

SWINDON SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2021

MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021

Outdoor Activities

The Walking Group

Cost: Free

Where: Stanton Park, Stanton Fitzwarren, SN6 7SF (meet in the car park)

Details: The Walking Group is a chance for families of children with SEN in Swindon to get together for a walk in the woods.

For more information: Contact Kirk Anderson, Children's Community Learning Disability Nurse at CAMHS.Swindon-Admin@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk and mark FAO Kirk.

Just for Fun Holiday Club

Cost: £27 (for the full day), see website for all prices and times.

Where: Grange Juniors, Stratton; Holy Cross Primary School, Swindon; and Goddard Park Community Primary School, Swindon.

When: Summer holidays

Ages: 4- 13 years.

Details: The team at Just for Fun Holiday club provide a range of sports, crafts and activities for children to enjoy over the school holidays. Each carefully planned session is designed to keep the children physically active throughout their time at the club, whilst enjoying time with their friends and a chance to make plenty of new ones. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free.

For more information: to book please click [here](#)

Summer Youth Activity Sessions

Cost: Free

Where: Haydon Wick Parish Council Offices

When: Weekly from Thursday 24th June

Time: 4:15pm

Ages: 8-18 years

Details: This is a weekly pan-disability skills programme.

For more information: email

community@centralswindonnorth-pc.gov.uk or call 07494048530

In 2020, we produced the first Swindon Summer Activities programme. This was due to the pandemic and the lack of information out there on outdoor, indoor and online resources and childcare providers for children, young people and families in Swindon. This was published on the Local Offer website and in print format. Data in July 2020 highlighted that the summer activities programme was the highest viewed page on the Local Offer, with 624 page visitors that month. Due to the success of the first issue, we have produced this issue, covering those activities available for children and young people in Swindon in the summer of 2021.

Not all the activities in this programme are SEND specific. Contact the activity organisers direct if you wish to discuss your child's individual needs.

Aiming High Specialist Groups

Details: Aiming High run a range of specialist groups for children and young people with disabilities during school holidays and term-time (age 5 – 18th birthday). Summer groups will be running for children who are currently registered for Aiming High groups (i.e. have already been referred to Aiming High and meet the criteria for the local offer). Eligible families will be contacted. Currently the groups are full and we are therefore unable to offer spaces to any additional children over the summer.

For more information: To find out more about Aiming High or to make a referral for future support, click [here](#) or call 01793 464080.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Details: HAF is a programme that provides healthy food and enriching activities to eligible children during the 2021 Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays.

Eligibility: School aged children from any of the following categories are eligible to access the programme:

- Children in receipt of benefits related free school meals.
- Children in need, not just those children with a disability (as defined in the Children Act).
- Child protection.
- Currently looked after school aged children.

How to access: Parents or carers of eligible children are invited to apply for a place online using the form on the Swindon Borough Council page [here](#).





More Outdoor Activities

STFC Community Foundation Multi Sports Inclusion Three-Day Course

Cost: £25

Where: St Joseph's Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon. SN3 3LR.

When: 27/07/2021 to 29/07/2021 and 24/08/2021 to 26/08/2021

Details: Swindon Town Football Club are running two multi sports inclusion courses for children with physical disabilities or special educational needs through the summer holidays.

For more information: to book please click [here](#)

Draycott Sports Camp: Summer Camp

Cost: A Full Camp Day (8:00am - 6:00pm) = £28.00 per child

A Multi-Sports Camp Day (9:00am - 3:00pm) = £16.00 per child

Breakfast Club (8:00am - 9:00am) = £3.00 per child

Where: Draycott Sports Camp, Pioneer Road, Oakhurst, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN25 2HY.

When: Summer holidays

Details: They provide childcare throughout the year and during every school holiday, from 8:00am - 6:00pm.

Children aged from 3-11 years can attend these sports camps. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free.

For more information: Please click [here](#)

To book: Please click [here](#)

Summer Youth Activity Sessions

Cost: Free

Where: Haydon Wick Parish Council Offices

When: 30/07/2021, 06/08/2021, 13/08/2021, 20/08/2021 and 27/08/2021

Ages: 7-16 years

Time: 1-4pm

Details: The activity sessions are fully inclusive, and will provide a positive environment and skills development opportunities for young people during the summer holidays. The weekly 3 hour sessions will include team building exercises, non-contact boxing drills and skills, non-contact freestyle martial arts and group games. All sessions will be supervised by expert coaches and youth workers.

For more information: Please click [here](#)

To book: Click [here](#)

The Big Adventure Club

Cost: 8am-6pm Session £27 first child / £22 sibling

8am-3pm Session £22 per child.

Where: Lydiard Park Academy, Grange Park Way, West Swindon SN5 6HN

When: Summer holidays

Ages: 4- 11 years.

Time: See cost above

Details: The activity opportunities are extensive and we believe in providing a fun child-led environment for all the ages.

Activities include: Table tennis, cooking, dance studio, 'cinema room', arts and crafts, construction toys, mega slide, bouncy castles, tennis courts, table football, ball pond, darts, 15 consoles including Xbox, PS3 and Nintendo Wii, badminton, dress up, AstroTurf, hockey, air hockey, football, reading, and much more. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free

For more information: To fill out an application form and see more information please click [here](#).

Rockstar Climbing: Rockhuggers for 4-7 year olds

Cost: £12.

Where: Buildings 3-5. I.O Centre, Radway Road, Swindon Wiltshire SN3 4WH

When: Now

Ages: 4 - 7 years.

Details: Rockhuggers is our regular climbing club open to all youngsters aged 4 to 7 years old. These brilliant sessions are focused around fun, learning and the exploration of roped climbing and climbing based activities.

For more information: For further information please click [here](#)

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Swindon Cricket Club: The Super 1s Programme

Cost: Free

Where: Swindon Cricket Club, The County Ground, County Rd, Swindon SN1 2ED

When: Every Thursday at 5pm - 6pm from 22nd July 2021

Ages: 12- 25 years.

Details: The overriding focus of these sessions is to have a positive impact on those with disabilities, not only by developing their skills within the sport of cricket, but also to facilitate the development of transferable/social skills that they can take into a variety of different environments, better preparing them for later life. During the sessions, participants will experience a wide variety of face-paced, cricket-related mini-games using cricket as a tool for personal development.

For more information: click [here](#) to watch a video about the programme. You can also contact Harry Mattingley at Harry.Mattingley@wiltshirecricket.co.uk or call 07923 236489 or visit the website [here](#)

Wims 11 Football Academy: Camp for all

Cost: £60 - those eligible for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme can get free entry to the camp.

Where: Mannington Rec, Paddington Drive, SN5 7YW

When: Summer holidays

Ages: 4- 13 years.

Details: Join our Wims team this summer for the ultimate fun football weeks. Suitable for all levels and girls and boys our camps will bring all the old street games back to life in this camp environment and ending with a mini presentation and awards assembly. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free.

For more information: For further information and to book, please click [here](#)

Swindon School of Gymnastics: Summer Fun

Cost: £20 - those eligible for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme can get free entry.

Where: Swindon School of Gymnastics, Unit 4, ISIS Trading Estate, Stratton Road, Swindon, SN1 2PG

When: Monday-Thursday 26th-29th July, 2nd-5th August and 9th-12th August

Ages: 5 - 14 years.

Details: Gymnastics, games and foodie crafts plus a hot meal included. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free

For more information: Please click [here](#)

To book: Email ssghaf@lovelessclan.co.uk

Barnardo's Project me Summer Programme

Details: Designed to teach young people how to self-care through the use of fun activities. The programme is available for young people aged 5-11 or 11-16. Places are limited.

For more information: email saxone.barton@barnardos.org.uk
or

tamara.howell@barnardos.org.uk



Useful websites to keep you up to date with free/cheap summer activities

Active & Inclusive Swindon

Details: This website promote a range of weekly activities suitable for all needs and ability levels, encouraging participation in local sports clubs and where necessary developing disability specific sports clubs as well as delivering disability events.

For more information: Click [here](#) for an up to date calendar of all-inclusive and disability physical activity sessions in Swindon.

Other websites showing summer activities

- [What's on in Swindon](#)
- [Days out with the kids](#) and [Facebook page](#)
- [Total Swindon](#)

Places to go

Steam Museum

Cost: £34.40 (for 2 adults and 2 children), see website for all prices.

Where: Fire Fly Avenue (off Kemble Drive), Swindon, SN2 2EY

Ages: All ages.

Details: Explore the rich history of the Great Western Railway and hear about the extraordinary things achieved by ordinary men and women during the Railway Revolution.

For more information: Please click [here](#)

Swindon Fencing Club

Cost: £20 a month (junior fee) - see website for all prices.

Where: The Deanery CE Academy, Peglars Way, Swindon SN1 7DA

Ages: All ages.

Details: They are a friendly fencing club for both adults and juniors who meet once a week in Swindon. The club meets every Tuesday evening, and comprises of a Junior (minimum age 7) and Senior Session. If you are [eligible for HAF](#) you can access this club for free

For more information and to book: Please click [here](#)

Better Extreme: Extreme Trampoline Park

Cost: £12 for adults and £10 for juniors

Where: Link Centre, Whitehill Way, Westlea, Swindon, SN5 7DL

Ages: All ages.

Details: In the Extreme Trampoline Park you can dodge, dunk and dive into a heap of fun. Our unique bounce arena has a mix of fun features, there's something for everyone to enjoy. So what are you waiting for, pop in to see us and get bouncing!

For more information and to book: please click [here](#)

Prime Theatre

Cost: See website for more details

Where: Prime Theatre, The Wyvern Theatre, Theatre Square, Swindon SN1 1QN

Ages: All ages

Details: Enjoy acting? Want to learn even more performance skills? Prime's professional workshops cover improvisation, scripts, devising and characterisation. Ages are for guidelines only. Beginners and emerging artists are welcome at each level.

For more information and to book: Please click [here](#)

Other providers signed up to the HAF programme, which, if you are eligible, you can access for free, are:

Alfresco Childcare and Forest Preschool, ATBShop Ltd, Bramble House Nursery, Funrise, Kat Kat's Kids Childminding, Mini Steamers Childcare, Poplars Day care Nursery & Preschool, Premier Education, Rascals Holiday Club, Rosie Maule, Soccer Excellence, Success Martial Arts, The Meadows, The Nursery of Narnia, The Play Den Nursery Ltd, The Woodlands, Swindon Multi Sports Holiday Club, Ferndale Primary & Nursery School, Tanwood Youth Theatre, Revolution Performing Arts, SJR Sports, and PGL Liddington

Swindon Tennis Centre

Cost: £30 (to play all year)

Where: Whitehouse Road Swindon Wiltshire SN2 1DB

Ages: All ages.

Details: They aim to make tennis easily accessible with low charges, professional organisation and engaging activities for the local community. Our focus is to promote tennis throughout the year for all age groups, both adults and children, through social play, internal competition, matches and to offer professional coaching to any members who want to improve their standard of play.

For more information: Please click [here](#)



Education and Transitioning

Leaders Unlocked

Where: Wiltshire

Ages: 14-25

Details: The Youth Commission allows young people to get involved and have their say about policing and crime where they live. It is aimed at young people who want to make a difference to their community. They are looking for a diverse group of young people, who live in the Wiltshire Force area, from different backgrounds and life experiences to take part, including those who have direct experience of the criminal justice system.

For more information and to book: Please click [here](#)

Transition Project

When: 16th, 17th & 18th August

Where: Only a few places left at North Star campus

Ages: All ages.

Details: The Transition Project aims to help new students make the change from their school or current placement to a full-time course at New College. If you are joining the college in September 2021 and feel anxious about the change, then coming on this course may help to reduce your anxiety.

For more information and to book: Please click [here](#)

Inner Flame

When: Wednesday 4th August 2021

Where: Only a few places left at North Star campus

Details: Inner Flame are running a Summer 'Achieve' Programme during August. It is a 4-week part time programme during that time attendees will complete a Level 1 Award in Personal Development & Employability skills.

For more information: Contact Kathryn on 07737 734617

Summer School Programme 2021

The Summer Schools Programme is an academic programme for secondary schools to support pupils to make up for missed education with a mix of academic and enrichment (non-academic studies or subjects, eg: art, drama, music, team-building, sports, etc). The schools will

be deciding which pupils need to be targeted, and will be in contact with you regarding whether your child has a place in the programme.

The secondary school's that will be running a summer programme in 2021 are:

School

Abbey Park

GWA

Lawn Manor

Lydiard Park Academy

Nova Hreod

Swindon Academy

The Dorcan Academy

The Ridgeway

Warneford

Who to contact for more information and email address

Laura Hunter (APS Staff) - HunterL@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Graham Davis / Principal - gdavis@gwacademy.co.uk

Marek Koza/ Assistant Headteacher - mkoza@lawnmanor.org

Mr C Dobbs - DobbsC@lydiardparkacademy.org.uk

Ursula Gawthorn / PA to Headteacher - u.Gawthorn@novahreodacademy.org.uk

Ruth Robinson / Executive Principal - ruth.robinson@swindon-academy.org

Dave Chapple - dchapple@dorcan.co.uk

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Deb Tremblin/Library Manger - dtremblin@warnefordschool.org

Andy Steele/Headteacher - Asteele@warnefordschool.org

Get Ahead

Ages: 17-25 years

Details: Get Ahead offers students a flexible range of small qualifications and experiences, which have been designed to help them feel connected, confident and focused. You will participate in online lessons, which will take place in the afternoon and virtual classes. You will receive a timetable and access to sessions. The course is available to those who are not working.

To book: Please click [here](#)

Parliamentary summer work experience, Swindon

Ages: 16 +

Details: Justin Tomlinson is looking forward to welcoming back students to his summer work-experience programme. He offers any interested students involved, the opportunity to shadow his Parliamentary team and himself in North Swindon in order for them to see first-hand how he represents them. Interns get to see how the office functions day-to-day and he represents constituents across North Swindon on a huge variety of issues, as well as working in groups on team exercises to understand the workings of Parliament, debates and campaigns.

For more information: Any interested student email Justin Tomlinson if they would like to join this summer at justin.tomlinson.mp@parliament.uk



Packs and Online Resources

Libraries

Summer Reading Challenge

Details: This year's challenge has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes' to inspire children to take action for nature and the environment. Join our Heroes for an exciting adventure in fictional 'Wilderville'.

For more information: [Register](#) online from July 10th until September 10th to be part of the fun! You can also join in by visiting Swindon Libraries' [Summer Reading Challenge blog](#)

Swindon Nature Watch

Details: Swindon Libraries are on a quest to gather as much information as possible about local wildlife and we need your help! If you spot any wildlife in Swindon, please let us know by filling in [this form](#) with what you have seen and where.

For more information: [Watch our guide](#) and find out how to take part. Keep up to date with wildlife seen across Swindon [here!](#)

Swindon Libraries' YouTube

Details: Swindon Libraries has its very own [YouTube Channel](#) where you can get ideas for craft activities, take part in quizzes, listen to stories and join in with Rhyme Times. We regularly add new content, so subscribe today!

Other Online Resources

Project Me! Outreach Team: Online Youth Club and Art Competition

Details: The Online Youth Club is for everyone and teaches young people the five steps to mental wellbeing through fun activities. The youth club is very much young person centred and they outline how they would like the sessions to run. To encourage more young people to take up this opportunity we have created an art competition to design our Online Youth Club Poster and Logo. Create your entry and send to Saxone.barton@barnardos.org.uk

For more information: Join the fun by booking on Eventbrite [here](#).

You Can! Competition

Details: Our Library Patron, award-winning author and illustrator Steve Antony, creates a unique competition every year. The competition for 2021 is You Can! Launching on July 10th until September 30th. We can't wait to see what 'You Can' create!

For more information: Pick up an entry form when you register [here](#) for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Free Online Events

Details: Library Authorities across the South West have joined together to offer fantastic, free, online author events for schools and families this summer. Join children's poet [Joseph Coelho](#) on Monday 26th July at 11am. Suitable for families and children in Years 3-6.

For more information: Find event and ticket information [here](#).

Free comics & magazines

Details: It's free to borrow eComics, eMagazines and eNewspapers on our [Libby app](#). We also have a fantastic range of eBooks and eAudiobooks for children - all free on [Borrowbox!](#)

To see more online resources click on the Local Offer page: Useful home schooling resources for parents, teachers and SENCOs [here](#)

