SUMMER FUN AT LATIN

3rd-9th grades Intermediate Groups

Summer has been a long time in the waiting, and we are glad it is finally here! Latin Day Camp strives to be one of the best, with our campers taking part in a large variety of activities including arts and crafts, drama, field trips, swimming, and barbecues in Lincoln Park. Our themes will be reflected in stories, songs, play, and art activities your counselors have planned for this first week.

**PICK UPS AND DROP OFFS**

**Please see the attached visual for the drop off and pick up locations.** Staff will be outside to greet campers as they are dropped off. Doors open at 8:50 a.m. every morning. All groups will meet in their classroom at the beginning and end of each day.

The person designated to pick up your child MUST sign them out on the group dismissal form with their counselor. **Your child’s safety is our top priority, therefore we reserve the right to check ID’s at dismissal.** Your child will not be released to anyone for whom we do not have written permission.

Please contact summer@latinschool.org, cc’ing the Senior Counselor, about any changes in your child’s pick-up and drop-off.

**Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.** each day for your camper.

**Please remember to keep North Ave. open to local traffic. We want to ensure that it is not difficult for traffic to get down the street to drop off children due to cars blocking access to the school.** If you have an emergency that requires you to be late, please call the camp office at **312.582.6080** and notify the camp staff of your situation.

**ABSENT CAMPERS**

In the event that your child will be absent from camp, please notify the camp office at 312.582.6080 before 8:30 a.m.

**SAFETY**

Our summer staff is committed to offering a safe, nurturing environment where all campers can enjoy new activities, games, and make new friendships. Campers are to be with their assigned camp groups at all times. Our 8:1 camper to staff ratio ensures wonderful attention that will encourage individual growth and cooperative play.

**As part of our safety policies, it is mandatory that all campers wear closed-toed shoes/sandals with a sturdy strap each day to camp that are appropriate for playing games outside and inside. Crocs/flip flops are not acceptable!!**

This will ensure that each camper can participate in all activities offered at camp safely, whether it be a game of soccer or a nature hike.

**CAMPER SUPPLIES**

Please send all children with these following supplies. Some of these will be kept in the cubby that is provided for each child. **PLEASE CLEARLY MARK EVERY ITEM** with a waterproof, permanent marker or sharpie. Weekly newsletters along with other important notices will be sent out via group email to the primary contact information you provided for us. Remember to clean the backpacks out every day since it may contain some wet items or need new supplies.

Please avoid sending personal items to camp that might get misplaced. Favorite items like Pokemon Cards, Toys, etc. should stay safely at home.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Summer @ Latin is a community that welcomes and embraces the diversity of all campers and staff members. We are committed to cultivating an equitable, inclusive and supportive climate for everyone. We do not tolerate discrimination of any kind.

**CAMPER SUPPLY CHECKLIST**

**HAT**

**BACKPACK**

**SWEATSHIRT** for the ever-changing weather

**HAIRBRUSH** or comb for water days

Beach **TOWEL**

**SwimSuit**

**Goggles**

**WATER BOTTLE**

**LARGE BAGGIES** for wet items

**CHANGE** of clothes

**WATERPROOF SUNSCREEN** sealed in a baggie.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: YOUR CHILD SHOULD COME TO CAMP WITH SUNSCREEN ALREADY ON unless we are immediately scheduled for swimming. We will encourage the kids to reapply throughout the day.**

**LUNCH / SNACKS** / **ALLERGIES**

Lunch is served every day **EXCEPT FIELD TRIP DAY** to all full-day campers, including a hot barbecue once a week. **Due to severe allergies, please do not pack nut products (including peanut butter sandwiches.) Sunbutter and Soynut butter are a safe alternative**. Snacks and juice are provided daily.

**Due to campers that attend with life threatening allergies, there should be NO food brought to camp in backpacks without prior arrangements with the Age Group Coordinators.**

##### **FIELD TRIPS**

You will be notified of field trips by your camp counselors. Please be sure that your child wears their camp tshirt on days (noted in weekly newsletters) when his/her group will be leaving the camp facility.

In order to ensure a safe and fun-filled field trip, each counselor will lead a small group of children per trip.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Campers having summer birthdays are welcome to celebrate with members of their group. **Due to Latin School Policy, however, absolutely no food items are to be brought for birthdays.** Touch base with your child’s camp counselor to arrange birthday celebrations.

##### **SWIMMING**

3rd grade and up will be swimming 3-4 times a week. Camp Trekker does not swim, but might have beach days or free swim Fridays. You will receive a separate schedule with the times. The first week of the session will be devoted to pool orientation. Since swimming is a life-saving skill, all campers are encouraged to work with our trained staff to meet their potential. Those campers who are experiencing some difficulty adjusting to the water are gently coaxed to participate in activities geared to the non-swimmer. Campers will have the opportunity to work in groups according to their skill and comfort level. Floatation devices are available for campers who need them.

##### **WEEKLY THEMES**

Throughout the week, all groups will take part in activities that reflect that week’s theme. During the first week of each session, we will choose activities, songs, and games that will ensure that all campers are acclimated to their group. Look to the weekly newsletter for news on upcoming special activities such as field trips.

**Important Contact Information**

**General Camp Office: 312.582.6080**

**Email: summer@latinschool.org**

**Email your child’s camp counselors!**

**Outlanders:** outlanders@latin360.org

Rangers: rangers@latin360.org

Highlanders: highlanders@latin360.org

Explorers: explorers@latin360.org