

SURVEY OF RECREATION PROGRAM FEES

As Towns and departments try to balance their budgets many programs and facilities are looked at and are prioritized by their importance to each individual community. Department staff are being asked to streamline their program and personnel costs and recover their expenditures with incoming revenue or at least increase the percentage of revenue brought in. Twenty-two municipalities took part in a Recreation program fee query submitted through the CRPA yahoo groups list serve.

Camps and swim lessons appear to be the main priority of the Parks and Recreation departments that responded to this survey.

PROGRAM	# of Towns that offer program (of 22 total)
Summer Camp	22
Swim Lessons	17 + 1 (by outside group)
Youth Soccer	13 + 5 (by outside group)
Adult Basketball	17
Youth Basketball	16 + 1 (by outside group)
Preschool Classes	15
Swim Pass	15
Adult Softball	13
Adult Volleyball	13
After School Program	12
Swim Team League	10 + 1 (by outside group)
Recreation Center Pass	6
Skatepark Pass	9
Drop In Recreation pass	6

With the expanding needs of individuals in today's world financial resources are being widely dispersed seemingly more than ever before. Each year many municipal recreation departments are asked to do more with less. Maintaining affordable programs is a priority for the Manchester Recreation Department and many other communities in the state, especially those programs that are considered by individual towns as "essential or necessary" programs like summer camp, swim lessons and after school programs.

In light of the declining condition of many state and local budget situations throughout the nation, the need for parks and recreation agencies to prove their worth in order to attain continued funding for their services and facilities is especially crucial. While the many benefits that parks and recreation provide to a community and its residents are easy to describe, they are typically harder to quantify.

For many Town's it is a challenging task to prioritize the importance of programs in each community and to designate fee increases to specific programs due to the importance of each program to its participants. Balancing the need to offer affordable low cost programming and the need to generate more revenue is a daunting responsibility that each community is faced with.

In the survey that was sent out in November 2004 the Town of Manchester did not inquire about fees charged for programs that are considered "self supporting", except our adult sports programs (softball, volleyball, basketball). Most communities surveyed offer both self-supporting and town funded programs to their participants.

The Town of Manchester will use the results of the survey to help assess appropriate fee charges and prioritize the importance of our programs. Many of the results of the survey are difficult to describe in detail due to the extent of differences in the various programs that the Towns offer (i.e. length of program class, length of program session, age differences, etc.). The spreadsheet attached provides most of the details received about each Town's programs and the associated costs.

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RECREATION PROGRAM FEES (November 2004)

	Branford	Burlington	Canton	Coventry	East Hartford	Fairfield	Glastonbury
Swim Pass	N/A	\$65 (outdoor season) family pass	Res family - \$100 Non res fam - \$175 Res indiv. - \$50 Non res ind. - \$100 Senior (60+) - \$20	6 visits - \$10, 12 visits - \$20, 18 visits - \$30	Free	N/A	Family sum. - \$45, Family ind. - \$50, Family year - \$75. Indiv. - 25/35/50. Senior - Free
Rec Center Pass	N/A	Included in swim pass fee	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fitness Center: \$130/yr, \$110/yr - Seniors	Adult - \$25/year, \$3/day drop in, Under 18 - Free
Skatepark Pass	Free residents, \$5 non-residents	N/A	Free	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$60 - resident, \$120 - non-res. Day pass: \$3 week, \$4 weekend - res., \$6 week, \$8 weekend - non-res.
Drop In Rec pass	N/A	Seasonal waterfront - \$2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$3/day - Adult, Free - Under 18
Summer Camp	\$225 - 6 weeks	\$95 per week	\$170/2 weeks \$200/1 week (teen trip camp)	\$65/week or \$440/8 weeks	\$75/week, \$140/2 weeks, \$540/9 weeks	\$70/3 weeks	\$99-109 (Skyhawks); \$99 (playground)
Swim Lessons	\$40 (8, 35 min.)	\$25	\$45/3 weeks - res. \$55/3 weeks - non resident	\$40 per session	\$35 residents only	\$5/6 days, \$10/12 days (1/2 hour lessons)	Adult - \$25 Child - \$20
Swim Team League	\$400	\$275	1 st child - \$70, 2 nd child - \$45, Family - \$135	N/A	\$40 summer only	N/A	\$130-\$160: Recreation swim team
Youth Basketball	\$65	\$45	Separate from P&R	\$42/child, 2/\$68, 3/\$85	\$35 - grades k-6, \$75-middle school	\$30	\$30
Youth Soccer	\$90-100	\$45	Separate from P&R	Separate from P&R	N/A	\$20	Separate from P&R
Preschool Classes	\$40-50/10 weeks	Vary	\$45-85, 6 to 10 weeks (varies)	N/A	N/A	\$65/6wk (1.5 hour); Crafts - \$90/6wk (1 hour)	\$379/32 weeks,
Afterschool Program	\$600/year	Vary	\$25-\$85, 5 to 11 weeks (varies)	No fee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Adult Softball	\$275 - new team, \$175 - return team	N/A	N/A	Separate from P&R	N/A	\$400-600/team	\$745/team + \$35/out of town player
Adult Volleyball	N/A	N/A	Drop in - \$3/day	Drop in - no fee	Drop in - \$10	N/A	\$25/year, \$3/day; (open time)
Adult Basketball	\$65/person, \$300 sponsors	\$25	Drop in - \$25 season	\$500/team + \$15/out of town player	Drop in - \$40/season, \$4/day	\$500/team	\$500/team + \$35/out of town player

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	Goshen	Groton	Guilford	Hebron	Manchester	Monroe	New Canaan
Swim Pass	N/A	N/A	\$25 – resident, \$50 – non-resident	N/A	Under 5 yrs – Free Youth 5-17 - \$10 Adult - \$50 Senior - \$50/free with senior card Household - \$120	Adult - \$30, Child - \$25	Family - \$325; Indiv. ad/Sr - \$130; Indiv. Sr - \$40; Daily use - \$70; Nanny - \$70
Rec Center Pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Same as swim pass	N/A	N/A
Skatepark Pass	N/A	Free	\$50 – resident \$75 – non-resident	\$50 – Hebron student, \$100 – non-Hebron student; \$75 – Hebron adult, \$150 – non-Hebron adult	Same as swim pass \$2 day pass \$50 non-resident/yr	N/A	N/A
Drop In Rec pass	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summer Camp	Summer Camp, \$80/2 weeks; 3&4 year-olds 1/2 day, 2 days/week - \$30/2 weeks. Same for Pre-K	\$120/8 weeks	\$165/2 week session	\$65/week, \$35 – preschool camp/week	\$30/week (9-3) \$70/week (7:30 – 5:30)	\$150/2 days/week (special needs); 2 days/week/2 weeks - \$150; preschool camp - \$75/week	Ages 7-11, 2weeks - \$240; Ages 5-6, \$200; Age 4 - \$140 (half day)
Swim Lessons	Offered w/camp	\$45-50/8 weeks	\$35/10 hours	N/A	\$25 – 1 st child, \$15 – 2 nd child, etc.	Adult - \$35, Child - \$25	\$75/5 day/30 min lessons
Swim Team League	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$65 (summer outdoor)	11 & up - \$375, 10 and under - \$325	\$100
Youth Basketball	Approx. \$40 + tourney	\$37	N/A	\$35-75 (varies w/age); \$25 and up for travel	\$30 – 1 st child, \$20 – 2 nd child, \$10 additional	\$65	N/A
Youth Soccer	Separate - \$40	\$35-45	N/A	N/A	\$30 – 1 st child, \$20 – 2 nd child, \$10 additional	N/A	\$30
Preschool Classes	N/A	\$45/8 weeks	Approx. \$45 + materials	\$43 music program; \$40 dance program	\$37.50/hr (10 classes);	N/A	N/A
Afterschool Program	\$6.50-10/1.5-2 hour arts type class	N/A	N/A	\$50 per week	Free	N/A	Varies (lots of them)
Adult Softball	N/A	N/A	\$350/team + \$18/game for ump	N/A	Spring/Summer – \$595 + \$25 Fall - \$240 + \$25/non resident	\$800/team (mens open); \$500/team (mens over 35); \$400/team -women	\$400/team
Adult Volleyball	\$35 per season (Oct-April)	\$320	N/A	\$20 for April – Nov	\$345	N/A	N/A
Adult Basketball	\$35 per season (Oct-April)	N/A	\$650	\$20 for April - Nov	Summer – \$260 + \$25/non resident Winter - \$495 + \$25/non resident	\$700/team (mens over 35)	In the works (TBA)

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	New Fairfield	Somers	Stratford	Vernon	Wallingford	West Hartford YMCA Members Non-members add \$20	Wilton
Swim Pass	\$65 – family, \$35 – individual	N/A	\$1 – 18 and under; \$2 – over 18	\$35 – resident \$45 – non-resident	Adult - \$10/year, 12 & under - \$5/yr, Seniors – Free	N/A	\$60 per family
Rec Center Pass	N/A	\$3/week (teen center)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Skatepark Pass	N/A	\$40/season; \$3 resident day, \$5 non-resident day	\$18/year + \$5 per day	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Drop In Rec pass	N/A	\$3/week (teen center)	Free	\$5/year (Fridays) \$3/day \$30 flat rate	N/A	N/A	N/A
Summer Camp	\$90 week	\$65/week– resident, \$70/wk– non-res.; Preschool -\$35/wk, \$40/wk non-res.	\$125/week; special camps - \$185/week (i.e. adventure camps)	\$90/2 weeks	\$75/2.5 weeks; \$150/5weeks	\$170	\$160/week
Swim Lessons	\$60/2 weeks	N/A	\$25/10 classes (1/2 hour each); \$30/10 classes (1 hour)	\$30 – resident \$42 – non-resident	Separate from P&R	\$75/6 weeks	N/A
Swim Team League	\$85	N/A	N/A	Separate from P&R	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Basketball	N/A	\$20 (ages 3-5)	\$55	\$40 – early \$45 – late	\$35 (11 game season + tourney)	\$68	\$85 per season
Youth Soccer	N/A	\$20 (ages 3-5)	N/A	Pee wee - \$35 – res. \$38 – non-resident	Separate from P&R	\$68	N/A – separate
Preschool Classes	\$40/6 weeks	N/A	N/A	\$32 (fitness), \$50 (tumbling) \$60 (play time)	\$20-35/4 weeks; \$40-65/8 weeks	\$70	\$100/8 weeks
Afterschool Program	N/A	Drama-\$75/5 weeks; Cooking & crafts - \$42/5 weeks; Sewing - \$40/5 weeks	Most free; Specialty classes (i.e. science, spanish) - \$25-100	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$100/8 weeks
Adult Softball	N/A	\$500/team	\$750/team	Approx. \$550/team	\$450/team (18 weeks + playoffs)		\$500-700 per team
Adult Volleyball	\$250/team	\$35 (womens)	\$100/team	\$300/team	\$135/team (14 weeks + playoffs)		N/A
Adult Basketball	\$50/10 weeks	N/A	\$450/team	\$550/team \$650/out of town team	\$350/team (14 weeks + playoffs)		\$650 per team

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	Windsor						
Swim Pass	Youth/Senior - \$27 Adult - \$35 Family - \$60						
Rec Center Pass	Free						
Skatepark Pass	Free						
Drop In Rec pass	Free						
Summer Camp	\$95/week						
Swim Lessons	\$29/2 weeks						
Swim Team League	N/A						
Youth Basketball	\$40						
Youth Soccer	\$45						
Preschool Classes	\$35-60						
Afterschool Program	\$50/week or \$150/month						
Adult Softball	N/A						
Adult Volleyball	N/A						
Adult Basketball	N/A						