

# Welcome to NJTL Summer Camp 2019



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are glad your child is joining us for the Summer Youth Tennis Program. The program is a collaborative effort between the Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) and Central Texas Tennis Association (CTTA), a chapter of the National Junior Tennis & Learning network or NJTL. Founded in 1969 by the late Arthur Ashe, NJTL uses tennis to reach out to the community and provide for the healthy development of young people on and off the court. Established in August 1997, the Central Texas Tennis Association of Austin, Texas, is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, celebrating over 20 years! We want this summer to be a positive experience and have composed this parent letter in an effort to make sure you are aware of what to expect. (Handouts may also be found at [www.cttatennis.org](http://www.cttatennis.org).)

**\*\*Please note, due to a limited amount of enrollment (minimum of 6), sites may be combined. Instructors and Program Director will notify you if this becomes the case.**

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**Program Director:** Sarah Pernel, 512-466-6545 or [cttatennis512@gmail.com](mailto:cttatennis512@gmail.com). If you have any questions, complaints, comments, or are interested in becoming a volunteer (requires a form and background clearance).

**Registration Policy:** Each student must be registered prior to beginning class. Online registration is available at [www.cttatennis.org](http://www.cttatennis.org) or a paper form may be completed on the first day of class at the site. If a child attends more than one park, a separate registration is required for each site. Students must have all required paperwork submitted along with payment by the end of the first week of class.

**For Class:** Students must wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes for tennis class. Sunscreen, hats, and water brought from home help deal with the heat. Using the restroom prior to class time is advised. Equipment is provided for use during class. Please label racquets and any other personal items with student's name.

## **Mock Schedule (sites may vary slightly based on days/times and students)**

7:45 Early check-in (kids play-time supervised by staff)  
8:05 Physical warm-up, icebreaker activities  
8:30 Break  
8:45 Skills Development  
9:50 Break  
10:00 Skills Development  
11:15 Lunch & Free Play  
11:45 Clean-up  
Noon Dismissal

**Drop-Off & Pick-Up Policy:** Children must be signed in & out by parent or guardian daily. Pick up should be on time at the end of their designated class time. The tennis instructors supervise students during tennis class only, and cannot be responsible for students outside of class. Late pick-ups should be coordinated with instructor prior. Parents are welcome to watch classes from outside of the court area, but should not interfere with the class. Only cleared volunteers may assist instructor with the children.

**Behavior Policy:** Maintaining a safe and positive environment is a priority. If a student becomes a consistent problem in class, the parent or guardian will be notified and child may be dismissed.

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**T-Shirts:** As part of registration fee, students will receive one program t-shirt during the summer, even if he or she attends both sessions. Program t-shirts must be worn during field-trips or other special scheduled days. Site instructor will notify students and parents during those times.

**Lunch/Snacks:** Each site will set aside a time for students to have a morning and afternoon snack provided by CTTA. Students may also bring snacks at their discretion. Some sites have an indoor lunch program provided by the City of Austin. Speak with your instructor for more details.

**Rain Policy:** In case of rain that makes the tennis courts wet and therefore unplayable, class will not be held. Classes resume regular schedule as soon as possible and classes cancelled due to weather can be made up on a different day/site or session. Instructors will discuss notification plans, but if in doubt, please use your best judgment.

**Emergency:** Parents and/or guardians will be contacted in the event of an emergency illness or accident. Not all accidents are considered emergency, but will be recorded and provided to you upon pick-up. Please discuss any unusual circumstances or allegories that were not mentioned, to your site instructor.

**NJTL End of Summer Kids' Day:** The celebratory season-ending event where students, family, friends, and the community come together for a great afternoon. Students will have the opportunity to showcase what they've learned throughout their time at camp. This event includes special presentations, tennis tournament, entertainment, snacks, and a chance to display their work from the various activities. Details will be given out by instructors.

**Supporting the Program:** Financial support helps us continue offering free youth programs and opportunities to the community. Please feel free to offer any assistance, monetary or in-kind. All support is considered tax-deductible and made payable to CTTA NJTL and mailed to CTTA NJTL, P.O. Box 151014, Austin, TX 78715 or via our website at [www.cttatennis.org](http://www.cttatennis.org).

Further information regarding our Special Programs describing educational and creative activities included in NJTL. Please take time to review these opportunities and encourage your child to participate.

**Art, Writing & Reading**

**Science & Math Club**

**Field Trips**