

SUMMER@LATIN

Welcome to Summer@Latin 2026!

We are so excited to see your kids this summer.

Inside you will find all the details to help you prepare for camp, and who and how to contact us.

Family Handbook

**All the information you need to be prepared for a safe, successful camp experience for your child.
Summer @ Latin will use the Lower School for Summer 2026**

Drop off for all day campers will be at the location of the youngest sibling/camper

*Navigators/ Voyagers/Adventurers/ Explorers/ Trekkers (Age 4-8th Grade):
Latin Lower School, 1531 N. Dearborn Pkwy*

The **Day Camp Office** is located in the library of the Lower School. Reception staff will be available at the Middle and Lower schools if needed.

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

Phone: 312.582.6080

Leadership Team 2026

Catherine Curry, Director of Latin 360°

Danielle Carlson, Director of Aquatics

Emily Walgren, Assistant Director of Latin 360°

Tim Ruppe, Director of Aquatic Safety & Swimming

Age Group Directors

Molly Finch, Navigators (4-5yr olds) and Voyagers (1st-2nd grades)

Chris Williams, Adventurers/Explorers (3rd-6th grades) and Camp Trekkers (5th-8th grades)

Erika Katz, Director of Community, Fun & Teens

Scott Marinier, Summer Program Director

Sophie Cohn, Summer Sunset Squad Director

Communication with Camp Office and Staff

- **Pre-camp call:** Your camper's Senior Counselor will communicate the week before camp starts to say hi and answer any questions you may have.
- **Your Senior Counselor will provide you (via email) with:**
 - Camp Calendar
 - Weekly sample schedule
 - Weekly newsletter sent each Friday
- **Camp T-Shirts will be distributed at Orientation on June 12th or on the first day of camp.**
- **Camp updates:** Sent by Camp Leadership via email throughout summer.
- ***Please make sure your primary and secondary email addresses are correct!***

What to Bring

Each camper should bring a backpack daily containing LABELED ITEMS:

- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Large plastic bag for wet items
- Hairbrush or comb
- Change of clothes (labeled for all ages!)
- Beach towel
- Waterproof sunscreen (in baggie; apply before arrival)
- Water Bottle
- Swimsuit (**except field trip days**)
 - Navigators campers may choose to arrive in their swimsuits under their clothes!
- Sandals/flip-flops for beach days
- Lunch on **Field Trip Days only**
 - *Please be sure to pack a peanut/tree nut free lunch on field trip days (including items that are processed at the same facilities)*

**▲ No outside food allowed (except on field trip days). We are a Nut-Aware campus.
Thank you for your understanding!**

What to Wear

- **Footwear:** Gym shoes or closed-toed sandals with ankle strap. For safety reasons, campers will not be able to participate in recreational activities if they are not in appropriate footwear.
- **Clothing:** Comfortable, recreational wear. Anything appropriate for the weather and easy to move around in! Check your schedule - if you have swimming in the morning, campers may arrive to camp in their swimsuits.
- **Sunscreen:** Applied before camp, with an extra bottle inside the backpack.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

- **Drop off/pick-up method options:**

- **Walk or use CTA:** Preferred due to us being in a residential area. Help us take care of our neighborhood congestion!
- **Public parking nearby:** 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 line at 1531 N. Dearborn Pkwy - please have your car placard displayed**

- Drop-off: 8:45–9:10 a.m.

- Pick-up: 3:00–3:15 p.m.

- **Counselors assist with drop-off and pick-up. All children must be signed out by an approved adult. Check your authorized pickups on your Ultracamp account.**
- **Siblings dismiss together at the youngest sibling's location**
- **If it is raining, we will dismiss from indoors. It will take longer so please be patient!**

▲ **Important: Follow all traffic safety personnel directions. Do not block intersections. Thank you for your cooperation.**

Special Pick-Up Notes

- **Early pickup:** We hope that campers will be able to enjoy the full day of programming each day. Due to the campers' busy schedules, we offer early pickup at the camper's ***lunch time only***. Lunch times are listed on each camper's schedule. Please notify the Camp Leadership team 24-hours in advance.
- **Alternate pickup:** Email summer@latinschool.org or send a handwritten note to your Senior Counselor if someone else will be picking up your camper or if they will be going home with another camper. Counselors will ask new pick-ups to show a valid ID to confirm with email or note from home.

Summer Extended Day Options- Contact our office for details

- **Extended day options are available for all campers**
- **Before camp:** 8:00–9:00 a.m.
- **After camp:** 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Birthdays at Camp

- **If your child has a summer birthday, Camp staff will plan a special activity, and if you like, you may send non-food items for the whole camp group.**

Field Trips

- **Campers are required to wear their camp T-shirt on field trip days so they are easily identified when off campus.**
- **Field trip days will be shared with your camper's schedule.** Check your camp calendar and weekly newsletter for more details.
- **Please be sure to pack a peanut and tree nut free lunch on field trip days** (including items that are processed at the same facilities).

Lunch Details

- **Lunch is provided daily except on field trip days. Menu sent with day 1 details.**
- **We do not allow outside meals for camper safety.** Please reach out to the leadership team with any questions about mealtime.

Swimming Info

- **Full Day Campers (except Trekkers) swim daily, with the exception of Field Trip days.**
- **The first days of camp will include swim orientation & skill assessment.**
- **Please send your camper with the following items each day (except Field Trip days) to ensure they will be able to participate:**
 - Swimsuit
 - Towel
 - Large Ziplock bag
- **Parents can (and are encouraged to) observe swim lessons.** Swim times will be shared in the camper schedule provided.

As we enjoy a fun and active summer together, we want to remind families of a few important steps we can all take to help keep campers and staff healthy. We appreciate your partnership in promoting healthy habits and helping prevent the spread of illness throughout our camp community.

Healthy Habits for Campers

Practice Good Hand Hygiene

Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, especially before eating and after using the restroom. At camp, we have regular hand washing, and hand sanitizer is available throughout campus.

Cover Coughs and Sneezes

Remind campers to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or their elbow when coughing or sneezing and to dispose of tissues promptly.

Stay Hydrated and Get Plenty of Rest

Adequate hydration and sleep help support overall health and wellness during busy camp days.

When Should Your Camper Stay Home?

Please keep your child home if they have any of the following symptoms or conditions:

- Fever of **100.4°F or higher** (may return after being fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication)
- Vomiting or diarrhea (must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning)
- Persistent cough, sore throat, or significant congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unexplained rash or draining skin sores that cannot be covered
- Any illness that prevents participation in normal camp activities

COVID-19: Campers may return once they have been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and symptoms are improving overall. To help reduce transmission, masking is encouraged for five days upon return.

Reporting an Illness

If your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness or will be absent due to illness, please notify Summer at Latin as soon as possible.

Camp Reception: 312.582.6080