

Medway Council Youth Service Summer Activities

Medway Youth Service is delivering a range of holiday activities for young people this summer. Most activities can be joined on the day, and links are included where bookings are required. An online version of this information is available

at: <https://www.medway.gov.uk/youthsummeractivities>

Details of activities aimed at children and young people who are eligible for free school meals are available at: <https://go.medway.gov.uk/>

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Park Based and Community Activity Days

Get active, meet new people and make the most of your summer close to home. Our Park and Community Activity Days bring free activities to communities across Medway, including sports, games, creative activities, family events, gaming experiences and opportunities to spend time with friends in a safe and welcoming environment. Most activities are drop-in, so just come along and join in.

Activity	Description	Dates	Times	Location	Age	Booking
Children & Family Hub Activity Afternoon (Wayfield)	Sports, arts, crafts, and other family activities.	Friday 24 July 2026	2-4pm	Barnfield Recreation Ground, Wayfield, ME5 0BG	All ages	No booking FREE
Laburnum Recreation Ground Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Mondays 3, 10, 17 & 24 August	6-8pm	Laburnum Recreation Ground, Strood, ME2 2LD	11+	No booking FREE
Gillingham Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Mondays 3, 10, 17, 24 August	1-4pm	Gillingham Park, Canterbury Street ME7 5LA	11+	No booking FREE
Grain Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Tuesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 August	6-8pm	Grain Village Recreational Ground	11+	No booking FREE
Rookery Fields Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Tuesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 and Thursdays 6, 13, 20 August	1-4pm	Rookery Fields Park, Woodlands Road Gillingham ME7 2TA	11+	No booking FREE

Gaming Bus and Park Activities (Chatham)	An exciting range of gaming consoles, interactive activities and park games.	Wednesday 5 August 2026	2.30 to 4.30pm	Maidstone Road Sports Ground, Bourneville Road Chatham, ME4 6LR	11+	No booking FREE
Hoo Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Wednesdays 5, 12 & 19 August	6-9pm	Hoo (local park)	11-17	No booking FREE
Welcome to Medway and Family Fun Day	Silent Disco, Karaoke and Racing Cars, and other family activities	Thursday 6 August 2026	11-2pm	Chatham Children & Family Hub, Magpie Hall Rd, Chatham ME4 5AZ	All ages	No booking FREE
Cliffe Woods Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Thursday 6, 13, 20 August	1-3pm	Merryboys Road, Cliffe Woods ME3 7TP	11+	No booking FREE
Children & Family Hub Activity Afternoon (Rainham)	Sports, arts, crafts, and other family activities.	Monday 10 August 2026	1- 2:30pm	Cozenton Park (skate park end), Bloors Lane, Rainham, ME8 7EG	All ages	No booking FREE
Palmerston Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people.	Wednesday 12 August 2026	2.30- 4.30pm	Maidstone Road Sports Ground, Bourneville Road Chatham, ME4 6LR	11+	No booking FREE
Bubble Football	Football and games played in giant inflatable bubbles.	Thursday 13 August 2026	2-4pm	Barnfield Recreation Ground, Wayfield, ME5 0BG	11+	No booking FREE

Jacksons Park Activity Days	Park activities, games, and fun for young people in the local area.	Wednesday 19, 26 August 2026	2.30-4.30pm	Jacksons Recreation Ground, New Road Rochester ME1 1BD	8+	No booking FREE
Gaming Bus and Park Activities (Wayfield)	An exciting range of gaming consoles, interactive activities and park games.	Thursday 20 August 2026	2-4pm	Barnfield Recreation Ground, Wayfield, ME5 0BG	11+	No booking FREE

Takeovers and Big-Scale Activities

Looking for something a little different this summer? Our Takeovers and Big-Scale Activities offer exciting experiences and special events, including bowling, ice skating, trampolining, colour runs and our popular under-18s nightclub event. These activities give young people the chance to try something new, build confidence and enjoy memorable experiences with friends. Booking is required for most events in this section.

Activity	Description	Dates	Times	Location	Age Group	Bookings
Family Colour Fun Run	Take part in a variety of activities including a COLOUR RUN! Let's get Colourful!	Monday 3 August 2026	12–3pm	Walderslade and Greenacre Partnership School, Chatham, ME5 0LE	Family Event Please read booking instructions on the booking form.	Booking Required
Takeover Tuesday Hollywood Bowl	A fun-filled game of ten-pin bowling where young people can enjoy friendly competition and socialise with friends.	Tuesday 4 August 2026	1–3pm	Hollywood Bowl, Rochester, ME2 2SS	11 – 18 (up to 25 if additional needs)	Booking Required
Takeover Tuesday Planet Ice	Get your skates on and join us on the ice!	Tuesday 18 August 2026	3.30-5.30pm	Planet Ice, Ambley Road, Gillingham, ME8 0PU	11 – 19	Booking required
Takeover Tuesday Soar Trampoline Park	Put your bouncing skills to the test on SOARS runways, trampolines, and dodgeball pens.	Tuesday 25 August 2026	4.30-6.30pm	Soar Trampoline Park, Courteney Rd, Gillingham ME8 0RT	11 – 19	Booking Required
The Shutdown	Under 18's Nightclub	Thursday 27 August 2026	7– 10pm	The Deep End, North Road, Chatham, ME4 4GW	13 – 17	Booking required

Special Projects

Our Special Projects provide opportunities for young people to develop new skills, explore their interests and take part in unique experiences. From heritage and photography projects to creative workshops, cultural activities and life-skills programmes, these activities offer a chance to learn, create and contribute to projects that leave a lasting impact.

Activity	Description	Dates	Times	Location	Age Group	Bookings
Timeless Ties Tie Dye Workshop	Learn the heritage of Adiré, traditional African indigo textile craft techniques and create a textile piece for a heritage exhibition. Refreshments are provided.	Thursday 23 July 2026	4:30-6:30pm	Woodlands Youth Centre, Gillingham, ME7 2BX	12-19	Booking required
Whose Hoo Activity Day	Fun and engaging heritage activities, sports, and games. Refreshments are provided.	Wednesday to Friday 5, 6, 7 August	10-2pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET	8+	No booking FREE
Whose Hoo Photography Project	Exploring local historic landmarks and learning photography skills.	Wednesday 12 or 19 August	1-3pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET (and across the Hoo Peninsula)	8-18	Booking required
Empowered Workshops	Learn life skills including: first aid, cookery, and team building activities.	Fridays 14, 21 August	1-3pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET	14-18	No booking FREE

Still open over the Summer Holidays

Many of our regular Youth Service sessions will continue throughout the summer holidays. These sessions provide a consistent space for young people to spend time with friends, access support, develop skills and take part in activities ranging from music and creative arts to climbing, archery and youth clubs. No booking is required for most sessions, so young people can simply come along and get involved.

The below sessions are part of the Youth Service's term-time offer that will remain open over the summer. Find more information at www.medway.gov.uk/youth

Activity	Description	Dates	Times	Location	Age Group	Booking Required
Woodlands Youth Centre That's My Jam	Music activities where young people can play, write, record, and perform alongside tutors and peers.	Mondays 20, 27 July and 3, 10, 17, 24 August	5:30-8pm	Woodlands Youth Centre, Gillingham, ME7 2BX	12-18	No booking FREE
Parkwood Youth Centre Wednesday Squad	Youth club for young people with SEND. Featuring fun activities, games and positive social activities.	Wednesdays 22, 29 July and 5, 12, 19, 26 August	6:30-8:30pm	Parkwood Youth Centre, Parkwood Green, Rainham, ME8 9PN	16-25	No booking FREE
Woodlands Youth Centre Creative Arts and Hangout	Creative projects including painting, drawing, fashion design, creative writing, and digital art.	Thursdays 23, 30 July and 6, 13, 20 August	6-8pm	Woodlands Youth Centre, Gillingham, ME7 2BX	12-18	No booking FREE
Rochester Youth	Youth club featuring fun activities, games and positive social activities.	Thursdays 23, July and 6, 13, 20 August	6.30- 8pm	St. Lukes Methodist Church, City Way, Rochester, Kent ME1 2BQ	8 – 12	No booking FREE

Chatham Youth	Fun activities, games and positive social activities.	Thursdays 23, 30 July and 6, 13, 20 August	4.30-6.30pm	Salvation Army Church, Church St, Chatham ME4 4BT	11+	No booking FREE
Lordswood Youth Centre Girls Group	Fun activities, games, and positive social activities.	Thursdays 23, 30 July and 6, 13, 20 August	6:30-8:30pm	Lordswood Youth Centre, Kestrel Road, ME5 8TH	11+	No booking FREE
High Halstow Youth Club	Indoor and outdoor activities including games, social time, and sports.	Thursdays 23, 30 July and 6, 13, 20 August	4:45-6:45pm	High Halstow, ME3 8SQ Village Hall / Park	8-11	No booking FREE
Strood Youth Centre Archery	Archery Activities and Duke of Edinburgh Award.	Thursdays 16, 30 July and 13, 27 August	7-9pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET	13-19	No booking FREE
Strood Youth Centre Climbing	Climbing Activities. and Duke of Edinburgh Award.	Thursday 23 July and 6, 20 August	7-9pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET	13-19	No booking FREE
Parkwood Youth Centre Youth Session	Fun activities, games and positive social activities.	Fridays 24, 31 July and 7, 14, 21, 28 August	6:30-8:30pm	Parkwood Youth Centre, Rainham, ME8 9PN	11+	No booking FREE
Walderslade Youth	Fun activities, games and positive social activities.	Fridays 7, 14, 21, 28 August	6.30-8.30pm	King George Road, Chatham ME5 0TZ	11+	No booking FREE
Strood Youth Centre Family Climbing	Climbing activities for all the family	Saturdays 25 July and 1, 8, 15, 29 August	2-3:30pm and 3:30-5pm	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road, ME2 3ET	All ages	No booking but £4 per climber

MEDWAY YOUTH SERVICE

SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for **16 - 19 year olds** in Medway to volunteer on our **summer activities**

- ✓ Gain work experience
- ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Update your CV
- ✓ Transport & expenses covered
- ✓ Complete your Volunteering section for DofE or gain an MYS Award

To sign up or to learn more please contact

 youth.enquiries@medway.gov.uk

Summer Volunteer Opportunity (Ages 16-19)

Looking to build your confidence, gain valuable experience and make a difference this summer?

Medway Youth Service is recruiting young volunteers aged 16-19 to support a range of exciting summer activities taking place across Medway throughout August.

As a Summer Volunteer, you will have the opportunity to develop new skills, gain practical work experience, enhance your CV and contribute to activities that support local children and young people. Travel and expenses are covered, and volunteering hours can contribute towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Award or the Medway Youth Service Award.

All volunteers will be required to attend a training session on **21 July at Strood Youth Centre** before taking part in activities.

Places are limited, so sign up early to secure your place and be part of a rewarding summer programme.

Benefits include:

- Gaining valuable work experience
- Developing leadership, communication and teamwork skills
- Enhancing college, university and job applications
- Supporting your local community
- Travel and expenses covered
- Volunteering hours recognised for DofE and MYS Awards



For further information or to register your interest, please scan the QR code, complete the [sign-up form](#) or contact youth.enquiries@medway.gov.uk