DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES - LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAMS

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS – PLEASE READ

REGISTRATION FOR LIGHTHOUSE SUMMER 2026 & AFTER SCHOOL 2026 - 2027
REGISTRATION START DATES: April 22 & April 23, 2026
AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL DURING REPORT CARD CONFERENCES
***** PLEASE SEE CHANGES BELOW (NOT ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN) *****

Anticipated Schools with Lighthouse Summer Programs are:

Blackham *(also serving **Madison** students)*
Ceasar Batalla *(also serving **Bryant** and **Curiale** students)*
Discovery Magnet *(also hosting **John Winthrop** Program)*
Geraldine Claytor *(also hosting **Black Rock** Program)*
Geraldine Johnson *(also hosting **Columbus** Program)*
Jettie Tisdale *(also serving **Dunbar** students)*
High Horizons-JFK Campus *(hosting **Thomas Hooker**:*
***Thomas Hooker** is serving **Edison and Hall** students)*
Luis Munoz Marin *(also serving **Beardsley** students)*
Read** (serving **Park City), Roosevelt,
Waltersville-Barnum *(held at **Waltersville**)*
***Wilbur Cross** (hosting **Hallen**)*

To alleviate long lines, pre- registration for current afterschool Lighthouse families will be available April 21, 2026 at each site.
Forms are also available online for your convenience at www.bridgeportct.gov/lighthouse
All registrations are on a first-come first-served basis.

Anticipated schools with Lighthouse Afterschool Programs

Barnum-Waltersville *(held at **Barnum**)*, **Beardsley, Blackham, Black Rock, Bryant, Cesar Batalla, Columbus, Curiale, Discovery Magnet, Geraldine Claytor, Geraldine Johnson, Hallen, Jettie Tisdale** *(also serving **Dunbar School** students)*, **Multi Cultural-JFK Campus** *(also serving **Edison and Hall** students)*, **John Winthrop, Luis Muñoz Marin***(also serving **Edison and Hall** students)*, **Madison, Park City Magnet Read, Roosevelt, Thomas Hooker**

****Based on Funding -Sites Subject to Change****

SUMMER DATES AND HOURS: Wednesday, July 1, 2026, through Friday, August 7, 2026 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm (*NO PROGRAM Friday, July 4th*). Please note weekly fees are expected each week regardless of your child's attendance.

SUBSIDIZED FEES (per child basis): $30.00 per week, if over 210% USDA income eligibility guidelines, **$20.00 per week,** if over 185% of USDA guidelines, and **$10.00 per week,** if under 185% USDA guidelines. The program includes breakfast and lunch as well as most materials and supplies. Trips may be an additional cost. ***(Limited Scholarships and reduced fees will be reviewed based on need.)***

SCHOOL YEAR DATES AND HOURS: Monday, August 31, 2026, through Friday, June 4, 2027 from school end of day bell time to 5:30 pm.

Please note- you are responsible for the weekly fee regardless of whether your child attends every week.

SUBSIDIZED FEES (per child basis): $15.00 per week, if over 210% USDA income eligibility guidelines, **$10.00 per week**, if over 185% of USDA guidelines, **$5.00 per week**, if under 185% USDA guidelines. Money orders should be made payable to The Lighthouse Program.
(Limited Scholarships and reduced fees will be reviewed based on need.)

Each registered child participates in a low-cost subsidized program that requires his/her full participation in the program. Unless an unforeseen emergency arises or special consideration is made, parents\guardians agree to pick students up at the end of the program day by enrolling their child in the Lighthouse Program.

******Please see the Site Coordinator directly, scholarships available. ******

ADDITIONAL SUMMER & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTION: For parents who want to be able to pick their children up prior to the required scheduled dismissal time we offer a pay by the hour program for a fee of $10.00 per child per hour of program use. This is ideal for parents that don't need the program all five days or who want the flexibility of picking up their child early. Should you not choose this option and pick your child up prior to dismissal on a consistent basis you will automatically revert to the pay by the hour program.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING WITH YOU TO REGISTRATION

- $25.00 ***non-refundable*** fee per child to register for the summer program (bank check or money orders accepted). ***NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS PLEASE.*** ***Depending on where you fall on the sliding scale, this fee may be applied to your payment due.***
- Separate $25.00 ***non-refundable*** fee per child to register for the after-school program (bank check or money orders accepted). ***NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS PLEASE.*** ***Depending on where you fall on the sliding scale, this fee may be applied to your payment due.***
- **2024 or 2025 tax** return listing dependent child/children. This will help us qualify you for a reduced weekly fee if eligible. You are not required to provide verification and can self-report income if you prefer. Please see the site coordinator directly.

We look forward to serving you and your child this summer and fall. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss the above, please feel free to contact the Site Coordinator at your child's school or the Lighthouse Program central office directly at (203) 576-7252.

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