

## Summer Camp FAQ

**Who can come to summer camp?** Any child entering Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the upcoming school year may attend our summer camp programs.

Who is our summer camp staff? Our afterschool staff and directors from surrounding areas come together during the summer to provide care at our camp location. If you attend our afterschool programs, you will likely see many familiar faces during the summer.

**What does it cost?** Summer camp tuition is \$185 weekly per camper. The cost includes all supplies, activities, and food your child will need for the week.

What time is summer camp? Summer camp hours are from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm every day. You can drop off and pick up your camper(s) anytime during those hours. Breakfast is over at 8:30 am and activities begin at 9 am.

**How do I enroll/unenroll my child for summer camp?** You register your camper(s) on our website or through our parent portal. Parents will need to enroll children for each week that you plan for them to attend. If you need to unenroll for any reason, parents must contact a director by phone or email before May 15, 2024.

**How do I make a payment?** Your account must have a valid card on file for payment to be taken out. We will draft payment each week of camp, usually on Tuesdays. No need to pay upfront and payments cannot be accepted on site. Need to update your card? You can do that in the parent portal.

**How many kids attend camp each week?** We have a limited space for campers at our current location in Bosqueville.

What do we eat at summer camp? We provide a breakfast snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Our menus change weekly and provide all the nutrition requirements for a healthy and well-balanced diet. (menu)

What activities are provided at camp? Our weekly curriculum includes art activities, indoor and outdoor play, reading, cooking, science experiments, imagination time, bible lessons, and free play.

## A Day at Camp:

Our day begins with some free play and a breakfast snack. As campers arrive, they can grab something from the breakfast bar and play in our bigger group areas: the gym and rec areas that contain games, art supplies, and other small group activities. This gives campers a chance to settle in, have a bite to eat, and interact with other campers. At 8:30 am we start our day with some exercises, a brief overview of what the day is about, go over rules and expectations,

say the pledge of allegiance, and a prayer. Around 9 am we split into our groups for the week. Groups consist of 10-12 children of the same age and developmental level, much like our afterschool care programs.

Throughout the morning, groups rotate through outdoor play, art activities, and free play in one of the classrooms thoughtfully designed for their age group. Each group will also participate in a special activity such as a bible lesson with one of the church staff, a science lesson, or a lesson on character development at some point during the week. All activities are carefully planned to be engaging and appropriate for the age group participating in the activity at that time.

Around 11:30 am we start our lunch rotation. Menus are planned to include all food groups on the pyramid. Our older campers can also sign up to volunteer in the kitchen and help serve our other campers. We have found that they enjoy serving each other and learning new skills in the kitchen. After lunch, our youngest campers are offered a time of rest and quiet while the others enjoy free play to get out a little energy.

Daily afternoon activities include planned gym time, classroom time filled with age-appropriate activities, and reading. Another special activity that will vary throughout the week is included in our afternoons. These activities are a science projects, open-ended creativity in our maker space area, and even cooking lessons! Throw in a snack and our day is just about over. We gather back together in the bigger shared spaces to end our day.