

Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions

HOURS

Camp hours are from 8:30am – 4:30pm. If you need to pick up a camper early, please sign them in on the “early pick up list.” Camp runs from June 4th – August 24th, but you can use the days/weeks that work for you.

FIELD TRIPS

Do I get a refund for field trips?

Field trips are not refunded unless you call us to cancel at least two weeks in advance.

What time do you leave and return for field trips?

We ask that all campers arrive by 8:30am. Most days, we won't be back until 4:30pm on field trip days.

Does my child have to go on the field trips?

No, field trips are optional. If you're not going on the field trip, you can join the clubs offered for that day and visit a special park. We have a lot of activities planned for our non-field trip campers too!

BILLING/SCHEDULING

What if I need to cancel days? How do I change my schedule?

You can cancel days at any time. To receive credit, you must cancel at least two weeks in advance. You can call our office to change your child's schedule.

What if my camper gets sick?

Unfortunately, we don't give credit for sick or absent days.

What are my payment options?

You can take advantage of our tuition express automatic billing or pay every Monday or Tuesday by credit, cash or check. You can pay your bill by logging in to your parent portal online or calling us at 815-464-1265. A \$15 late fee will be applied on Wednesday for all late payments.

How often do you pay?

Payments are made weekly for the week ahead.

How does the 10% multi-child discount work? Do I get a discount for each sibling or is off my total bill?

You will be paying normal pricing for your first child. Each child after that will receive 10% off the summer camp regular hour pricing.

Do you accept state aid for summer camp?

Yes, we do.

BASIC QUESTIONS

What to bring everyday:

- Gym shoes
- Sun Block
- Water Bottle
- Bathing Suit
- Towel
- Backpack
- Camp shirt

Please label all items with campers name

Can campers where past year's shirts?

Yes!

Does Ivy League provide sunscreen?

We ask that each camper carry their own sunscreen clearly labeled with their name on it.

How is sunscreen monitored?

Campers are checked every hour along with water breaks.

How are the campers transported?

We utilize school buses and our 15 passenger vans.

Are electronics allowed?

In order to keep camp prices low, we cannot assume responsibility for any personal item, lost, stolen, broken, misplaced, or otherwise. With this in mind, we would like to remind parents and campers of our policy regarding electronic devices: No electronics are allowed on the gym floor, this includes music devices, cell phones, and video games. Campers are allowed to use the electronics during the movie time, on long field trips, and other free times. This gives them the option of over 2 hours of use a day. Due to security concerns for all our campers, no camper is to use their cell phones for texting or calling during core camp hours 8:30am to 4:30pm. We have a phone number where your child can be reached and they can contact their parents at anytime with the help of a staff member. With the ability of some phones to upload video to the internet we feel this is a privacy issue. Please speak to your child regarding these rules.

POOL

When and where do campers swim?

Pool days are Monday's and Wednesday's. Our Pioneer campers head to Yunker Park for the Splash Pad while all other campers will go to the the Aqua Center in Park Forest. The Aqua Center pool is optional so the campers who are not swimming that day will head to a park for a special activity.

What if my child can't swim?

Pioneers will not be going to the pool. Campers that are heading to the pool will all take a swim test with the pool lifeguard and if they pass, they will wear a bracelet that let's counselors know they are good to be in the deep end. Take advantage of swimming lessons with British Swim School on Monday's and Wednesday's!

PIONEERS

What are the Pioneers?

Pioneers are the younger campers ages 3-6. We designed a camp specifically for them in mind. They are in a different space than the other campers, but do go on the same field trips as the older campers.

My child is going into 1st grade. Can he be a part of the Pioneers?

Yes, campers going into 1st grade have the option to be with the 1st grade group or the Pioneers. Please let the front desk know if you want to make a switch.

XTEAM

What is the XTEAM?

If you're in 6th-8th grade, you can apply to be on the Ivy League X-Team. The X-Team is a group of junior counselors that help the younger campers in arts & crafts, lunch, clean up and more. The X-Team also focuses on giving back to the community and volunteering. The most important role is that the X-Team members are a positive role model for our younger campers. To apply, each applicant must get one letter of recommendation and set up a short interview to make sure they are up for the challenge.

When are the XTEAM field trips?

June 20th – Accelerate Indoor Speedway STEM Academy

June 25th – Cedar Lake

July 18th – Raging Waves

July 23rd – Cedar Lake

August 15th – Great America

Will the XTEAM be working all day?

No, the junior counselors will have duties throughout the day they can volunteer for. Don't worry, the XTEAM has a ton of fun too!

LUNCHES

Do I need to provide a lunch?

Camp includes lunch on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. We ask that you bring a sack lunch on Tuesday's and Thursday's or join the lunch club.

Can I pack my child a lunch instead?

Yes

What is lunch club?

Don't feel like packing a lunch? Then lunch club is for you! On Tuesday's and Thursday's, we offer lunch club for \$3 if you pre-register. You can pre-register in the registration packet or by calling the Mokena Rec Center. Lunches include choice of sandwich (PB&J, Turkey and Cheese, Ham and Cheese, etc.), choice of chips, choice of dessert (mini candy bar, teddy grahams, etc.) and choice of drink (100% juice, water, Gatorade, etc.). Snack and drink options vary weekly.

What do lunches consist of M, W, F?

Lunches include choice of sandwich (PB&J, Turkey and Cheese, Ham and Cheese, etc.), choice of chips, and a juice box or mini water bottle. Feel free to send your child with a lunch if he or she is a picky eater.

ALLERGIES

Do you accommodate peanut, gluten and dairy allergies?

Yes, the counselor's will have a sheet with child information. If there is an allergy, a child's name will be highlighted. If epi-pens or other medication is needed, they will carry that with them. Parents are asked to provide the medication.

How do you handle peanut allergies?

During lunch, we have a separate peanut-free area where campers who are allergic and their friends who don't have any peanuts in their lunches can join them.

CLUBS

When are the clubs offered?

Clubs are offered daily. For a full list of clubs, visit ivyleaguekids.org under the monthly newsletter calendars.