

Town of Ayden
Arts & Recreation Department



youth SUMMER camps 2026



DAY CAMP

June 22 - August 7



Get ready for a fun-filled Summer Day Camp perfect for ages 6–12! Kids will enjoy a lively mix of arts and crafts, sports, games, field trips, and plenty of smiles all day long. Our caring counselors create a warm space where campers can laugh, explore, and make new friends.

Camp runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm, with early drop-off at 7:30am and pick-up by 5:30pm. Campers enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities and should bring lunch and two snacks each day.

Weekly cost is \$65 for Ayden Residents / \$85 for Non-Residents.



Field trips are not included and require an extra 35 dollars per week. Space is limited to 45 campers weekly. Campers attending specialty camps like Softball or Art cannot attend Summer Day Camp in the same week.

No Day Camp the week of June 29–July 3.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

June 22 - 25



Jump into four days of dance fun with Heather Griffin from STARS Twirl Studio! Campers explore upbeat combos, playful routines, and creative movement in jazz, lyrical, and hip hop. Open to ages 6 - 12yr, Monday - Thursday from 9am to 12pm. Space is limited to 20 participants with a minimum of 8.

Cost: 35 for Ayden residents / 45 for non-residents.

BASKETBALL CAMP

June 29 - July 2

Session One: 9:00am-12:00pm (Ages 6 - 9)

Session Two: 1:00pm-4:00pm (Ages 10 - 13)

Get ready for a lively Basketball Camp packed with fun drills, skill-building, and big confidence boosts! Kids will work on dribbling, passing, and shooting in a friendly space full of energy. Camp is led by Coach Alico Dunk, Head Coach of Virginia Union University and former ECU player, bringing strong experience and enthusiasm, including being named 2013 CIAA Coach of the Year. Camp runs Monday to Thursday Space is limited to 40 participants with a minimum of 10.

Cost: 35 for Ayden residents / 45 for non-residents.



FOOTBALL CAMP

July 6-9

Gear up for a fast paced Football Camp packed with exciting drills, big confidence boosts, and nonstop fun! Players will dive into passing, catching, footwork, and position basics in a super friendly space. Led by Coach Garrett Wingate, who brings nearly two decades of winning experience, this camp runs Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm for ages 8-12. The camp will take a maximum of 40 participants and minimum of 10.

The camp cost is \$35.00 for Ayden Residents/\$45.00 for Non-Residents

Girls SOFTBALL CAMP

July 6-9

Step up to the plate for a fun and upbeat Girls' Softball Camp! Players ages 8-12 will learn pitching, hitting, fielding, and catching while building confidence and having a great time. The camp is led by Coach Andrea Fields, who brings 15 years of experience along with her roles coaching volleyball and softball at Ayden Middle School and assisting with flag football at Ayden Grifton High School. The camp will take a maximum of 40 participants and minimum of 10.

The camp cost is \$35.00 for Ayden Residents \$45.00 for Non-Residents

MUSICAL THEATER

Camp

July
20-23



Get ready for a fun-filled week of singing, dancing, and acting! Our Musical Theater Camp helps students build confidence, creativity, and strong stage presence through exciting dance routines, character games, and engaging skits. Campers will learn to perform to music from famous stage productions while developing real Broadway-style skills.

The camp runs Monday through Thursday and is led by STARS in Ayden under the direction of Heather Griffin and Kaylee Lemons, who have provided 22 years of Musical Theater and Broadway Jazz instruction in our community. The week ends with a special performance for family and friends — it's their time to shine!

Ages: 6-12 Enrollment: Minimum 6 & Maximum 20 participants

Camp Cost: \$35.00 for Ayden Residents
\$45.00 for Non-Residents

ART CAMP

July 13-16 (ages 6-8)

July 20-23 (age 9-12)

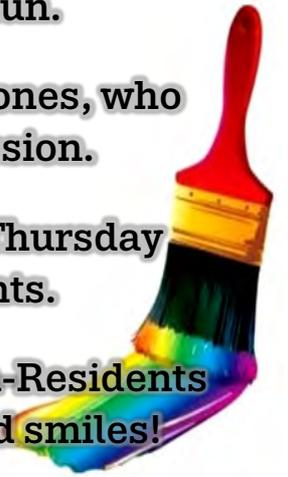
Join us for a fun and inspiring Summer Art Camp designed for young artists ages 6–12! Campers will explore a variety of artistic techniques while creating unique projects in a positive and encouraging environment. Whether painting, drawing, or crafting, each day is filled with imagination, creativity, and hands-on fun.

The camp is led by experienced art instructor Patricia Jones, who brings her passion for art and teaching to every session.

Camp Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Enrollment: Minimum 8 / Maximum 20 participants.

Camp Cost: \$35.00 for Ayden Residents / \$45.00 for Non-Residents
Get ready for a week full of color, creativity, laughs, and smiles!



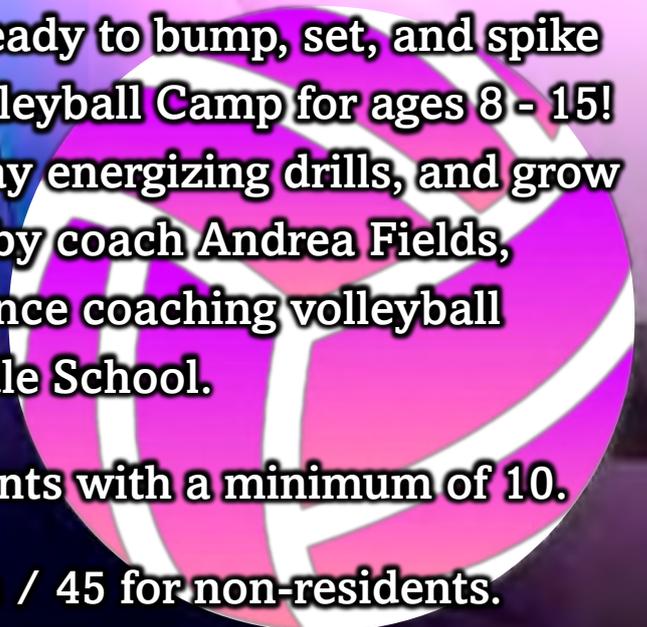
Volleyball CAMP

July 13 - 16

Get ready to bump, set, and spike your way through an exciting Volleyball Camp for ages 8 - 15! Campers will learn core skills, play energizing drills, and grow their love for the game. Led by coach Andrea Fields, who brings years of experience coaching volleyball at Ayden Middle School.

Space is limited to 40 participants with a minimum of 10.

Cost: 35 for Ayden residents / 45 for non-residents.



July 27-30

SCIENCE

STEM CAMP

Get ready for a hands-on adventure in Science & STEM! This exciting camp is perfect for curious minds who love to experiment, design, and solve problems. Campers will participate in fun, interactive experiments and creative challenges that build critical thinking, teamwork, and confidence. The camp is led by Porsha Bell, an experienced Science and STEM instructor and Science Olympiad Coach whose teams have competed successfully at regional and state levels.

Ages: 10 -14

Enrollment: Minimum 10 / Maximum 20 campers

Cost: 35 for Ayden residents / 45 for non-residents.

TWIRL CAMP



August 3-7



Join us for four days of baton twirling fun with Heather Griffin from STARS Twirl Studio! Campers will learn basic twirl techniques, twirling vocabulary, and short routines while improving hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, and teamwork. Loaner batons will be provided, and the week concludes with a short presentation on Thursday!

Open to ages 6-12, Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Space is limited to 20 participants with a minimum of 6.



2026 Summer Camp Registration

Welcome to **Ayden Arts and Recreation 2026 Summer Camps!** Camps are for youth of all ages and abilities. Age is based on March 1, 2026. Campers in specialty camps (e.g., Softball, Art) cannot attend Summer Day Camp the same week.

Registration: Mail, online, drop-off, or walk-in.

Processing: **March 16 – July 31, 2026.** Include completed forms and full payment. Do not mail cash.

Mail: Ayden Arts & Recreation, Attn: Summer Camps, P.O. Box 219, Ayden, NC 28513

Online: aydenartsandrec.recdesk.com

Walk-In: 4354 Lee St, Ayden, NC 28513 (Mon–Fri, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.)

Parent Responsibilities: Complete forms, submit payment, and understand fees are due regardless of participation. Refunds issued only if a camp is canceled.

Payment: Check or money order (Town of Ayden) or credit card (online).

Refund Policy & Payment

Refunds: Requests must be in writing at least 14 days before the program start for a 100% refund, credit, or transfer. If the department cancels a program, a full refund or transfer will be issued. Requests less than 14 days before the start date are not eligible.

Medical Refunds: Prior to the program start, refunds are 100% with verification. Non-attendance does not qualify for a refund.

Payment: Full payment is required with completed registration forms.

Payment Plan (Summer Day Camp only): Contact Ayden Arts & Recreation to set up a plan. The first **two weeks must be paid in advance.** Payments for subsequent weeks are due Tuesday prior to the week. Late payments may result in loss of payment plan and withdrawal from camp.

2026 Camp Policies

Dress Code: Wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes suitable for daily activities. Rubber shoes (“Crocs”), sandals, flip-flops, spaghetti straps, clothing with drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, gang references, excessively loose/revealing clothing, or jewelry are not allowed. Some camps may have additional requirements. Parents may be asked to provide appropriate attire if needed.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent: Apply before camp. Participants may bring personal products. Staff may assist with areas participants cannot reach. Spray/mist types recommended. Products are not to be shared.

Babysitting: Any babysitting by current or former staff is independent of the Department. The Town is not responsible for claims or liability.

Electronics & Items From Home: Personal electronics are not allowed unless approved via Inclusion Plan. Inappropriate items, including weapons, harassment tools, or disruptive objects, may be confiscated and returned to parents at day’s end.

Lost/Stolen Items: The Department is not responsible for lost or stolen

Camp Policies: Behavior, Confidentiality & Field Trips

Behavior: Positive reinforcement, monitoring, redirection, and time-outs are used to encourage good choices and self-discipline. Steps for repeated misbehavior: verbal warning → behavior plan → incident reports → possible suspension/removal. Severe offenses (fighting, theft, bullying, weapons, drugs, threats, sexual misconduct) may result in immediate suspension or expulsion. Camp does not discipline for behavior outside program hours. Participation during program hours is required.

Confidentiality: Staff and participants must respect privacy. Personal information or photos may not be shared outside the program.

Field Trips: Participants transported by Town vehicles. Late arrivals must be brought to the site or camp; refunds are not given if trips are missed. Early pickups must be confirmed with staff. Participants are under Department supervision only when signed in with staff.

Photography/Video: Photos or videos may be taken for program use or marketing. Participant names will not be published. Department social media is staff-controlled.

Illness, Late Pick-Up & Release Policies

Illness & Injury: Participants must stay home if they have had fever $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ (without medication), vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, rash, chicken pox, pink eye, ringworm, head lice, or any injury preventing safe participation. If symptoms appear at camp, parents/guardians must pick up within 1 hour. Participants may return 24 hours symptom-free or with a doctor's note. Notify the camp director if contagious.

Late Pick-Up: After camp closing: up to 15 min late = \$5 per participant; each additional minute = \$1 per participant. Payment due at pickup. Repeated late pickups may result in dismissal.

Non-Discrimination: The Town of Ayden Arts & Recreation does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. Complaints may be filed with the Department Director or U.S. Office of Equal Opportunity.

Personal Care: Participants must be potty-trained. Staff do not assist with toileting or dressing. Accidents require a change of clothes or pickup within 1 hour. Repeated incidents may result in dismissal.

Release & Indemnity: Participation involves risk of injury, including accidents, contact with others, equipment failure, slips, etc. By signing, I accept these risks and agree to follow rules and staff instructions. I release and indemnify the Town, employees, and agents from any claims or legal actions. If registering a child, I confirm legal responsibility and accept this agreement on their behalf.

Camper's Name: _____ Age _____

Parent/Legal Guardian:

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

2026 Summer Camp Registration Form

PLEASE CHECK ALL OPEN BOXES FOR DESIRED CAMPS.

2026 SUMMER CAMPS	June 22-26	June/ July 29-3	July 6-9	July 13-17	July 20-24	July 27-31	August 3-7	TOTAL COST
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	
Dance Camp (June 22-25)	Dance Camp							
Basketball Camp (June/July 29-2) <u>Session 1:</u> 9:00-12:00pm		Basketball Camp Ages 6-9						
Basketball Camp (June/July 29-2) <u>Session 2:</u> 1:00-4:00pm		Basketball Camp Ages 10-13						
Football Camp (July 6-9)			Football Camp					
Softball Camp (July 6-9)			Softball Camp					
Volleyball Camp (July 13-16)				Volleyball camp				
Art Camp <u>Session 1:</u> (July 13-16)				Art Camp ages 6-8				
Musical Theater Camp (July 20-23)					Musical Theater Camp			
Art Camp <u>Session 2:</u> (July 20-23)					Art Camp Ages 9-12			
Science & Stem Camp (July 27-30)						Science & Stem camp		
Twirl Camp (August 3-7)							<u>Twirl Camp</u>	
SUMMER DAY CAMP 8:00AM-5:00PM Monday-Friday	June 22-26	No Day Camp	July 6-9	July 13-17	July 20-24	July 27-31	August 3-7	

CAMPER INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Age _____

Sex: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Last grade and school attended: _____

Allergies or Medication: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: If your child has physical limitation or disabilities, please check _____
here and provide details below: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

First Daytime Phone: _____ Second Daytime phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Cell or other number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent named above): _____

Relationship to Child: Emergency Phone: _____

Person/s who are authorized to pick up my child in case of emergency or other situation:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

CODE OF CONDUCT: As a parent/guardian of the minor registered in the above program,
I and the registered child/ren will abide by the Code of Conduct as stated by the Ayden Recreation Department
in regard to the particular program/ camp session for which we have enrolled. Initial (_____)

Parents, campers must be picked up at the designated time. Late fee: \$5.00 per 15 min past program's
ending time. Initial (_____)

Parent/Legal Guardian: Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Travel & Photo Waiver (Release Form)

I _____, hereby grant permission for my child _____ (herein after
referred to as 'my child') to participate in Ayden Recreation Department programs I hereby, for myself, my child,
my heirs, executors, administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages my child may have
against the Ayden Recreation Department its representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries
suffered by my child riding in a city or rented vehicle for Town of Ayden Recreation Department programs.

Signature _____ Furthermore, I hereby, for myself, my child, my heirs, executors,