, day care centers, private agencies, and EMS agencies. She has instructor certifications from NJ State EMT, American Heart Association, National Safety Council, ECSI and American Safety and Health Institute.

Little Hearts Big World, LLC. prides itself on running quality courses, with lots of hands-on practice and realistic scenarios. Its goal is to make sure students understand why they are doing something and are confident in the skills they learn during class.

For more information call 908-322-2242, email littleheartsbigworld@verizon.net or go to www.littleheartsbigworld.com

Register ONLINE at fanwoodrecreation.org



HIP HOP EXPERIENCE DANCE CLASS

Through experiential and interactive instruction, youth will explore the fundamentals of Hip Hop dance while learning specific technique, vocabulary, dynamics and the musicality of Hip Hop. Students learn the elements of Hip Hop culture while experiencing the culture through each era. Students learn a variety of movement and styles that are traditional to Hip Hop dance in each era. Check out this video for a look at our students in action:

<https://youtu.be/1763rtb7LuE>

Time: Junior: Mondays beginning April 7, 5–5:50 PM (6 sessions). Ages 5–8.

Youth: Mondays beginning April 7, 6–6:50 PM (6 sessions). Ages 8–11.

No class on April 14.

Place: Forest Road Park building

Price: \$75, plus cost of class shirt of \$25 to be paid in cash to instructor by 2nd class.

María Daniel, the 2024 Community Impact Award Recipient for Dance Education, is a National Dance Foundation Partner and creator of the copyrighted Hip Hop Experience (HHE) Dance Class and Curriculum, featured on CBS and NBC. As Founder and Artistic Director of iDance Ministry (dba iDance Experience), she serves culturally and economically diverse dancers through impactful dance education and mentorship throughout New Jersey and New York City. HHE explores the potential therapeutic qualities of Hip Hop Dance and María has conducted innovative research in this area. With decades of experience as a dancer, choreographer, educator, author, and attorney, María has earned five mayoral proclamations. She received a 2023 NJ Senate and Assembly Joint Resolution for her meritorious record of service, leadership, and commitment as a dance educator who leverages the creative arts to improve life in the community. Certified to teach Hip Hop Dance to youth with special needs, she promotes equitable access to dance while also coordinating National Dance Week programs and workshops. Her accolades include the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteer Service Award, the Professional Woman of the Year Award (NANBPWC), and a Director Award (Dance the World - Disney).

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SPRING MUSIC AT THE PARK '25

For children 5 years old and under and
their caregivers.

**Wednesdays 4:00pm
Saturdays 9:30 / 10:30 am**

**FUN BEGINS ON
4/2**



KIDS' MUSICROUND WITH MS. SHEILA

Kids' MusicRound is a high-energy, fun-filled, research-based music and movement program for families with children up to age 5 years. It is a unique blend of fun and education, designed to inspire and teach children the joys of music while nurturing strong family and community connections. Children in our program thrive both musically and socially while immersed in a fun, musical environment.

- Fee is \$215 for one child per family, ages 0 to 5.
- Fee is \$50 (\$165 discount) for each additional sibling with this exception: A child below age 1 is FREE with paid older sibling. When registering your child, DO NOT register your child's sibling if sibling is under 1 or you will have to pay \$50 for the under-1 sibling; however the unregistered, under-1 sibling is welcome to attend and participate. You will receive the \$165 discount at checkout.

- Time:** Section 1: Saturdays, beginning April 5th, 9:30–10:15 AM. 9 sessions. No class on 4/19.
Section 2: Saturdays, beginning April 5th, 10:30–11:15 AM. 9 sessions. No class on 4/19.
Section 3: Wednesdays, beginning April 2nd, 4–4:45 PM. 9 sessions.

Age: 0–5

Place: La Grande Park Pavilion area.
Up to 20 families per class

About the Instructor: Ms. Sheila is an enthusiastic and energetic children's music teacher. She has been bringing the Kids' MusicRound® program to families and communities in Union County for almost a decade. She is a fixture in local libraries and Recreation Departments as well as at children's birthday parties. Ms. Sheila has a degree in Mass Communication and is a certified teacher and licensee of Kids' MusicRound®.

Register ONLINE at fanwoodrecreation.org

PROGRAMS for ADULTS



ADULT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM—BEGINNERS

Players will be instructed in the basic fundamentals of this fun game as well as learn proper scoring. Players will also learn the importance of “the kitchen”! Players need to bring a Pickleball paddle and water, and wear sneakers. Balls will be provided. 12 students maximum.

Time: Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17. 6–7:15 PM. 3 classes.

Make-ups due to inclement weather will be held the next day (Sunday) at the same scheduled time.

Place: Forest Road Park

Age: 18 and up

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Lessons taught by PPR and PTR certified Pickleball and Tennis teaching professional Brian Maloney.

ADULT PICKLEBALL PROGRAM—INTERMEDIATES

Come out and practice your techniques that you have acquired. Strengthen your Pickleball play! Players need to bring a Pickleball paddle and water, and wear sneakers. Balls will be provided. 12 students maximum.

Time: Saturdays, May 31, June 7, 14. 6–7:15 PM.
3 classes.

Make-ups due to inclement weather will be held the next day (Sunday) at the same scheduled time.

Place: Forest Road Park

Age: 18 and up

Fee: \$75

Instructor: Lessons taught by PPR and PTR certified Pickleball and Tennis teaching professional Brian Maloney.

SPRING INTO TENNIS FOR ADULTS—BEGINNERS

Learn tennis in beautiful La Grande Park! Tennis skills are the focal point of this program. All aspects of the game (grip, backhand, forehand, volley and serve) will be instructed and practiced in an encouraging small group atmosphere. Fun games and footwork skills are incorporated in the lesson. Students need to wear sneakers, and bring a tennis racquet and a water bottle to each lesson.

Maximum of 6 students on court.

Dates: Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 7, 14. Make-ups due to inclement weather will be held the next day (Sunday) at the same scheduled time.

Time: 1:30–2:30 PM

Place: La Grande Park Tennis Courts

Age: 21 and up

Cost: \$200 for 6-class program

About the Instructor: Lessons are taught by pro Brian Maloney PTR, APTA, PPR

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