

Youth Camps - Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much does camp cost?

- a. Day camp is \$60/week per child; plus additional fees for field trips/specials
 \$2 discount per week for each additional child (maximum of a \$6 discount)
- b. Teen Camp is \$60/week per child plus weekly transportation costs and field trips (You must pay for full week of camp. Teen camp does not accept daily camp registrants)
- c. Before Care OR After Care is \$15/week per child
- d. Before AND After Care is \$30/week per child
- e. Daily Fees (PER CHILD):
 \$20/day for camp (does not apply on field trip days - must be registered for full week)
 \$7/day for Before OR After Care
 \$12/day for Before AND After Care
- f. T-Shirt Fee: \$5/shirt
- g. Late Pickup Fee: \$20/per child

2. What are the hours for camp?

- a. Camp: 9am-4pm; we strongly encourage that campers arrive at the start of camp (9am) as it minimizes disruptions to group dynamics and enhances children's camp experience while also ensuring correct staffing ratios for the groups.
- b. Before Care: 7am-9am
- c. After Care: 4pm-6pm

3. How does the staff communicate important issues with parents?

- a. We ask that all parents take the time to look at the bulletin board daily. It is updated constantly to include all the activities for the day, important reminders for upcoming trips or specials and general announcements from camp. We also publish a weekly newsletter tailored to your child's camp with reminders as well as news on the week's activities and camper awards. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to talk to our staff - they will make sure that your questions are answered.

4. How are the groups divided?

- a. Camp groups will be divided by grade, however there are times when registration numbers exceed the maximum amount of campers allowed in a group. Some campers may be moved up a group or down depending on space. We do our best to keep the kids in consistent groups, however if your child does not attend on a weekly basis it is difficult to track. **NOTE:** We will not switch campers to different groups to keep them with friends, siblings etc.

5. What is a typical day at camp like?

- a. Camp begins at 9am with morning announcements followed by a break for snack. The campers then rotate through the daily activities with their assigned group. They spend about an hour participating in each of the following activities: indoor games, sports, arts & crafts, outdoor games and clubs. They also break for about 30-45minutes for lunch. The day begins to wind down at 3:30 with afternoon announcements and clean-up.
- b. Each week in the summer is also themed with a special activity planned for every Friday. The arts & crafts as well as the Special all tie into the weekly theme.

6. How much time will my child spend outside on a given day?

- a. All campers generally spend half of their day outside. We always exercise caution when there is any type of warning issues, such as dangerously hot conditions, freezing weather or storms. It is important that your child is prepared with proper clothing, pre-applied sunscreen (we do not allow any of our staff to rub any sunscreen on the campers, send additional sunscreen if they need to reapply), hat (if needed) and a refillable water bottle. We always do a water break and bathroom break following outdoor activities. Campers are also asked to bring their water bottle with them any time they go outside - it is their responsibility to keep track of it.

7. Do they get to go on any field trips?

- a. Yes, we do our best to schedule a trip most weeks during the summer (Generally we do not go on field trips during the first week of camp, the week of 4th of July or the last week of camp.) Unfortunately, we have been limited the past few summers as to the number of trips we can take due to a lack of available transportation. We work around this by doing specials at the camp with pizza and inflatables as well as walking to nearby attractions if available. **NOTE:** Field trips are a privilege and children may not be allowed to attend if they have had discipline issues.
- b. Field trips MUST be paid for by Monday of each given week. If you choose to not pay for the field trip, please make plans with the site supervisor for your child to attend an alternate camp for the day.
If you choose to attend another camp for the day, you are responsible for providing transportation to and from that camp.
- c. Children must be registered for the entire week in order to participate in the field trip.
- d. Camp t-shirts MUST be worn on ALL field trip days. Shirts are available in sizes 7/8, 10/12, 14/16, adult S, M, L & XL, while supplies last. The cost is \$5/shirt.
- e. We will not wait for late arrivals; make sure to be at camp at requested time. **NOTE:** Some trips require campers to be at camp at an earlier time, please pay attention to the bulletin board and newsletters.