



Join Our Fun-Filled Summer Adventure Program – GO WilMA!

June 11 - August 17

GO WilMa! is a summer outdoor adventure program that stands for *Get Outside 'round Willistown and Malvern* and is spearheaded by the Willistown Parks & Recreation Department.

Willistown Parks & Recreation is delighted to announce that GO WilMa! has received an Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award from the Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society (PRPS). PRPS is a statewide organization that promotes quality recreation and park training, networking, and leadership opportunities. It is a membership organization comprised of parks and recreation professionals, educators, and volunteers. The Excellence in Recreation and Parks Award recognizes programs that demonstrate outstanding quality, innovation, range and value of appeal, community support, promotions and publications, and efficient use of funding.



GO WilMa! is an exciting and entertaining summer outdoor adventure program that encourages children in the Willistown and Malvern region (no residency requirements) to explore the natural and historic treasures of our area through a series of scavenger hunts. Kids and their families and friends participate on their own schedule throughout the summer. Children are automatically signed up for GO WilMa! when they register for the National Summer Reading Program at Malvern or Paoli Library. Special thanks go to GO York! and Kevin Alvarnaz at Wellspan Health for sharing their inspiration with us!

GO WilMa! combines parks and recreation, health and wellness, reading, and lots of fresh air fun. Exploring the natural and historic treasures of our area also brings families, friends, and our community together, lifting spirits and delivering smiles. GO WilMa! is one of the wonderful happenings that makes our community so special...join in the adventure!

Under the leadership of Willistown Parks and Recreation, the GO WilMa! Program Team also includes Malvern Library and Paoli Library.

~ Celebrating our community through people, parks and programs ~
Contact Willistown Parks & Recreation Director, Mary Hundt at mhundt@willistown.pa.us with questions. See you in the park!

2019 *GO WilMa!*: To the Moon and Back!

GO WilMa! stands for “Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern!” Our summertime outdoor adventure program makes reading, learning, and being outside fun for our community's children—and the adults have a ball too! Inspired by and modeled after the Healthy York County Coalition’s “Get Outdoors York” program, this year GO WilMa! is paired with the Chester County Library System’s new Summer Quest program through Malvern and Paoli Libraries. Summer Quest is a collaborative project of the Chester County libraries that makes summer reading exciting and incorporates writing and creative activities that keep children’s minds active and engaged all summer long. Kids will earn Summer Quest badges much like those awarded in the Boy and Girl Scout programs.

In honor of one of the greatest outdoor adventures, the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing and the first human steps on the moon, this year’s GO WilMa! inspiration is “Outer Space,” and our adventurers will be going “To the Moon and Back!” Each child who signs up for the Summer Quest program at Malvern and Paoli Libraries receives a GO WilMa! Field Guide—a passport of sorts. The Guide includes scavenger hunt clues leading to hidden “Inspiration Stations” in our wonderful local landscape. Each Station will highlight outer space and what you’ll see on a trip to the moon in entertaining ways, shapes, and forms. Kids and their adults will have a blast exploring our special area of the globe while being transported to the moon and back. I hope our adventurers and their families are inspired and awed by what surrounds our planet as well as the wonderful places “in our own backyard.”

The Inspiration Stations include a rubbing post with an etching on top where the kids “stamp” their Field Guides. Then it’s back to the library where participants receive raffle tickets for each Inspiration Station stamp they have earned and for each book they have read. Our space travelers will earn a GO WilMa! patch by adventuring to 6 of our 15 different destinations and locating the Inspiration Stations there.

Last year, over 850 GO WilMa! explorers and their friends and families were out and about in our local parks and special places throughout the summer. That’s about two hundred more than 2017—if you haven’t tried it yet, join the fun!

Program Sign Up and Duration

Sign-up is ongoing throughout the summer and kicks off at the **June 11 School's Out—Let's GO WilMa! Park Party at Greentree Park (21 Grubb Road, Malvern, PA) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.** This popular event celebrates the end of the school year and kicks off summer with face painting, a petting zoo, pony rides and dancing and prancing to the DJ’s tunes. Food is available for purchase. Not entry fee to join the fun!

The program ends August 17 and the prize drawing will be held on **August 20 at the Willistown Country Fair on August 20 Greentree Park (21 Grubb Road, Malvern, PA) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.**

There is no participation fee for *GO WilMa!*, as the program is funded in large part by Willistown Township with assistance from Malvern Borough and East Goshen and East Whiteland Townships.