beyond the bell

2026-27 School Year

Available Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. at:
Davis • Glymont • Hanson • Henson
Stoddert • Mattawoman

Available Monday-Friday. 2-6 p.m. at:
Piccowaxen • Somers

Participants may only attend at their current school location.

Program does not operate on days school is closed, and when school closes early due to inclement weather. Program may not qualify for child care tax deduction. Fees are not prorated on short weeks. Fees are due the Friday before the following week.

Join us at Beyond the Bell this school year!

Beyond the Bell is an afterschool club for middle school-aged teens looking for a safe environment to do homework, make new friends, and enjoy various STEM projects while engaging in fun physical activity. Our dependable staff will encourage participants to be creative and innovative thinkers. Participants may be eligible for discounts at select Charles County Recreation events and programs with ongoing Beyond the Bell participation.

Open to Grades 6-8 • Weekly Fee: $75

One day drop-ins are available for $25 per day

One-time enrollment fee for both weekly and daily participants: $25 (per school year). The Beyond the Bell Program requires minimal and sustainable registration to operate and is subject to cancellation.

Program begins August 24 and is ongoing throughout the school year.

Registration Packet Required

Packets are available at the Charles County Recreation Registration office, all Community Centers, and online at:

CharlesCountyParks.com
Call for details: 301-932-3470

Scan the QR code to learn more and register online!

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107 Centennial St., Suite A, La Plata, MD 20646
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Beyond the Bell Program

Policies & Procedures

Program Activities

The afternoon will begin with a snack and homework time. Remaining time will consist of recreational activities in the cafeteria, gymnasium, or classroom. The Beyond the Bell Program does not meet on days the school is closed. The Beyond the Bell Program will meet on scheduled early dismissal days.

Sign In/Sign Out

Following the last school bell, students must go to their lockers, retrieve all necessary materials, and sign themselves in at the Beyond the Bell Program. Participants must be signed out by a parent, guardian, or authorized adult (children may sign themselves out with written permission from the parent or guardian). Authorized adults must be listed on the registration form. Any changes must be submitted in writing. Participants will not be released to any person not listed. Staff will ask for proper ID prior to signing out. Please notify the Community Center if your child will not be attending.

Emergency Contact

Two emergency contacts for each participant are required to be on file. If participant becomes ill or injured during program hours, parent/guardian will be contacted immediately. If parent/guardian is not available, emergency contact will be called.

Inclement Weather

The Beyond the Bell Program will not operate on days when the school may announce "*all after school and evening activities canceled*." If the school announces an early dismissal due to inclement weather, the Beyond the Bell Program will not operate. ***All participants must arrange alternative transportation for inclement weather closures.***

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is included in this packet so that participants and their families are informed of the behavior expected of all participants for the safety, health and happiness of the participants and staff.

- Participants are treated with respect and are to be respectful of others.
- Participants are to be respectful of school property and the property of others.
- Participants are to use proper language.
- Participants are to stay with their designated group and leaders during the program and obey designated program boundaries.
- Participants are to show good sportsmanship.

Disciplinary Policy/Procedures

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which does not jeopardize themselves, other participants, staff, or the facility. The following procedures will be used to address disciplinary problems for participants who fail to abide by rules and regulations set by Charles County Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism.

1st Infraction — Verbal warning by staff. Parent/Guardian will be verbally notified of incident.

2nd Infraction — Written warning sent home. Parent/Guardian will be called by staff to discuss incident. Child may be denied the right to participate in the next activity or special event.

3rd Infraction — Parent/Guardian conference will be scheduled immediately to identify problem and discuss solutions.

After a conference, if child's behavior does not improve, child may be expelled from program. Parent will forfeit any fees for the remainder of the session. If a child is suspended from any public school, they may not attend any afterschool activities.

NOTE: Serious infractions may warrant immediate expulsion from program.

Late Pick-Up Fee

All Beyond the Bell Programs end at 6 p.m. Participants are to be picked up no later than 6 p.m. A late pick-up fee of $10 per child will be assessed for the first 15 minutes (or part thereof). The fee will be $1 per minute thereafter.

Registration Policies & Procedures

The attached registration form can be completed when registering online. Customers who do not register online can complete and send the form with payment manually. The registration form is mandatory one time only, per school year, and can be updated at the parent discretion. Visit www.CharlesCountyParks.com to register online.

Weekly Fees

The Beyond the Bell Program is an ongoing program requiring weekly registration and payments ($75/wk). Payment is due the Friday before the upcoming week. **A $10 late payment fee** will be assessed if payment is not received by Monday at midnight of each week. Once a late fee has been assessed, the registered student will be allowed to participate in the program for that week; however, will not be permitted to attend the following week until the balance is cleared and an advance payment is made for the next week.

Program Registration Disclaimer

The Beyond the Bell Program requires minimal and sustainable registration to operate and is subject to cancellation. The Beyond the Bell Program will be evaluated quarterly. If minimum registration has not been met, the Beyond the Bell Program will be canceled at that location. All program participants will be notified of the cancellation.

Online Registration www.CharlesCountyParks.com

Online registration is available for most programs.

Please take note of the following regarding your online registration:

- Instructions for logging into the system are provided online.
- Registration for minors (18 and younger) requires adult input and information.

Online payments are accepted by MasterCard, Visa and Discover only.

Standard Enrollment

Payment is due at the time of registration.

Checks and money orders must specify the program by code and must be for the exact amount, payable to:

Charles County Commissioners

Checks must include the current address, telephone number, and drivers license number with expiration. Information must be included for the person making payment.

Cash payment is only accepted at the main office at 107 Centennial St. Cash is not accepted at our Community Centers.

Discover, MasterCard and Visa payments are accepted in person, and by mail at all Community Centers and the Recreation office. Fax available at the Registration Office only.

Phone-in registration is not available.

Mail-in payments with a signed registration form are only accepted at:

Charles County Dept of Recreation, Parks & Tourism
Attn: Registration Office
107 Centennial St., Suite A
La Plata, MD 20646

Refund Policies

All requests for refunds must be received, in writing, seven working days prior to the start of a program. Fax requests for refunds are accepted at 301-934-5624. Written requests can be emailed to registration@charlescountymd.gov

After the program has begun, a prorated refund, based on participation, may be approved if requested in writing with medical verification received prior to the end of the program.

No refunds will be considered after a program has ended.

Approved refunds will be assessed a $15 administrative fee per child, per session regardless of circumstances.

Late fees are non-refundable.

Returned Check Fees

Checks returned for insufficient funds or other reason will incur a fee of up to, but not more than, $35 for each occurrence. We do not re-deposit returned checks. Only cash or money order accepted for face value of check, plus above-mentioned return check fee. Persons who fail to rectify this obligation will be denied participation in all Charles County Government programs.

Beyond the Bell Registration

ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT • PLEASE PRINT

Parent/Guardian Name:				E-Mail Address:	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip	COUNTY
Phone	Home	Work		Cell	
Parent/Guardian Name:				E-Mail Address:	
Phone	Home	Work		Cell	

Participant Information

First Name		Last Name		Nickname	
Age		Date of Birth		Sex (circle)	M F
School Currently Attending				Grade	
Special Health Conditions, Disabilities, or Diagnosis					

Emergency Contacts: If participant becomes ill or injured during program hours, the parent/guardian will be contacted. For those times when the parent/guardian is not available, please list two additional emergency contacts:

1) Emergency Contact Name		Relationship		Phone:
2) Emergency Contact Name		Relationship		Phone:

Transportation Release: Participants must be signed out by a parent/guardian each day. Please list other authorized individuals who may sign your child out (list relationship). Any changes to these approved individuals must be made in writing. This form acts as permission for your child to arrive/depart from the Afterschool Activities Program by the individuals listed. If you wish the participant to arrive or depart by WALKING, RIDING A BIKE, or OTHER, then additional written parent/guardian permission is required. You must provide an explanation and identify the alternate form of transportation in your correspondence. For the safety of all participants, parents and authorized individuals must show identification every day when signing out a participant.

1) Name		Relationship		Phone:
2) Name		Relationship		Phone:

Register online at www.CharlesCountyParks.com
You can even register for all or multiple weeks at one time!

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Attn: Registration Office
107 Centennial St., Suite A
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An emailed or mailed receipt is confirmation of enrollment, if no receipt has been received, please contact the Registration Office. Charles County Government is not responsible for program cancellations due to Charles County Public Schools programming, inclement weather, or unavoidable/extenuating circumstances. I, agree to participate or as the child's parent and/or guardian, I allow my child to participate in these programs knowing that safety precautions will be taken but realizing that the Charles County Government does not have accident insurance for participants. It is understood that activities such as the ones I will be participating in involve an element of risk and danger of accidents and knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks. I do hereby release and hold harmless Charles County, Maryland, its officials, employees, instructors, and volunteers from any and all liabilities arising from any injuries that might occur during the supervised programs. I as a participant, or I as the child's parent and/or guardian, do hereby authorize the Charles County Government to take photographs and video of me/my child or my property for promotional and/or educational purposes. I do hereby authorize the Charles County Government to release the information for promotional purposes. I acknowledge that I have been informed that activities in which I/or my child participate may be shared through Charles County Government and Charles County Recreation, Parks and Tourism website and social media accounts, including photographs and live streaming videos, and I authorize and provide my consent for me/my child to being included in any such photographs or live streaming videos. I hereby state that this release is freely, willingly, and voluntarily made.

Forms without signatures will be returned.

Your signature acknowledges that you have read and understand the above statement.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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OFFICE USE ONLY	Cash	Check	M/O	M/C	Visa	Discover	Staff Initial		Reg #	
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Weekly Payment

CIRCLE location you are registering for:

DA	GL	HA	HE	MA	PI	SO	ST

☐ Weekly Payment: $75/pp — Payment due Friday prior to start of each week.

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FEES ARE NOT PRORATED ON SHORT WEEKS.

CHECK	AVAILABLE WEEKS	
	8/24/26	8/28/26
	8/31/26	9/4/26
	9/8/26	9/11/26
	9/14/26	9/17/26
	9/21/26	9/25/26
	9/28/26	10/2/26
	10/5/26	10/9/26
	10/12/26	10/16/26
	10/19/26	10/23/26
	10/26/26	10/30/26
	11/2/26	11/5/26
	11/9/26	11/13/26
	11/16/26	11/20/26
	11/23/26	11/24/26
	11/30/26	12/4/26
	12/7/26	12/11/26
	12/14/26	12/18/26
	1/4/27	1/8/27
	1/11/27	1/15/27
	1/19/27	1/21/27
	1/25/27	1/29/27
	2/1/27	2/5/27
	2/8/27	2/11/27
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	4/5/27	4/9/27
	4/12/27	4/16/27
	4/19/27	4/23/27
	4/27/27	4/30/27
	5/3/27	5/7/27
	5/10/27	5/14/27
	5/17/27	5/21/27
	5/24/27	5/28/27
	6/1/27	6/4/27
	6/7/27	6/9/27

Program does not meet Nov 24-27, Dec 21-Jan 1, and Mar 24-29.