



HARTFORD'S CAMP COURANT FACT SHEET

Over a Century of Commitment to Children

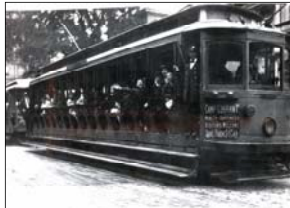
Hartford's Camp Courant

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HISTORY



Hartford's Camp Courant began in 1894 with an editorial in The Hartford Daily Courant that invited contributions from the public to invest in outings for city children. The Courant Free Excursion Fund continued through the year 1910, providing fresh air and fun for Hartford children. In 1911, the camp purchased property in West Hartford near the Trout Brook, and children rode the trolley to the campsite. The camp was relocated to property owned by the City of Hartford, across from Batterson Pond in Farmington, in 1963. Today, the camp leases this 36-acre site from the City, providing a range of recreational and educational programs for thousands of Hartford children each summer.

MISSION

To provide a summer sanctuary for Hartford children, which enables them to develop positive relationships, learn and have fun.

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Sports
- Swimming
- Arts & crafts
- Computer laboratory
- Playground activities
- Photography program
- Special programs: Each year we receive funding to conduct special programs and field trips to widen the variety of activities available to the campers. Educational and cultural programs are planned for each age group, and skill building workshops are held during the camp day. Social awareness and preventive health programs are also provided.
- Bank of America Jr. Leaders participate in year-round leadership and job training programs. Campers may apply at age 12 during their last summer at camp and participate until they are 16 years of age.



SERVICES

Transportation, two meals a day and health services are provided for every camper. A social worker is also on staff to assist children, counselors and their families in resolving problems. All of the services and activities at Hartford's Camp Courant are **free**.



STATISTICS

- Hartford's Camp Courant serves up to 1,900 Hartford children 5-12 years old.
- 80% of the children attending are from low-income households.
- Children are 49% African-American, 42% Latino, 2% Caucasian and 7% other racial groups.
- The camp season in 2008 ran from June 23 through August 1.
- 120 diverse staffers are hired to carry out the summer camp programs.
- Three year-round staff members provide continuity and management of the program.
- The annual budget is nearly \$990,000 with administrative costs being only 19% of the total budget.

