

Week 6 Recap

It is hard to believe that another six weeks of summer fun have come to an end! The Town of Newstead Recreation Department wrapped up its 2026 Summer Recreation Program with a busy final week filled with soccer, gym, swimming, arts and crafts, the NRD Olympics, service to our community, and our final Fun Run field trip.

During Week 6, participants focused on soccer, continuing to develop their skills through drills, games, teamwork, and time on the field. Our final Character Trait of the Week was Service, which was especially fitting as we concluded our summer Food Drive and encouraged participants to think about the importance of helping others and giving back to their community.

One of the highlights of our final week was the NRD Olympics. Participants competed in a variety of activities, cheered on their teammates, demonstrated great sportsmanship, and proudly wore the tie-dye shirts they created earlier in the summer. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring everyone together and celebrate the friendships and teamwork that developed throughout the program.

Our participants also completed their summer swimming program. Swim level cards were distributed to families, providing information on the skills each child worked on and their progress throughout the summer. From gaining confidence in the water and learning foundational skills to strengthening more advanced swimming techniques, we are incredibly proud of the growth we saw in our swimmers.

We finished the season with our Fun Run field trip, bringing participants together for one final morning of fun before saying goodbye to Summer Recreation 2026.

Perhaps one of the accomplishments we are most proud of this summer was the generosity shown through our Food Drive. Together, our recreation families and community collected 321 food and pantry items and raised more than \$1,100 for our local food pantry! It was an incredible demonstration of our final character trait of Service and showed our participants firsthand the impact they can have when a community works together.

A successful six-week recreation program takes the support and commitment of many people. The Town of Newstead Recreation Department would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all of the parents and guardians who trusted us with their children and supported our program throughout the summer.

We are also extremely grateful to our community partners who supported our activities, field trips, and special events, and to the Akron Central School District for its continued partnership and use of its facilities. These partnerships allow us to provide opportunities and experiences for our participants that would not otherwise be possible.

A very special thank you goes to our dedicated Recreation staff and volunteers. Their energy, patience, creativity, flexibility, and commitment to our participants are what make this program

possible. From sports, gym, and swimming to arts and crafts, character education, field trips, and countless activities in between, our staff and volunteers worked hard each day to create a safe, positive, and memorable summer for our participants.

Finally, thank you to all of the children who participated in Summer Recreation 2026. They are the reason we do what we do. Over the course of six weeks, we watched them learn new skills, build friendships, challenge themselves, demonstrate character, and create memories that we hope will last well beyond the summer.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making Summer Recreation 2026 another successful season. The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is incredibly grateful for the continued support of our families, partners, volunteers, staff, and the entire Newstead community.

We look forward to seeing everyone again at our upcoming fall and winter recreation programs!

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