

Summer Day Camp FAQ

I only need care on Mondays and Tuesdays. Is there care for the first week of the three-week session? Unfortunately, to maximize the number of children we are licensed for, sessions stand as published.

Does my child need to stay the entire day? Except for field trips, when we are away from the site, you may drop your child off and pick them up at whatever time you would like. Some youth participate in other activities or tutoring during the summer, and we try to be flexible to accommodate those needs. We start our programmed activities at 8:45 a.m. and end programmed activities at 4:00 p.m. Most campers appreciate arriving before the camp meeting at 8:45 a.m. to be prepared for the day. Check the weekly calendars to see where we are and what we are doing to see if there are any potential issues. We do appreciate advance notice if your child will be late. We do not offer refunds or reduced fees for time missed at camp.

My child has attended full-day preschool. Do you ever make an exception to your K-5th grade rule? So sorry, no, we do not make any exceptions to the grade requirement. All youth must have attended grades K–5 the school year prior to camp. We hope you will consider our camp for the following summer.

How quickly does your camp fill? Historically, the first day of registration.

Where is camp based? The turf gym at the Louisville Recreation & Senior Center is the camp's “home base”. We also utilize other areas of the center for our activities. Make drop-off easy by parking by the outdoor playground on the south side of the facility and following the sidewalk to the east to the turf gym entrance.

Do you break the kids up by ages during camp? Yes, traditionally, half the day is spent in smaller groups, usually separated by age or grade. Generally, campers are in small groups for field trips, arts & crafts, and the sports & game portion of the day. The rest of the day (free play, snack, lunch), up to 60 campers are together as one large group.

Where do you go on field trips? We travel along the Front Range (up to an hour bus ride). Past favorites include: Loveland Laser Tag, Denver Zoo, DMNS, Brighton Oasis, Broomfield Bay, Longmont Reservoir, Warrior Challenge, Denver Firefighters Museum, Great Outdoors Waterpark, bowling, to name a few.

How do you supervise your field trips? We increase ratios on field trip days. Smaller groups also allow the youth opportunities to explore the areas they would like at the rate they would like for a more enjoyable field trip experience. All camp staff are equipped with a first aid pack, an emergency phone list, and a staff/group phone list for the day.

How should I handle my child's EpiPen? The safety of our campers is a top priority. Staff who administer medication complete Medication Administration training and are authorized to provide care. We take precautions to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction, and trained staff are prepared to respond quickly and effectively. Please read the Medications at Camp Section of the Camp Handbook and call us with any questions.

My child is not a real strong swimmer, how do you handle your swim days? In addition to lifeguards, staff are stationed around the pool to both play and supervise campers. Campers wear a colored swim band which notes what areas of the pool they may access. This is decided by the camper's height and ability to touch the bottom of the pool. Campers may also complete a swim test for a less restrictive swim band. Lastly, all campers and staff wear an LRC camp swim shirt (SPF 50 tech shirt) for quick identification and sun protection.

Tell me about your staff. Historically, camp staff is a diverse group, including college students and high school students. They have varying levels of experience, and all have a desire to work with youth. Our campers will tell you that they have the best counselors! All staff complete an extensive background check, are certified in First Aid and CPR, and receive 20+ hours of training. You may also see CITs (Counselors In Training), who are younger volunteers with an interest in working with children. CITs are never alone with campers and do not handle discipline issues.

Do you charge a fee to be on the waitlist, and how will I know if there is an opening for my child? We do not charge fees for the waitlist. If we receive a cancellation, we work our way through the waitlist using the primary e-mail on the household account. If you receive a message about opening, we give a minimum of time to contact us to accept and pay. If you decide you are no longer interested in being on certain waitlists, please contact us to remove your child from the waitlist so we have a more accurate list and can accommodate families more quickly.

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