

SUMMER DAY CAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. What is the location and hours of operation of the Summer Day Camp Program?

Duration of Camp – June 6th through August 10th (No Camp on July 3rd or 4th)

Hours of Operation: 7:15 am-5:45 pm

Darby Woods Elementary School

255 Westwoods Blvd

Galloway, OH 43119

2. How does drop-off and pick-up work?

You may drop-off and pick-up your child at Summer Day Camp at any time during the course of the day. You must bring your child into the school building and swipe them in with their key fob. When picking up your child you must come in and swipe your child out. You may even drop-off and pick-up your child at the pool, however the adult bringing or calling for a child at an off-site location MUST make personal/direct contact with a leader (preferably the Camp Director) to let them know that your child has arrived or is departing from Summer Day Camp.

3. What are the minimum and maximum ages for Summer Day Camps?

Ages for Camp are 6-12 year olds. A child may attend Camp upon their 6th birthday, but may not start Camp until they are actually 6 years old. The maximum age of a camper is 12 years old. Campers cannot turn 13 before the last day of Camp.

4. Resident versus Non-Resident

Residents are those families who reside in Prairie Township and/or work within boundaries of the JEDD/JEDZ.

5. Who supervises the Summer Day Camps?

Jeremy Dean is the Recreation Supervisor over Summer Day Camp. There are a total of 8 staff at the Camp site. Directors, Assistant Directors and Camp Leaders are typically comprised of young teachers and college students who are at least one year removed from high school. Most are working toward a degree in education or a related field. All SDC staff are CPR & First Aid Certified, have undergone reference and background checks and drug screening. Summer Day Camp camper to leader ratio will never exceed 15/1, and typically the ratio of campers to leaders is 10 (or lower)/1.

6. How do I register and what is the cost of Summer Day Camp?

Registration begins on Monday, February 12th, 2018 and you may set up your household online at

<https://recreation.prairietownship.org>.

The registration fee is \$155 for a resident per child and \$165 for a non-resident per child. This also includes your child's first 5 days of camp. This fee is non-refundable, non-transferrable and cannot be credited to your household. Please register at your earliest convenience. You may purchase additional Day Camp Day Punch Cards at the cost of \$27 per day online or in person at the Prairie Township Community Center.

The Prairie Township Community Center realizes that schedules and plans change rapidly and have designed a unique pay-as-you-use fee opportunity. You will pay your registration fee and for the first 5 days of camp. Both of those fees are non-refundable as outlined above. The Prairie Township Summer Day Camp pay-as-you-use allows you to pay for only the days your child actually attends Camp (after the initial five days). For example, you may use your first five days in June and July and then purchase another five days for anticipated use in August. If you only use three of those days, we will refund two days back to your credit card. You must request a refund via email (jdean@prairietownship.org) prior to August 24th at 5:00pm. There are no partial Camp days. If your child checks-in at Camp, you are charged for a full day.

7. What does the registration fee include?

The registration fee includes supervision, camp supplies, Summer Day Camp t-shirt, etc.

8. How do I check-in at Camp?

Each child receives a Summer Day Camp key fob scan card. The key fob cards will be given to you on the first day your child attends Summer Day Camp. Camp staff will scan your fob each day your child arrives and departs Camp. If you arrive or depart at an off-site location, staff will enter your arrival or departure manually upon return to Camp. The first five days of Camp will already be on your key fob when you receive it. Staff will typically tell you how many days remain on your key fob, however it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that there are days on your key fob before you arrive at Camp. If you arrive at the Camp site and you do not have available days, you will be asked to call the Community Center to purchase days. Your child will not be permitted to remain at Camp if there are no days on your key fob.

9. What does my child need to bring to Camp?

Children should bring a packed lunch and drink that does not require refrigeration each day. Prior to arriving at Camp, parents should apply a liberal layer of sun screen. Campers should bring sun screen, which is applied by your child under the supervision of the staff. On Thursdays for swimming, Campers should bring a swimsuit & towel, Campers may also bring goggles, ear plugs, flip flops or sandals on swim days. Additional money for field trip snacks is allowed, however all personal items and money are the responsibility of the Camper. The Prairie Township policy is that staff cannot 'hold' or be responsible for money brought to Summer Day Camp. The general rule of thumb for personal items brought to Day Camp is that if it is too valuable to lose or get broken, it's better left at home.

10. What is a typical day at Camp?

An example of daily camp activity can include some of the following:

7:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Drop-off time, free play

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Indoor/Outdoor Activity

11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Camper's Choice, Group Stations (Sports, skills, activities, i.e.)

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch (provided by camper that does not require refrigeration)

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Creative Crafts, Quiet Group Games

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Indoor/Outdoor Activity

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Snack (provided by camper) and Activity

4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Pick-up time, free play

11. Who transports my child to field trips and to the pool?

Transportation is contracted with the South-Western City Schools using SWCS busses and drivers.

12. How often and where will my child attend the pool?

Campers typically attend the pool every Thursday 12:45pm-3:15pm at the Community Center pool.

13. Are Campers grouped together by age?

Campers are not grouped together by our staff. We have found that children with 'like' interests tend to play and socialize together. This allows your child to make new friends throughout the summer. Staff monitors 'who socializes with who' and at times will redirect Campers if they feel it is in the best interest of the Camper.

14. Can you explain field trips and why do I have to pay at Camp?

Fields trip occur on select Wednesdays. Each field trip has a permission form which must be completed. There is an additional cost for each field trip that is payable in cash (only) prior to departure for the trip. We, in turn, pay at the location in cash. This allows us to secure a reservation, adjust attendance projections with our vendor and sometimes secure reduced rate for our Campers. Fields trip forms for all trips are available at Camp on the first day. You may pay for all field trips in advance, however, please have each trip marked in an individual envelope with the exact cash enclosed.

15. Do I have to pay for a required field trip if my child is not attending Camp that day?

You are only required to pay for a field trip if your child is attending Camp on the actual day.