SUMMER FUN AT LATIN

4yrs - 2nd grades Navigators and Voyagers 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, dance, field trips, swimming, and barbecues in Lincoln Park. Our first weekly theme will be reflected in stories, songs, play, and art activities your counselors have planned for this first week.

**PICK UPS AND DROP OFFS**

All campers arrive and are dismissed at the Latin Middle School, 45 W. North Blvd. Counselors will be out in front of the school at 8:50 to assist campers out of cars. Doors open at 8:50 a.m. every morning. All Navigators and Voyagers 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, with any changes in your child’s pick-up and drop-off.

Our young campers may find it difficult to separate from parents and babysitters for the first few days. It’s a great idea to go over the plan of drop off and pick up in the evening and morning of the first few days of camp until your child is used to the routine. At drop-off, a quick good-bye kiss and hug, plus a word of assurance usually will suffice as campers will be quickly involved in the day’s activities and making new friends.

**Dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. for all campers** each day. Those parents who are involved in car pools will need to be prompt in picking up their groups.

Please remember to keep North Avenue open to local traffic. The space in front of the school is reserved for camp buses. We want to ensure that it is not difficult for the buses to get down the street to drop off children due to cars blocking access to the school. We request that all parents assist in our attempts to be good neighbors. 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 small 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 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 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.

**CAMPER SUPPLY CHECKLIST**

**BACKPACK**

**Hat**

**SWEATSHIRT** for the ever-changing weather

**HAIRBRUSH** or comb for water days

Beach **TOWEL**

**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 re-apply it as needed throughout the day.**

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

Lunch is served every day **except Field Trip day** to all full-day campers. Snacks 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.**

##### **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.

**FIELD TRIPS**

Wednesdays are field trip days! Our camp shirt was designed to provide a quick means for identifying our campers when they are involved in activities with other children their own age. Please be sure that your child wears this shirt 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 filled trip, each Navigator and Voyager counselor will lead a small group of children per trip.

##### **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.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Summer at 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.

**Important Contact Information**

**General & Absences: 312.582.6080**

**Email:** **summer@latinschool.org**

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

**Sunbirds:** sunbirds@latin360.org

**Freestars:** freestars@latin360.org

**Thunderbirds:** thunderbirds@latin360.org

**Skylarks:** skylarks@latin360.org

**Blazers:** blazers@latin360.org

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