

# 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 runs summer camp?** Our afterschool staff and directors from surrounding areas all come together during the summer to provide care at our camp location. If you attend our afterschool programs, it is likely that you will see many familiar faces during the summer as well!

**What does it cost?** Summer camp tuition is \$150 weekly per camper. The cost includes all supplies, activities, and food that your child will need for the week.

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

**How do I enroll/unenroll my child for summer camp?** You can 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 prior to the beginning of that week.

**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 space for 100 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?** Art activities, indoor and outdoor play, reading, cooking, science experiments, gardening, bible lessons, and free play are all part of our weekly curriculum. (photos of activities)

## 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 8:30am 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 9am we split into our groups for the week. Groups consist of 10-12 children that are 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 that has been 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 gardening activity, 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 11:30am 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 serve our other campers at this time. We have found that they really enjoy serving each other and learning new skills in the kitchen. After lunch, our youngest campers are offered a time of rest and quiet in their classrooms while the others enjoy some free play to get out a little energy.

Daily afternoon activities include planned gym time, downtime in classrooms filled with age-appropriate activities, and reading. Another special activity that will vary throughout the week is included in our afternoons. These activities consist of a science project, open-ended creativity in our makerspace area, and even cooking lessons! Throw in a snack and our day is just about over. Between 4:30-5pm we gather back together in the bigger shared spaces to end our day.