

New Haven Children and Youth Outdoor Activities

*This resource guide is not exhaustive but includes many of the available New Haven programs

After-School Activities							
Organization	Address	Website	Contact Person	Email	Phone Number	Cost	Financial Aid
Boys and Girls Club	253 Columbus Ave, New Haven	www.bgcnewhaven.org/programs/	Asadie Walters	asadie.walters@bgcnewhaven.org	(203) 787-0187	\$150/month	Scholarships available, discounts for multiple children
Common Ground	358 Springside Ave, New Haven	www.commongroundct.org/after-school/	Rebecca Holcombe	rholcombe@commongroundct.org	(203) 389-4333 x 1213	Based on number of days/week	Available with application
Eli Lacrosse Club	181 Mitchell Dr, New Haven	www.elilacrosse.com/	Matt Monahan	elilacrossenewhaven@gmail.com	(203) 868-5703	\$225 for the season	Available, contact to request
Everson Soccer Academy	21 South Bradley Rd, Woodbridge	www.eversonsoccer.com		info@eversonsoccer.com	(203) 298-4763	Based on age	Contact to ask about assistance
LEAP- Fair Haven North	293 Clinton Ave, New Haven	www.leapforkids.org/after-school	Daikichi Washington	dWASHINGTON@leapforkids.org	(203) 773-0770	Free	N/A
LEAP- Fair Haven South	255 Blatchley Ave, New Haven	www.leapforkids.org/after-school	Jahvon Soto	jsoto@leapforkids.org	(203) 773-0770	Free	N/A
New Haven Youth Soccer	Various schools based on age group	www.nhys.soccer	Mike Galbicsek	admin@nhys.soccer		\$0-\$250 (depends on age)	
Solar Youth	185 Eastern St, New Haven	www.solarouth.org/what-we-do/	Shannon Dickey	shannon@solarouth.org	(203) 387-4189	Free	N/A
Skate New Haven	1080 State Street, New Haven	www.facebook.com/skatenewhaven	Ted Kelton	skatenewhaven128@gmail.com	(203) 258-6462	Tuition based on program	
Squash Haven	78 Ashmun Street New Haven	www.squashhaven.org/	Mike Greer	Mike@squashhaven.org	(203) 444-0722	Free	N/A

YMCA	50 Howe Street New Haven	www.cccymca.org/locations/newhaven/			(203) 776-9622 x2122	\$250 each month per child	Available with application
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Weekend Activities

Organization	Address	Website	Contact Person	Email	Phone Number	Cost	Financial Aid
Common Ground	358 Springside Ave. New Haven, CT 06515	www.commongroundct.org/free-programs/	Rebecca Holcombe	rholcombe@commongroundct.org	(203) 389-4333 x 1213	Free	N/A
Everson Soccer Academy	21 South Bradley Rd, Woodbridge CT 06525	www.eversonsoccer.com		info@eversonsoccer.com	(203) 298-4763	Based on age and date registered	Contact Everson Soccer Academy to ask about assistance
Gather New Haven	Varies based on activity	www.facebook.com/gathernewhaven		info@gathernewhaven.org	(203) 562-6655	Free	N/A
New Haven Parks Department	Varies based on activity	www.newhavenct.gov/cityservices/information_n_assistance/parks_n_recreation.htm					
New Haven Youth and Recreation	Varies based on activity	www.newhavenct.gov/youth/programs_n_initiatives/sports_n_recreation.htm					
New Haven Youth Soccer	Various schools based on age group	www.nhys.soccer	Mike Galbicsek	admin@nhys.soccer		\$0-\$250 (depends on age)	Various schools based on age group

Summer Programs

Organization	Address	Website	Contact Person	Email	Phone Number	Cost	Financial Aid
Boys and Girls Club	253 Columbus Ave, New Haven	www.bgcnewhaven.org/programs/	Asadie Walters	asadie.walters@bgcnewhaven.org	(203) 787-0187		
Common Ground	358 Springside Ave, New Haven, CT 06515	www.commongroundct.org/community-programs/summer-camp-2/	Rebecca Holcombe	rholcombe@commongroundct.org	(203) 389-4333 x 1213	Tuition based on camp group	Available through application
Everson Soccer Academy	Locations vary by week	www.everersonsoccer.com		info@everersonsoccer.com	(203) 298-4763	Varies by age and date registered	Contact Everson Soccer Academy for assistance
Gather New Haven: Schooner Camp	60 S Water Street, New Haven	www.gathernewhaven.org/our-programs/schooner					
Gather New Haven: Farm Based Wellness		www.gathernewhaven.org/our-programs/farm-based-wellness-program	Peter Zapata	peter@gathernewhaven.org	(203) 516-7270		
LEAP	Based on residency location	www.leapforkids.org/summer-program			(203) 773-0770	Free	N/A
Solar Youth	185 Eastern St. New Haven, CT 06513	www.solaryouth.org/what-we-do/	Shannon Dickey	shannon@solaryouth.org	(203) 387-4189	Free	N/A
YMCA Day Camp	2705 Downs Rd, Hamden, CT 06518 (Transportation available)	www.cccymca.org/locations/newhaven/			(203) 248-1792	Cost based on camp type selected	Available through application
YMCA Overnight Camp	162 East St, Mt Washington, MA 01258 (Bus transport available)	www.camphirock.org/camps/overnight-camp/		info@camphirock.org	(413) 528-1227	Payment scale based on budget	Available through application

After School Programs

Boys and Girls Club

- Open to children ages 6-14 who live in New Haven
- Operates from 2pm-6pm Monday through Friday at 253 Columbus Avenue
 - Additional free, school-based programs for Bishop Woods Magnet School, Brennan Rogers Magnet School, John C. Daniels School, King-Robinson School, and L.W. Beecher School
- Children can access homework assistance, athletics, games, enrichment, and more
- Program tuition is \$150/month, with discounts available to enroll multiple students and need-based financial aid available
- Students can also enroll in an additional AAU basketball program
- Website: www.bgcnewhaven.org/programs/



Common Ground

- Open to ages 5-13
- Located in West Rock (358 Springside Ave, New Haven, CT 06515)
- 3:15pm-5:30pm
- City bus line stop for caregivers to drop off and pick up their students
- Tuition is based on how many days the student will attend each week and is billed in 5 installments throughout the year
- Financial assistance is available through an application and can cover 10-75% of cost depending on need and availability
- Children will participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, caring for farm animals, snowshoeing, making maple syrup, and planting gardens
- Website: www.commongroundct.org/after-school/



Eli Lacrosse Club

- Open for middle school students
- \$225 for the season, and financial assistance is available if needed
- No experience necessary
- Some equipment is available to borrow, and they can assist in finding budget-friendly equipment to purchase
- Practices will be twice a week at Wilbur Cross High School, dates to be determined
- Website: www.elilacrosse.com



Everson Soccer Academy Spring Clinics

- Open to children ages 2-high school students
 - Clinic for children ages 2-5 is from 4:30pm-5:15pm on Wednesdays
 - Clinics for children ages 5-7 is from 5:30pm-6:30pm Wednesdays or Thursdays
 - Clinic for children ages 8-10 is from 6:30pm-7:30pm Wednesdays
 - Clinic for children ages 11-14 is from 6:30pm-7:30pm Thursdays
- Clinics are 7-week programs beginning in April and ending in early June
- Located at 21 South Bradley Rd, Woodbridge CT 06525
- Children should bring shin guards, a soccer ball, appropriate footwear (indoor cleats, sneakers, or flats- NO outdoor cleats), a snack, and water
- No soccer experience is necessary
- Website: www.eversonsoccer.com



LEAP

- Open to children between the ages of 7 and 12 years old
- Must live within one of the neighborhoods served by LEAP (Dixwell/Newhallville, Dwight/Kensington/West River, Fair Haven North, Fair Haven South, or the Hill)
- Meets in community spaces or schools (location based on neighborhood)
- 3pm-6pm
- Application required to join program: both English and Spanish applications available
- Program includes homework assistance and extra activities lead by LEAP staff and community organizations
- Free for all accepted students
- Website: www.leapforkids.org/afterschool



New Haven Youth Soccer

- Age-based soccer programs
- Available for both girls and boys born after 2012
- No experience necessary
- Cost, meeting time, and practice location depends on age group
- <https://www.nhys.soccer/>



Solar Youth

- Free programs available for children aged 4-18
 - 4-8 years old: Citycology Program
 - Youth engage in environmental enrichment activities, learn about environmental processes, and perform Community Service Action Projects
 - 9-13 years old: Steward Team
 - Youth build on the lessons learned in Citycology, learn more complex environmental concepts, go camping, and contribute more involved Community Service Action Projects
 - 11-14 years old: Leaders in Training
 - Youth develop problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills, go on multi-day outdoor adventures, and they earn stipends based on their achievements during the program
 - High school students: Interns
 - High school students are able to apply for a paid internship either working on additional Community Service Action projects or leading younger Solar Youth programs
- Program ends around 5:30 each evening
- Transportation is the responsibility of families, and changing a child's bus stop to drop off nearby may be an option
- Program is run in English, but many families and staff speak Spanish as well
- Website: www.solaryouth.org/what-we-do/



Squash Haven

- 5th grade to college: long-term developmental program
- Academic support, academic enrichment curriculum, squash training and competition, college preparation
- Tryouts occur in the fall and team selections made in January → however exceptions can be made when there are openings in cohorts
 - Tryout process:
 - Squash practice- needs to show willingness to push themselves, no squash experience necessary
 - Teacher recommendation
 - Student essay
- All expenses covered, all equipment provided
- Bus transportation available to program after school, parents responsible for pick-up afterwards → carpools may be arranged between parents
- Website: www.squashhaven.org/



YMCA

- Available for school aged children
 - Must be a member of the YMCA
 - Annual membership \$75/family
- Open from 2pm-6pm M-F when school is in session
- Located at 50 Howe Street, New Haven
- Opportunities for homework assistance, enrichment activities, and physical activities
- Bus transportation available from school to the YMCA, parent/guardian pick up required by 6pm
- After school care costs \$250/child monthly
- Financial assistance is available
 - YMCA recommends families apply early, as funds are limited
- Website: www.cccymca.org/locations/newhaven/



Weekend Activities

Common Ground

- Open Farm Days every Saturday
- 10am-2pm
- Outdoor nature playground, hiking trails, and farm animals out in the Spring/Summer seasons
- Clean restrooms available on-site
- Free!

Additional opportunities at Common Ground are also added to their event calendar and Facebook page



Everson Soccer Academy Spring Clinics

- Open to children ages 2-high school students
 - Clinic for children ages 2-5 is from 10am-10:45am on Saturdays
 - Clinics for children ages 5-7 is from 11am-12pm on Saturdays
 - Clinic for children ages 8-10 is from 9am-10am on Saturdays
- Clinics are 7-week programs beginning March 19th and ending May 21st
- Located at 21 South Bradley Rd, Woodbridge CT 06525
- Children should bring shin guards, a soccer ball, appropriate footwear (indoor cleats, sneakers, or flats- NO outdoor cleats), a snack, and water
- No soccer experience is necessary



Gather New Haven

Check Gather New Haven's Facebook page for the most up-to-date information about guided nature walks, volunteer opportunities, and more!



Summer Programs

Common Ground

- Ages 4-13, with groups based on age ranges, Junior Counselors ages 14-18
- Campers care for farm animals, take day-long adventures in the woods, and hike in West Rock.
- <https://commongroundct.org/community-programs/summer-camp-2/>



Everson Soccer Academy Day Camp

- Open to children ages 2-14
 - Camp for children ages 2-5 is from 10:00am-10:45am Monday-Friday
 - Full day camp for children ages 5-14 is from 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm Fridays
 - Half day camp for children ages 5-14 is from 9am-12pm Monday-Friday
- Camps are 1-week programs, and the location of the camp varies by week
- Children should bring shin guards, a soccer ball, appropriate footwear (indoor cleats, sneakers, or flats- NO outdoor cleats), snack, and a lunch for full-day campers
- No soccer experience is necessary
- <http://www.everonsoccer.com/Page.asp?n=118944&org=everonsoccer.com>



Gather New Haven: Schooner Camp

- Ages 6-14
- Shore exploration and sailing adventures in Long Wharf
- <https://gathernewhaven.org/our-programs/schooner/our-programs>



Gather New Haven: Farm-Based Wellness

- Both parents and children are able to participate, with the adults learning farming and nutritional skills and children engaging in farm maintenance and wellness activities
- Preference for Fair Haven Community Health Care patients
- Free for participants
- Families take home produce grown at the farm
- Program runs for 2 hours each week, May-September
- <https://gathernewhaven.org/our-programs/farm-based-wellness-program/join-the-farm-based-wellness-program>



Solar Youth

- Continuation of after-school program
- Different programs available for children aged 4-18
 - 4-8 years old: Citycology Program
 - Youth engage in environmental enrichment activities, learn about environmental processes, and perform Community Service Action Projects
 - 9-13 years old: Steward Team
 - Youth build on the lessons learned in Citycology, learning more complex environmental concepts, go camping, and contribute more involved Community Service Action Projects
 - 11-14 years old: Leaders in Training
 - Youth develop problem solving, critical thinking, and communication skills. They go on multi-day outdoor adventures, and they earn stipend based on their accomplishments during the program
 - High school students: Interns
 - High school students are able to apply for a paid internship either working on additional Community Service Action projects or leading younger Solar Youth programs
- Free for all participants
- Located at 185 Eastern St. New Haven, CT 06513
- <https://solaryouth.org/get-involved/for-families/>



LEAP

- Open to children between the ages of 7 and 12 years old
- Must live within one of the neighborhoods served by LEAP (Dixwell/Newhallville, Dwight/Kensington/West River, Fair Haven North, Fair Haven South, or the Hill)
- Meets in community spaces or schools (location based on neighborhood)
- Open 8am-4pm Monday-Thursday, 8am-1pm Fridays
- Youth engage in enrichment and educational activities, physical activities, and go on field trips to sites around New Haven
- <https://www.leapforkids.org/summer-program>



YMCA Day Camp

- Available for youth grades 1-9
- Open 9am-4pm, with pre-care and post-care options available
- Weekly activities include swimming lessons, archery, active games and sports, arts, and crafts
- Specialized interest camps also available
- <https://cccyymca.org/wp-content/uploads/CML-2022-Day-Camp-Brochure-1.pdf>

YMCA Overnight Camp

- Available for youth ages 7-16
- Week long camps, with youth sleeping in same-sex cabins
- Youth learn skills, participate in cabin and full-camp activities, and grow their self-confidence
- <https://camphirock.org/camps/overnight-camp/>