

**Manhattanville in West Harlem Implementation Plan Report
October 15, 2026 Submission**

Declaration Reference and Key Data

Obligation Section Number: **5.07(c)(xviii)**

Obligation Title: **Summer Camp**

Obligation Page Number: **56**

Obligation Trigger: **PACB Approval**

Obligation Start Date: **May 20, 2009 (PACB Approval date)**

Obligation End Date: **May 20, 2036***

Obligation Status: **In Compliance**

Obligation: Innovation/Changed Conditions

In accordance with the Declaration of Covenant and Restrictions Section 5.08, Obligation 5.07 (c)(xviii) is modified to clarify the obligation. In general, the scope of services to be provided has not been changed. Empire State Development and Columbia University agreed to this modification on November 28, 2018.

Modified Language:

Summer Camp. Commencing in May 2009, CU shall offer 25 Little Lions Camp scholarships per summer to children from the Manhattanville in West Harlem area to attend CU's Little Lions Camps, or its successor program, until 2033 or for a period of 25 years, whichever is longer.

In Fall 2016, Columbia Athletics changed the name of this program from Cubs Camp to Little Lions Camp. The services provided and process for scholarship distribution remains the same.

*Considering safety measures related to COVID-19, the University made the difficult decision to cancel Little Lions Camp for summer 2020 and summer 2021. The decision was made to extend this commitment for an additional year for each year that the camp was not able to run, with a new commitment end date of May 20, 2036.

Evidence of Compliance

1. Link to Little Lions Camp website
2. Annual report

Columbia University's Implementation Plan and all supporting documentation are made available on the Columbia Neighbors Webpage at <https://neighbors.columbia.edu/content/community-commitments>.

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EOC Checklist for Obligation 5.07(c)(xviii):

Please check to verify EOC items submitted for review.

- ☐ 1. Link to Little Lions Camp website
- ☐ 2. Annual report

Monitor's Notes / Comments:

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Status:

Please check to indicate the status of Obligation 5.07(c)(xviii):

- ☐ In Compliance
- ☐ In Progress
- ☐ Not In Compliance
- ☐ Not Triggered

Summer Camp

Link to Little Lions Camp website:

<http://perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp>

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Little Lions Camp

UPDATE: Registration opens ~~January 26, 2026~~ January 30, 2026.

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Camp Quick Info:

Drop off: 8:15-9 AM, Pick up: 3 PM

Lunch: not provided on site, please bring your camper's NUT FREE Lunch and we will refrigerate

Snacks: we will provide an afternoon snack that is NUT FREE with GLUTEN FREE options

Swimming: camp day swimming is only offered at Dodge Fitness Center

Little Lions Camp, is the Columbia University Athletics Department's day camp for all children ages 6 through 12. It is located in New York City, on Columbia University's historic Morningside Heights campus and at the new Baker Athletics Complex. Campers will have access to Columbia's top-notch Division 1 Athletic facilities.

Little Lions Camp is a kid-centered, fun-based day camp that's main focus is keeping kids physically and creatively active. Programming features an ever changing combination of classic PE games, backyard favorites, sports, and special surprises to keep kids happy, active, and engaged. A highly-trained, eclectic staff that utilizes physical education: teachers, athletes, camp veterans, creative types and child care specialists ensure that games are always changing and that counselors can tailor programming to fit children's needs and likes.








Annual Report: Little Lions Camp

State Submission Annual Reporting Period: **October 2025 - September 2026**

Little Lions Camp Period: **June 15, 2026 - July 31, 2026**

Please Note: The West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) manages the outreach effort, application process and the selection for Obligation 5.07(c)(xviii). Please visit <http://www.westharlemdc.org> for more information regarding the WHDC's process.

2026 Little Lions Camp		
2026 Little Lions Camp Dates		
Dates	Location	Scholarship(s) Awarded
Session 1: June 15 - 18	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	0
Session 2: June 22 - 26	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	2
Session 3: June 29 - July 2	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	2
Session 4: July 6 - 10	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	6
Session 5: July 13 - 17	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	5
Session 6: July 20 - 24	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	6
Session 7: July 27 - 31	Dodge Physical Fitness Center - 3030 Broadway, New York, NY 10027	4
TOTAL		25

2026 Little Lions Camp Scholarship Recipients					
	Name	Zip Code	Age	Weeks Registered	Scholarship(s) Awarded
1.		10039	8	July 6 - 10; July 20 - 24; July 27 - 31	3
2.		10039	6	July 6 - 10; July 20 - 24; July 27 - 31	3
3.		10031	6	June 22 - 26; June 29 - July 2; July 6 - 10	3
4.		10027	11	June 22 - 26; June 29 - July 2; July 6 - 10	3
5.		10031	8	July 6 - 10; July 13 - 17; July 20 - 24	3
6.		10031	12	July 6 - 10; July 13 - 17; July 20 - 24	3
7.		10031	12	July 13 - 17; July 20-24; July 27-31	3
8.		10031	6	July 13 - 17; July 20-24; July 27-31	3
9.		10027	10	July 13 - 17	1
TOTAL					25

Each Little Lions Scholarship Grants One Week of Free Access to the Camp

Additional Supporting Documentation

- Little Lions Camp 2026 Scholarship Application
- Little Lions Camp 2026 Required Information Form



Columbia University Little Lions Camp – Summer 2026 Manhattanville Scholarship Application

In partnership with the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC), Columbia University offers 25 scholarships per summer based upon financial need for children from the Manhattanville in West Harlem area to attend Columbia's Little Lions Camp. One scholarship is equal to one week of summer camp.

Little Lions Camp is a kid-centered, fun-based day camp that's focus is keeping kids physically and creatively active. Programming features an ever-changing combination of classic PE games, backyard favorites, sports, and special surprises to keep kids happy, active, and engaged. Each week, campers participate in activities around a weekly theme, such as scavenger hunts, orienteering, trivia games, dance, and more! While at Dodge Fitness Center, the lineup of sports and games can include basketball, whiffle ball, volleyball, track, frisbee, dodgeball, tag, gaga ball, and much more! Swim sessions, which include group lessons and recreational swim, occur four times a week for 45 minutes.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **For an application to be considered complete, all information on the form (see next page) must be filled out by the scholarship applicant's parent or legal guardian.**
 - A complete application is required for each individual camper.
 - All camp weeks are subject to availability and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are not guaranteed a scholarship for the week(s) selected in their application.
 - Scholarships are awarded for specific camp weeks and cannot be used for alternate weeks.
 - If you have any questions, please contact the WHDC at www.westharlemdc.org.
 - PLEASE NOTE: Lunch is **not** provided; campers must bring a labeled nut-free lunch each day (refrigeration is available). The camp will provide a nut-free afternoon snack with gluten-free options.
 - For more information about Little Lions Camp, visit: <https://perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp>
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FOR WHDC USE ONLY

Please indicate the week(s) the camper has been awarded a scholarship for:

Little Lions Camp at Dodge Physical Fitness Center			
☐ Session 1: June 15-18*	☐ Session 2: June 22-26	☐ Session 3: June 29- July 2**	☐ Session 4: July 6-10
☐ Session 5: July 13-17	☐ Session 6: July 20-24	☐ Session 7: July 27-31	

**No camp on June 19*

***No camp on July 3*

Columbia University must receive all completed scholarship application packets from the West Harlem Development Corporation no later than Friday, March 13, 2026.



**Columbia University Little Lions Camp – Summer 2026
Manhattanville Scholarship Registration Form**

CAMPER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Camper's T-shirt size: Youth sizes: S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ Adult sizes: XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐

Please indicate any allergies or medical conditions: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Please select the week(s) you would like to register this camper for:

Little Lions Camp at Dodge Fitness Center

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June 15-18* | ☐ Session 2:
June 22-26 | ☐ Session 3:
June 29 - July 2** | ☐ Session 4:
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A nut-free afternoon snack will be provided.**



Manhattanville Commitments Coverage

September 2025 - August 2026 | *Neighbors* Website, E-Newsletters, Social Media, Print Products

Distribution

Columbia Neighbors Website: neighbors.columbia.edu, 260,000 views in a year

Columbia Neighbors E-Newsletter: Distributed 1x/week on Wednesday to 8,124 Upper Manhattan subscribers.

Print Bulletin (Monthly): English and Spanish, 500 copies distributed to community-facing locations on Columbia campuses and local elected officials

Print Newsletter (2x/year): English and Spanish, 1,700 mailed to Upper Manhattan neighbors and elected officials, 500 printed and distributed at community events, including Manhattanville Community Day.

Social Media: 5,331 followers on Instagram, 2,024 followers on Facebook

Little Lions Camp

Website + Web Stories

Date	Title/Link	Views
All year	Little Lions Summer Camp Scholarships	227
12/12/25	375 Scholarships and Counting: Columbia's Little Lions Camp Offers Summer Fun for Local Kids	1,023

Video

Date	Platform	Post	Impressions
12/1/25	Vimeo	Inside Columbia University's Little Lions Summer Camp (375 Scholarships and Counting!)	1,223

Print

Edition	Title/Link	Distribution
12/25	Little Lions Summer Camp Lottery Opens in February	2,300

E-Newsletters

Date	Subject/Link	Opens	Clicks
1/14/26	Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy at These Uptown Events	6,787	497
1/28/26	Meet Columbia's New President-Designate: Jennifer L. Mnookin	7,264	702
3/4/26	Apply Now: Summer Opportunities for Local Youth at Columbia	7,734	1,033

Social Media

Date	Platform	Post	Impressions
2/20/26	Facebook	Little Lions Applications Are Open	107 views; 7 clicks
2/17/206	Instagram	Little Lions - Free and Low-Cost Programs	5,226 views; 2,803 accounts reached

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WINTER/SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

INSIDE

- Little Lions Camp Scholarships
- Finding the Music with Jazz Power Initiative
- Peek Inside Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden
- The Powerhouse Behind Taste of Harlem
- Remembering Lloyd Williams

On October 19, 2025, Columbia partnered with JCC Harlem for **The Longest Table**, a joy-filled community event that brought people together for a shared potluck on 118th Street.

Columbia's Little Lions Camp Offers Scholarships for Local Kids



Every summer, dozens of local children spend their days swimming, playing, and exploring through Columbia's **Little Lions Camp**. And, since 2009, Columbia has offered more than 360 scholarships to those who live in **Manhattan Community District 9** through a partnership between the University and the **West Harlem Development Corporation** (WHDC).

"We're honored that Columbia University can collaborate with WHDC and Community Boards 9 and 12 to offer 25 scholarships to the Little Lions Camp throughout the summer," said Matt Hall, Camp Director.

Scholarships provide free, full-day summer camp experiences for children entering grades 1–7, giving young neighbors the chance to explore Columbia's Dodge Fitness Center and enjoy a classic summer camp experience close to home.

"The campers are exposed to the lifestyle that is at Columbia University," said Hall. "They see student life happening, they see student athletes at work, and they really get engaged with the entire campus. We want to inspire all our campers to lead lives of service and leadership and eventually become athletes, student athletes, or University participants themselves."

General camp applications for Summer 2026 open in January 2026. Learn more at perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp and neighbors.columbia.edu/little-lions.



Little Lions Summer Camp Lottery Opens in February

Families living in Manhattan Community District 9 can apply for the Little Lions Summer Camp Lottery through the West Harlem Development Corporation. The program helps ensure that local children can participate in summer recreation and enrichment opportunities at no cost. The application can be found at westharlemdc.org.

A Lens on Local



From school-supply giveaways to celebrations of Uptown culture, recent Columbia-hosted and community events brought neighbors together to connect, learn, and celebrate. Clockwise, from top left:

Taste of Harlem | July 2025

Guests sampled bites from local restaurants and soaked in the sounds of summer at this culinary celebration of Uptown's vibrant flavors at the Lee C. Bollinger Forum on Columbia's Manhattanville campus.

Backpack Drive | August 2025

Hosted by the 26th Precinct, the 10th Annual Back-2-School Block Party in Harlem offered school supplies, music, and joy to hundreds of families, with support from Columbia Community Service, Columbia University Facilities and Operations, and Columbia's Department of Public Safety.

Morningside Lights | September 2025

A luminous procession of handmade lanterns from Morningside Park to Columbia's campus once again lit up the night sky, honoring creativity and collaboration.

Harlem Holiday Lights Legacy Awards | November 2025

The 125th Street BID, Columbia University, and Community Board 9 co-hosted the Harlem Holiday Lights Legacy Awards, honoring Pastor Michael A. Walrond Jr., Senior Pastor of First Corinthian Baptist Church.

Meet the 13th Cohort of A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars

Columbia's A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program welcomed its newest cohort of Upper Manhattan-based scholars, each pursuing independent projects that explore and uplift their neighborhoods' cultural, social, and historical legacy.

From artists and activists to educators and historians, the cohort joins a community of more than 70 Bundles Scholars who have used Columbia resources to advance their work.

This year's scholars and projects are:

Gail Addiss is working to increase public awareness of the importance of Revolutionary War sites in shaping northern Manhattan's public parks.

Miles Edwards is researching the history of financial institutions serving the Harlem community to conduct an analysis of the current landscape of financial services and develop solutions to address any gaps for both the general public and small business owners.

Dan Gluck is creating a multidisciplinary nonprofit volunteer community to explore small-scale nuclear fusion to retrofit fossil-fuel plants, aiming to cut emissions and combat climate change.

Gretchel Hill is developing two



healthcare-related components: a wearable biosensor embedded in a sanitary pad with 3D absorbent cores, and a wireless real-time mobile app that monitors key health metrics.

Kristina Maria Lopez is writing a memoir and developing a workshop series that investigates the psychological and spiritual toll of gentrification in New York City.

Natasha Sutherland is addressing gaps in menstrual health education, wellness, products, and resources available to New York City youth through her Menstrual Equity project.

Next Bundles Scholar Applications Open February 23, 2026

Every spring, Columbia invites our neighbors to apply for the A'Lelia Bundles Community Scholars program, which is open to Upper Manhattan residents who are pursuing independent projects that benefit the local community. The program provides campus access, research support, and opportunities for collaboration across disciplines. Learn how to apply at communityscholars.columbia.edu.

Expand Your Mind Through the Manhattanville Auditing Program

Whether you've always wanted to dive into art history, learn a new language, or explore climate science, Columbia's Manhattanville Auditing Program offers residents of Upper Manhattan, including Randall's Island and the South Bronx, free access to University courses each semester.



Through the program, participants are able to join Columbia classes to study alongside undergraduate and graduate students. No grades or homework required!

For many, the experience is transformative.

"Throughout my career, I always planned to 'move to a college town when I retire,' in order to remain intellectually vital and entertained," said Roy Byrd, a retired computer science researcher and Columbia neighbor. "Living near Columbia helps me achieve that and the courses are part of the intellectual stimulation."

Learn more and check your eligibility at neighbors.columbia.edu/auditing.

Get Around with Columbia's Free Shuttle Service



All local community members who are disabled or senior citizens (including attendants) are welcome to ride Columbia's shuttle buses. The ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle is free and connects 96th Street, the Morningside campus, 125th Street, Columbia University Irving Medical Center in Washington Heights, and Harlem Hospital, with stops at nearby subway and transit hubs.

Shuttle bus service runs Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on state and federal public holidays. View and download the map and schedule at transportation.columbia.edu.



Putting Community-Driven Music Education Center Stage

Since 2003, **Jazz Power Initiative** (JPI) in Inwood has been bringing music, culture, and community together across Upper Manhattan. Co-founded by jazz composer and educator **Eli Yamin** and **Clifford Carlson**, the nonprofit provides free and low-cost programs that introduce youth to jazz, improvisation, and music rooted in African American and Latin American traditions.

Yamin shared his early connection to music with Columbia Neighbors: “I started playing the piano as soon as I could reach the keyboard. Music was very important to my family. It was kind of like our family religion, and we leaned on the art form as a source of support.”

Programs for youth include hands-on workshops, ensemble rehearsals, and

community concerts where students learn not just technical skills but also storytelling, collaboration, and cultural history.

JPI’s “Jazz Power Tools” (teaching techniques like stomp clap, shuffle, call and response, improvisation, and polyrhythm) give participants a framework to explore rhythm, melody, and expression. By blending music education and cultural context, JPI empowers students to build confidence and experience the joy of performance.

“We want our kids to know the arts are a source of strength and a way of connecting with their community,” Yamin said.

Learn more about the program at neighbors.columbia.edu/jazz-power.

IN CONVERSATION WITH . . .

Quenia Abreu, President and CEO, New York Women's Chamber of Commerce

Quenia Abreu, the president and CEO of the **New York Women's Chamber of Commerce** (NYWCC), has been a transformative figure supporting women and minority entrepreneurs across New York City.

In 2002, Abreu founded the NYWCC to address the lack of organizations focused on women-owned businesses in the area. Her initiative has been key in advocating for economic empowerment and providing resources to women entrepreneurs.

Abreu has been instrumental in organizing the annual **Taste of Harlem** event, which celebrates the vibrant culinary scene of West Harlem. Held at Columbia University's Lee C. Bollinger Forum, the event showcases local restaurants and vendors, highlighting the neighborhood's diverse flavors and cultures.

Abreu emphasizes the importance of community involvement, telling *Columbia Neighbors*: "From the partners



to vendors and attendees, we want to make sure everyone is involved because this is really a community-driven celebration."

Learn more about Taste of Harlem and Abreu's work with women entrepreneurs at neighbors.columbia.edu/taste-of-harlem.

Host Your Community Event at Columbia

Local nonprofits serving Manhattan Community District 9 (Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, and Hamilton Heights) can request free event space at Columbia University through its In-Kind program, offered in partnership with the West Harlem Development Corporation and Community Board 9. Applications open the first week of each month.

Learn more at neighbors.columbia.edu/in-kind.

Sowing Seeds of Community Care

In Central Harlem, the **Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden** has blossomed into a hub of education, sustainability, and food justice.

Originally cultivated in 1958 by students of the now-shuttered P.S. 157, the garden fell into disrepair until 2021, when Brooklyn native **Judi Desire** revived it

through her nonprofit, **Uptown & Boogie Healthy Project**. Today, the garden hosts youth programs, seniors' initiatives, and farmers markets that bring fresh produce to the community.



"We take a grassroots approach to everything we do," Desire said. "We need to give the Harlem community what it's asking for. The conversations are there, but there needs to be more effort around access and education, and that's what I feel food justice is."

Recent projects include vertical gardens, a greenhouse with automated watering, and collaborations with local artists and engineers to create habitats for birds, bees, and butterflies. Through these efforts, the Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden continues to nurture both the land and the people of Harlem, planting seeds for a healthier, more connected community.

Read more at neighbors.columbia.edu/miracle-garden.

Finding Community (and Chickens) in Morningside Heights



Just a few blocks south of the Saint Nicholas Miracle Garden, you will find the **Gatehouse Garden** (directly across from Columbia's Morningside Heights campus), which offers a green gathering space for neighbors and students.

What began as a small gardening project has blossomed into a hub for sustainability and connection, complete with chickens who have become neighborhood favorites.

"It is kind of a comfort to know there are people you are going to see so regularly," said Buyi Wang, a Columbia staffer and garden volunteer. "It makes the city a little bit smaller." Read more at news.columbia.edu/gatehouse-garden.

Professor Hisham Aidi: Harlem's Influence on His Life and Work

Hisham Aidi, senior lecturer in the discipline of international and public affairs, has spent his life tracing the sound waves and indelible spirit of global Harlem all the way from his homeland of Tangier, Morocco, to Columbia University's Morningside Heights campus.

He originally chose Columbia for graduate study in part because it sat at Harlem's edge. As a scholar of international relations, Black studies, music, and political economy, he mixes street-level insight with academic analysis. He traces global stories from Harlem's perspective: UN summits, African leaders visiting Uptown churches, the migration of ideas between the Global South and the city's neighborhoods. He also serves as academic advisor to the **Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Education Center**.

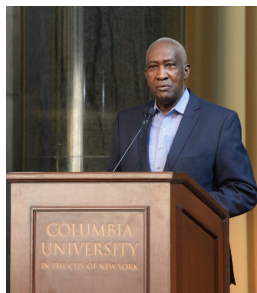
A prolific journalist, DJ, and documentarian, Aidi has cast a spotlight on overlooked figures in Harlem and beyond. He works to preserve elders' archives (vinyl, flyers, photographs), ensuring the cultural memory of the neighborhood endures.

Walking the streets late at night, he sees the intersection of the sacred and profane: churchgoers setting up at dawn, clubgoers drifting home, mosques glowing, music flowing. For Aidi, Harlem is not just a place of study; it is home.

Read more at neighbors.columbia.edu/aidi.



IN MEMORIAM



Lloyd Williams, Harlem's Cultural Champion

Columbia University joins community members in remembering **Lloyd A. Williams**, the late president and CEO of the **Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce** (GHCC), who passed away on August 5, 2025.

A vocal advocate for economic development, education, and cultural programming, Williams helped shape Harlem's

latest renaissance through initiatives like Harlem Week, one of New York City's largest community celebrations.

Following his passing, GHCC Executive Director Winston Majette released a statement about his impactful legacy, sharing that Williams "worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life and shape both the cultural and economic identity of not just Harlem but the city as a whole."

Read more at neighbors.columbia.edu/lloyd-williams.



Programs and Resources Directory

To find details on more than 100 public programs, resources, and services at Columbia University that are available to Upper Manhattan residents, visit our directory at neighbors.columbia.edu/resources, which includes everything you need to know about programs like these:



Columbia Employment Information Center

connects neighborhood job seekers with résumé help and assistance in finding employment opportunities at Columbia University.



Community DentCare Network

provides preventive and restorative dental care to northern Manhattan residents through mobile clinics and community partners.



Freedom and Citizenship

offers a free summer and academic-year program at Columbia for high school juniors that explores philosophy, civic leadership, and college readiness.



Housing Legal Assistance

offers free legal support for Manhattanville tenants facing eviction or harassment, in partnership with P.A.'L.A.N.T.E. Harlem.

Guide to Local Representatives

Need to contact your local elected officials? *Columbia Neighbors* maintains an updated list of city, state, and federal representatives who serve Upper Manhattan. Find a full list of names, districts, and contact information in our directory at neighbors.columbia.edu/local-representatives. Representatives listed below, as of January 1, 2026:

Governor Kathy Hochul

New York State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12225
Phone: 518-474-8390
governor.ny.gov

Mayor Zohran Mamdani

City Hall
New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-788-3000
nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor

Public Advocate Jumaane Williams

1 Centre St., 15th Floor North
New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-669-7250
advocate.nyc.gov

Comptroller Mark D. Levine

1 Centre St.
New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-669-3916
comptroller.nyc.gov

Manhattan Borough President Brad M. Hoylman-Sigal

1 Centre St., 19th Fl.
New York, NY 10007
Phone: 212-531-1609
manhattanbp.nyc.gov

City Council Member Gale Brewer

(District 6)
563 Columbus Ave.
New York, NY 10024
Phone: 212-873-0282
council.nyc.gov/district-6

City Council Member Shaun Abreu

(District 7)
500 W. 141st St.
New York, NY 10031
Phone: 212-928-6814
council.nyc.gov/district-7

City Council Member Elsie Encarnacion

(District 8)
105 E. 116th St.
New York, NY 10029
Phone: 212-828-9800
council.nyc.gov/district-8

City Council Member Yusef Salaam

(District 9)
163 W. 125th St., 2nd Fl.
New York, NY 10027
Phone: 212-678-4505
council.nyc.gov/district-9

City Council Member Carmen De La Rosa

(District 10)
618 W. 177th St., Ground Fl.
New York, NY 10033
Phone: 917-521-1293
council.nyc.gov/district-10

Voting Resource Guide

Keep exercising your right to vote! Stay updated on future elections and get the resources you need in our online guide:

neighbors.columbia.edu/vote.





Manhattanville Community Day 2026

Columbia's Manhattanville Community Day returns this spring with a full afternoon of activities for all ages, including food samplings, music, art exhibitions, and family-friendly science activities.

The annual event celebrates all the connections between Columbia and its Upper Manhattan neighbors, welcoming community members to explore the campus and meet staff from local organizations.

Find more details at neighbors.columbia.edu/events.

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375 Scholarships and Counting: Columbia's Little Lions Camp Offers Summer Fun for Local Kids

Columbia University and the West Harlem Development Corporation have teamed up to offer 375 summer camp scholarships for neighborhood children since 2009.

By Kelly Moffitt-Hawasly
December 12, 2025



Every summer, dozens of local children spend their days swimming, playing, and exploring through Columbia's [Little Lions Camp](#)  And, since 2009, Columbia has offered 375 scholarships to those who live in Manhattan Community District 9 through a partnership between the University and the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC).

"We're honored that Columbia University can collaborate with the WHDC and offer 25 scholarships to the Little Lions Camp throughout the summer," said Matt Hall, Camp Director.

MORE INFORMATION

[Little Lions Summer Camp](#) 

[West Harlem Development Corporation Kids & Teens Programs](#) 

[CUIMC Camp Scholarships](#) 

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"The campers are exposed to the lifestyle that is at Columbia University," said Hall. "They see student life happening, they see student athletes at work, and they really get engaged with the entire campus. We want to inspire all of our campers to lead lives of service and leadership and eventually become athletes, student athletes, or university participants themselves."

For Kasandra Arroyo, a mom of a Little Lions camper who received a scholarship to the camp, the camp experience "plants seeds for the future."

"All the staff here are super welcoming, super kind, and just amazing with the kids," Arroyo said. "For my daughter, specifically, this was something I maybe could not do on my own. There are a lot of children who don't have opportunities like this, and this can be a catalyst to open up something bigger for them. It opens up opportunities, and they help them with their confidence and social skills, and that is something they will take through their lives."

A Peek Into a Day at Little Lions Camp

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The Camp Experience

The Little Lions Camp provides children with access to Columbia's Division I athletic facilities, including gyms, fields, a pool, tracks, and courts, and fills the days with a dynamic mix of physical and creative activities.

Camp runs mid-June through mid-August, Monday through Friday (except for weeks with holidays, which are prorated), with drop-off between 8:15 and 9 a.m. and pick-up at 3 p.m. Campers bring their own lunches but are offered an afternoon snack by the camp. After-care is available at an extra cost.

Counselors come from a wide range of backgrounds, from physical education teachers to Columbia student athletes and childcare specialists, so programming stays fresh, flexible, and responsive to kids' interests. The focus of the camp is kid-centered and fun-based, introducing children to a wide range of sports and activities.

Each week, the camp is built around a different, fun theme that shapes activities. That could include scavenger hunts, trivia, creative crafts, and karaoke, to classic backyard and organized games.

On a typical day, campers would rotate through warm-ups, games indoors and outdoors, swimming, arts and crafts, and free play. What separates Little Lions, however, is that these games are arranged to encourage teamwork, new friendships, and play over solely competition. The goal is for campers to stay active, be creative, try new things, and, above all, enjoy themselves in the process.

Camp and Scholarship Application Information

General summer camp applications for Summer 2026 open in **January 2026**. You can find the general application [here](#). [↗](#) Weekly tuition for the camp ranges between \$300 and \$600, depending on how many days a week.

Families living in **Manhattan Community District 9** can apply for the Little Lions Camp scholarship lottery through the WHDC. The program helps ensure that local children can participate in summer recreation and enrichment opportunities at no cost. The application can be found at westharlemdc.org. [↗](#) and will open in **February 2026**.

Families living in **Manhattan Community District 12** can also apply for full scholarships to three different camps at Baker Athletics Complex, including Little Lions. The application can be found [here](#). [↗](#) and you can sign up to be notified about when applications open [here](#). [↗](#)

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