

# Preschool / Youth Programs



## Reasons to Register Early!

Many classes are very popular and people know that in order to get a spot, they need to **register early**.

But there are also reasons to **register early** for classes that don't usually fill up. All of our classes are self-supporting and we must reach minimum enrollment for a class to run. There is a point (usually about 3 days before the program is due to start) that a program must be canceled if there aren't enough people registered. Very often people register after the program has been canceled. If the registrations were done earlier, in many cases, the program would have run. All programs require a high level of coordination often including facility scheduling, staffing, and purchasing of supplies. So, if you know you want to take a class, **please register early**. Then everyone will get a chance to participate.

## Child Care (ages 1-7)

While not actually a program, drop-in childcare is available for children of the center members and daily participants. Children, ages 1-7, can play, listen to stories, and participate in arts and crafts. Parents must remain on site and children may only attend childcare for two hours maximum per day. Space is limited. NO reservations are accepted. Members pay \$2 per hour and non-members pay \$3 per hour. Punch cards are available to members at the main reception desk. The following times are planned for the Fall. However, the Parks and Recreation department reserves the right to adjust times as to reflect demands.

Location: CC Child Care Room  
 Days & Times: Mon.-Thurs, 8:30-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-7 p.m.  
 Fri.-Sat., 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
 Sun., closed

## Munchkin Mornings (ages 12-36 months)

This program for parent(s) and their child(ren) ages 12-36 months old, will include art activities, music, story time, and social time. Please make alternative arrangements for siblings who are not ages 1-3.

Instructors: Carol Fliss and Parks and Recreation Staff  
 Location: First Church of Christ Congregational in Mansfield Center  
 Days: (220001-A) Mon., Sept. 14-Oct. 26 (6 classes) (no class 10/12)  
 (220001-B) Wed., Sept. 9-Oct. 14 (6 classes)  
 (220001-C) Mon., Nov. 9-Dec. 14 (6 classes)  
 (220001-D) Wed., Oct. 28-Dec. 16 (6 classes) (no class 11/11 or 11/25)  
 Time: 9:30-11 a.m.  
 \$47 for resident/\$57 for non-residents

## Parent/Tot Open Gym (birth to 5)

This ongoing, unsupervised program is for children up to the age of 5 and their parents. There will be age-appropriate toys, mats, balls, etc. to be used by the participants.

Location: CC Gym  
 Days: Mon.-Sat.. (could be cancelled for special events and some programs)  
 Time: 9:30-11 a.m.  
 Fee: Free for members/Non-members pay the regular daily fee for parent/guardian and children



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## Help Wanted

Do you have a talent that you'd like to share in the form of a program for Mansfield Parks & Recreation? We're always looking for new ideas and ways to add class offerings to our program schedule.

**Please call Bette at 429-3015 ext. 106 or email [SternBD@MansfieldCT.org](mailto:SternBD@MansfieldCT.org) with your ideas.**

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## Music Together® (birth-5 years)

This class will introduce young children and their parents or caregivers to music and movement through singing, playing instruments such as drums and maracas, dancing, and listening activities. All families receive an illustrated song book, CD and guide for music-making with young children.

Music Together® ([www.musictogether.com](http://www.musictogether.com)) is an internationally recognized early childhood music program that began as an educational project of the Center for Music and Young Children in 1985.

Instructor: Laurel LaPorte-Grimes, Registered Music Together teacher Arts from the Heart, LLC.  
Location: CC Community Room  
Days: (220004-A) Fri., Sept. 18-Nov. 6 (8 weeks)  
Time: 9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Time: (220004-B) Sat., Sept. 19-Nov. 7 (8 weeks)  
Time: 11:15 a.m.-noon  
Fee: \$156 for residents/\$166 for non-residents  
Additional Children in the same family take 40% off the price. Children 8 months or younger are free when registering with an older sibling Includes instruction, materials (songbook, CD and guide), as well as a one year subscription to the Music Together® Newsletter.

**New**

## Little Dragons

We've teamed up with Villari's of North Windham to offer this great new program. Designed specifically for 3 and 4 year olds, this interactive program will use basic martial arts principles to help develop focus, balance, and coordination through tasks that will appeal to a child's creative imagination. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Instructor: Stephanie Caler from Villari's of North Windham  
Location: CC Gym  
Days: (220005-A) Wed., Sept. 23-Oct. 28 (6 weeks)  
Days: (220005-B) Wed., Nov. 4-Dec. 16 (6 weeks)  
Time: (no class 11/11)  
Time: 11-11:30 a.m.  
Fee: \$20 for residents/\$30 for non-residents

## Nature Rangers (ages 3-5 with their parents)

Children will explore the great outdoors! Seasonal discovery topics such as insects, pond life flowers, plants, and more will be covered. Learn about nature through short hikes, touching, looking, storybooks, and simple nature art.

Instructor: Kyle Chmielecki  
Location: Bicentennial Pond  
Dates: Tues., Sept. 15-Oct. 20 (6 weeks)  
Time: (220002-A) 11-11:45 a.m.  
Fee: \$30 for residents/\$40 for non-residents

**New**

## Mini Sports (ages 3-5 with their parents)

Score a goal, shoot a hoop, and hit a forehand! We'll explore various sports, teaching the basic skills and rules of play! Great class for the energetic child

Instructor: Kyle Chmielecki  
Location: CC Gym (and maybe some play outdoors)  
Dates: Thurs., Sept. 17-Oct. 22 (6 weeks)  
Time: (220003-A) 11-11:45 a.m.  
Fee: \$30 for residents/\$40 for non-residents



## Babysitting Safety Course (ages 11-15)

Participants will learn diapering, feeding, burping, and soothing techniques for infants and toddlers. They will also learn how to deal with behavior issues, house safety, fire extinguishers and phone safety. The course covers injury prevention, first aid and choking, rescue breathing and basic CPR techniques. (Not a certification). The participants will also learn how to call 911 and what to do while waiting in an emergency.

Instructor: CPR O Heart LLC is registered with the Secretary of the State of Connecticut as a business entity for the purpose of education. CPR O Heart LLC provides CPR, AED, First Aid, Babysitter Safety and EMT courses throughout Connecticut.  
Location: CC Community Room  
Date: Tues., Oct. 13  
Time: (220070-A) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Fee: \$55 for residents \$65 for non-residents

## Exploring Winter Holidays (grades 1-4)

It all started with Winter Solstice, an ancient celebration on the shortest day of the year. It was held to recognize the importance of the sun and its light. Since ancient times, many cultures and religions have added their own holidays and traditions to this festive time. We will read stories and make decorations to go along with learning about some of these special days from around the world.

Instructor: Sue Harrington  
Location: CC Community Room  
Days: Tues., Dec. 1-22 (4 classes)  
Time: (220034-A) 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Fee: \$35 for residents/\$45 for non-residents  
Bonus: (220020-E) Your child(ren) can come on the bus straight from school and we'll get them off the bus, take care of them until class starts and make sure they get to class on time for an additional \$12.