



Saturday, June 7, 2025
9:00 am - 2:30 pm



Southern Connecticut State University

**Health & Human
Services Building**
493 Fitch Street
New Haven, CT 06514

Lunch included with registration!

Schedule

9:00 9:30 AM • Registration
9:30 9:40 AM • Welcome Comments
9:45 10:45 AM • Team Building
10:50 11:30 AM • Breakout Sessions 1
11:35 12:15 PM • Breakout Sessions 2
12:20 12:45 PM • Lunch
12:50 1:30 PM • Breakout Sessions 3
1:45 2:30 PM • Camp Challenge

2025 Camp College Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration: Outside (rain location Lobby)						
Location:	HHS 116	Pelz Gym 1	Room 114	Room 112B	Room 112A	LRN111	Big Field <i>(Pelz Gym 2 rain location)</i>
9:30 - 9:40 am	Welcome Comments: Pelz Gym						
9:45 - 10:45 am	Charms Class: Team Building (Empowerment Sessions): Pelz Gym and/or Big Field Outside						
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1:45 - 2:30 pm	Triwizard Tournament: Camp Challenge / Wrap-Up: Pelz Gym						

9:30 - 9:40 am Camp College Welcome Comments

Presenters: Camp College Committee Members & SCSU

Location: Pelz Gym 1

9:45 - 10:45 am Charms Class: Teambuilding Empowerment Sessions

Presenter: Dan Jaskot, *Empower Leadership*

Location: Pelz Gym 1

This presentation will take place during the opening of the 2025 Camp College. This active presentation will include a series of games and activities, led by Empower Leadership, focused on relationship building, collaborative teamwork, and team bonding fun!

10:50 11:30 am Breakout Sessions 1:

Creating Inclusive Camp Experiences: Introduction to Adapting and Modifying Activities

Presenter: MaryJo Archambault, *SCSU*

Location: HHS 116

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Defense Against the Dark Arts (First Aid) Challenge

Presenter: Stephanie Crane, *Bolton Recreation Department*

Location: Pelz Gym 1

Are you ready to step up and test your skills? Welcome to the Defense Against the Dark Arts Challenge, a fast-paced, hands-on challenge where camp counselors will be placed into teams, each representing different Hogwarts houses. Their task? To work together and solve a series of first aid scenarios, applying real-world first aid skills with a magical Twist. Each group will face various scenarios inspired by the world of Harry Potter, combining elements of first aid training with the Wizarding World. Teams will need to think on their feet, demonstrate their knowledge of first aid, and collaborate to save the day.

Embracing Diversity: Creating Inclusive Camp Experiences for Campers & Staff

Presenter: TBD, *SCSU*

Location: Room 114

This session focuses on creating an inclusive camp environment by recognizing and respecting camper and staff backgrounds and perspectives. Participants will learn practical strategies for adapting activities, communication, and fostering a sense of belonging for all. This training equips staff to build a supportive community where diversity is embraced and every camper thrives.

Camp Counselors In Action: Leadership, Mentorship, and Prevention

Presenter: Wendy Mill, *The Governor's Prevention Partnership*

Location: Room 112B

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Dollar Store Duel: Wizarding Camp Edition

Presenter: Samantha Charette, *East Windsor Parks & Recreation*

Location: Room 112A

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Presenter: Joe Milone, *SCSU*

Location: Big Field (rain Pelz Gym 2)

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Energize the Vibes

Presenter: Ashley Wooten, *New Britain Parks & Recreation*

Location: Room 112A

Join the fun and good vibes! In this high-energy workshop, we'll explore activities that keep youth engaged and excited during downtime. The secret to a positive camp experience lies in staff energy – your enthusiasm and attitude can make all the difference in preventing negative behaviors and fostering an environment full of connection, creativity and good vibes!

Muggle Studies: Directors 101

Presenter: Lexi Polasek, *Southbury Parks & Recreation*

Location: LRN 111

Muggle Studies for Camp Directors is a Hogwarts-inspired session designed to empower you with the knowledge and skills to support your staff, including C.I.T.s and L.I.T.s effectively. Just as wizards must understand Muggles, supervisors must recognize diverse perspectives to foster teamwork and leadership with both seasoned staff, new staff and C.I.T.s/L.I.T.s. Through engaging discussions and interactive activities, you'll explore Muggle mindsets, delegating tasks to your teams ability, and learn conflict-resolution spells to create a successful and magical camp experience.

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Back to Basics: Games 101

Presenter: Joe Milone, *SCSU*

Location: Big Field (rain Pelz Gym 2)

Back to Basics is an active hands-on session where participants will learn to lead simple yet engaging games in a safe environment. From trust falls to brain teasers, rediscover the power of collaboration, communication, and cooperation.

1:45-2:30 pm
Triwizard Tournament: Camp Challenge

Location: Pelz Gym 1

The Camp Challenge is a fun and exciting opportunity for camp staff to work together and show the other towns what they're made of! With exhilarating and challenging games, your camp staff will be put to the test as they compete in great teambuilding exercises. The challenges will have a range of components from brainteasers to physical requirements to ensure participation from everyone in the group. Here's your chance to empower your camp staff, show off your camp spirit, and get pumped up about the 2025 Summer Camp Season! Prizes are awarded for first, second, and third place camps!

2025 Camp College Registration



Please return this form along with payment by May 16th. Registration fee is \$20 per person after this date.

Organization: _____ Staff Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Our town will be arriving by: ☐ BUS ☐ VAN ☐ CAR

Approximate # of buses/vehicles: _____

Attendees: \$16 sessions fee is applicable to **MEMBER DEPT STAFF ONLY**. All registrations include lunch.

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| 1. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Member (\$16 \$20 after 5/16/25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (\$20) |
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| 10. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Member (\$16 \$20 after 5/16/25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member (\$20) |

**If more than 10 people will be attending Camp College, please copy this form to list all additional participants*

Member _____ x ~~\$16~~ (\$20 after 5/16/25) = \$ _____ Non-Member _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

2025 CAMP CHALLENGE SIGN UP:

What better way to end the Camp College day, than a good old fashioned "Battle of the Camps"?

The Camp Challenge will operate from 1:45pm and run until APPROXIMATELY 2:30 pm. Camps who sign-up will compete in a series of 6 different challenges. Participating camps must have a **minimum of 5 participants** but **no more than 30 per team** (maximum of 18 teams total). For camps who have more than 30 staff interested in participating, a second team can be created but must be balanced (ex. a camp of 40 staff should make two teams of 20). At the end of the Camp Challenge, the top 3 teams will be awarded!

☐ We would like to register for the camp challenge!

☐ We do not wish to participate in the camp challenge.

Please complete below:

I will have _____ staff (min. 5, max. 30)

If more than 30, I will have _____ staff divided into 2 teams of _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ **Check** (payable to: "CRPA," 135 Day St., 2nd Floor, 2H, Newington, CT 06111) ☐ **Invoice** ☐ **Credit Card**

All payments must be received by May 16th. There will be no refunds for cancellations after this date.

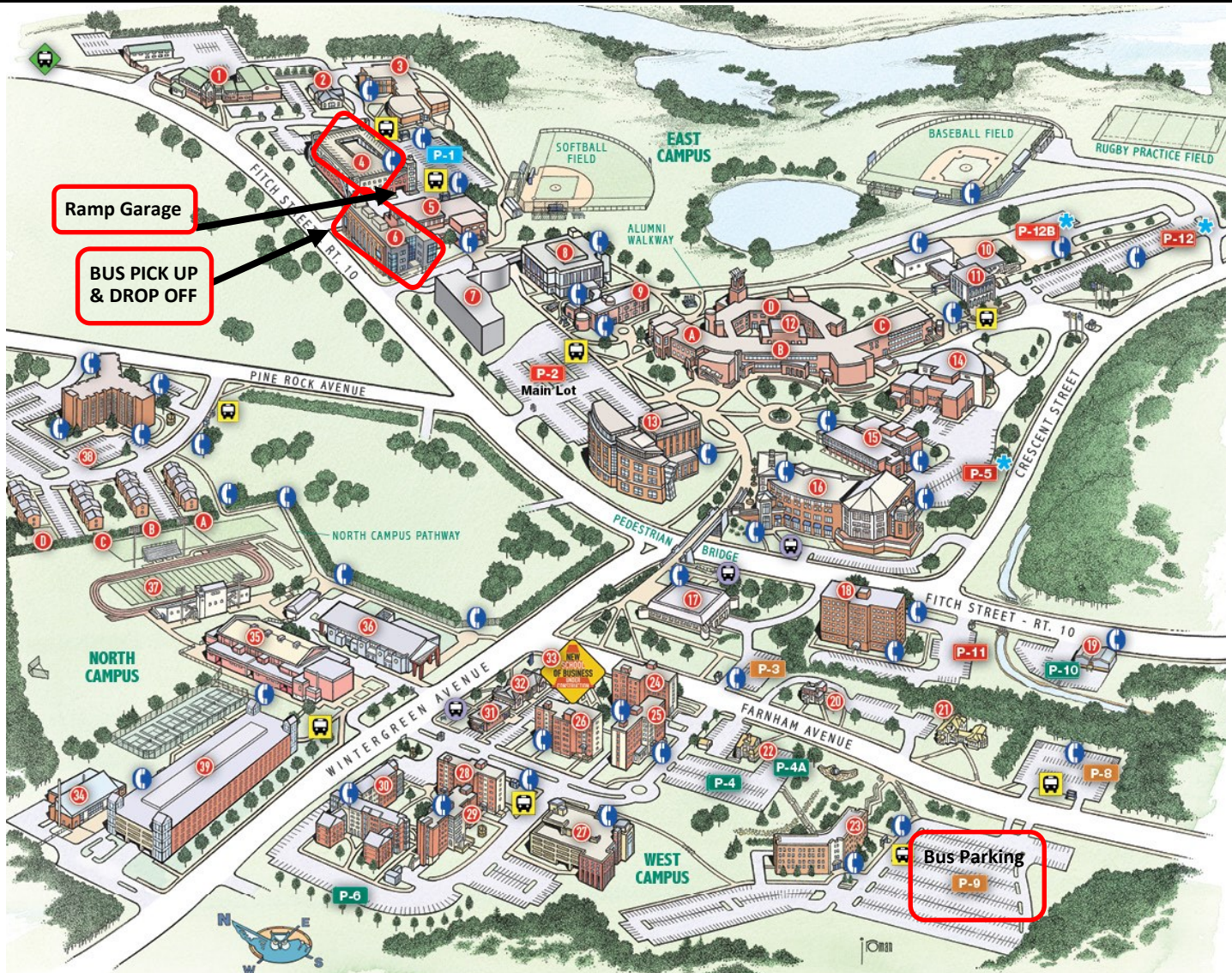
Registrants that do not show without cancelling prior to this date will be billed the full amount.

SCSU Event Parking Map



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Services Building**
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All Camp College sessions will be held in the **Health & Human Services Building (#6)**. Upon arrival, please check in at registration located at the entrance to Pelz Gym.



Cars Only: Parking is available at the Finch Street Ramp Garage, #4 above.

For Buses Only:

After dropping off passengers at the Health and Human Services Building (#6 above), the bus should proceed to Lot 9 and park there until the conclusion of the event, at which time the bus can return for pick-up. Lot 9 is off of Farnham Avenue. Proceed South on Finch Street, take a right onto Wintergreen Ave., and then a left onto Farnham Avenue. Proceed down Farnham Avenue for about 300 yards to the entrance for Lot 9, which is located on the right.