

Parent Handbook

All the information you need to be prepared for a safe, successful camp experience for your child.

Summer @ Latin will use the Middle and Upper Schools for Summer 2023

Navigators and Voyagers

Middle School @ 45 W. North Blvd

Drop off/Pick up:

1531 N Dearborn Pkwy.

Adventurers, Explorers and Camp Trekker

Upper School @ 59 W. North Blvd

Drop off/Pick up:

59 W. North Blvd.

*Each camp group is assigned a classroom as their “base,”
where camp groups meet each morning and end each day.*

The **Day Camp Office** is located in the Middle School building. The Upper and Middle School reception marks the entry to Latin Day Camp and is where general camp business is conducted. The Leadership team are generally accessible at this location and this office also serves as our first aid station. Camp Directors arrive at camp each morning by 7:30 a.m.

Leadership Team 2023

Chase Mangioni, Assistant Director of Latin 360°

Danielle Carlson, Director of Aquatics

Tim Ruppe, Swimming Director

Jessie Heider, Athletico Trainer/Health officer

Catherine Curry, Director of Latin 360°

Age Group Coordinators

Erika Katz, Navigators (4-5yr olds)

Kelly Madorsky, Voyagers (1st-2nd grades)

Lois Kim, Adventurers/Explorers (3rd-6th grades)

Chris Williams, Camp Trekkers (5th-8th)

Anna Kozak, LIT/Intern Director

Molly Finch, Program Director

How to reach us during camp hours:

Counselors are busy with campers during the day and unable to respond to messages. For time sensitive communications, please reach out to our leadership team via:

Email summer@latinschool.org

Call 312.582.6080

FAQ

- ★ **Will I get to talk with my child's camp staff?** Yes! Your senior counselor will call you the week prior to the session starting. For session 1, you can expect a call by June 16 when we complete staff development/training week.
 - Camp staff will provide you with a Camp Calendar, Weekly sample schedule, and camp t-shirt. You will also receive a weekly newsletter and updated Menu the Friday of each week.
 - Camp Leadership will provide you with information, FAQ, and all-camp updates throughout the summer via email. Be sure your primary and secondary contact emails are correct!

- ★ **What does my camper wear each day?**
 - Gym shoes or close-toed sandals with an ankle strap. We are very active each day at camp, and want all our campers to be able to participate safely. **Children wearing flip-flops will not be allowed to participate in recreational activities for safety reasons.**
 - Clothing that is appropriate for a recreational setting. All campers and staff are required to wear comfortable clothing that allows them to participate in all activities at camp
 - **SUNSCREEN!** Come to camp with it on, and send an extra bottle with your camper.

- ★ **What to bring to camp:** Each camper should come with a backpack that including:
 - Sweatshirt/jacket for ever-changing weather
 - Large Baggies for wet items
 - Hairbrush or comb
 - Change of clothes, labeled with name (**ALL AGES. Trust us!**)
 - Beach Towel
 - Waterproof Sunscreen sealed in a baggie
 - Camp Water Bottle
 - Swimsuit for swim class/water days
 - Sandals/flip-flops for beach days
 - **Lunch on Field Trip Days!**

- ★ **What NOT to bring to camp:**
 - **Food items outside of field trip day. We are a Nut-Aware campus. We do not prepare any of our food with peanuts, tree-nuts, or shellfish.**

- ★ **What's the best way to drop off/pick up my camper?**
 - **Walk!** Take the CTA! We are in a residential area, so we want to be thoughtful of our neighbors.
 - **Drive and Park:** Take advantage of the numerous public parking facilities in the area. Please go to our website at www.latinschool.org/directions to find out more about these parking options.
 - **Car Drop off/Pick up Procedures:** We will have traffic personnel assisting at camp arrival and dismissal times on North Ave. **Drop Off Is 8:45 a.m.-9:10 a.m.**
 - **THANK YOU** in advance for following all traffic procedures and obeying directions given by traffic safety personnel. Under no circumstances should you block an intersection. You should go around the block if there is no room in the

chute. The dismissal chute is **45 W. North Blvd: (Middle/Upper School)** will be open (3:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.)

- Counselors will be on the south side of North Blvd. in front of the Schools to assist your child out of the car and accompany them directly to their camp group.
- Counselors will be outside with groups at the end of the day with sign out sheets to check that campers are going home with authorized pick-ups only.
- Siblings dismiss together for your convenience, at the location of the youngest sibling.
- If there is heavy rain/ storm, we will dismiss from indoors. It will take longer so please be patient!

- ★ **My camper needs to go home with a friend for a playdate:** On any day that your child will go home with another camper, please email summer@latinschool.org or send a hand-written note to your Senior Counselor.
- ★ **Is there before- and after-camp care?** YES! Our extended day options are available to all campers! We have programming from 8-9am and 3:00-5:00pm. Please contact our office if you are interested in learning more!
- ★ **My child has a summer birthday! What can I do?** Camp staff will plan a special activity, and if you like, you may send non-food items for the whole camp group.
- ★ **Field Trips-when and what are they?** Field trip days will be shared with your camper's schedule. **It is important campers wear their camp T-shirts on field trip days** so that they may easily be identified when off-campus. Check your camp calendar and weekly newsletter for more details.
- ★ **Can I pack LUNCH?** Lunch is provided at camp every day except field trip day! The safety of our campers is our top priority, therefore we do not allow families to send outside meals.
- ★ **Will my camper swim?** All Full Day Campers swim if it is part of their program. The first days of the camp session is dedicated to pool orientation for full day campers. During this time, new swimmers are introduced to the pool setting and skills are assessed. **Please send a zip lock baggie, suit, and towel with your child on swim days.**
 - **Can I observe the swim lessons?** YES. Information will be provided when your camper's schedule is available!

We look forward to having you join us this summer, and do not hesitate to call with any questions!