

SUMMER FUN AT LATIN

Navigators and Voyagers

Latin Day Camp 2019

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 Lower School, 1531 N. Dearborn Parkway. Campers that do not ride the bus should have an adult escort them into the building where they will meet their group. Counselors will be out in front of the lower 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 the gym 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 3:30 p.m. for Navigators and Voyagers each day for your camper. Those parents who are involved in car pools will need to be prompt in picking up their groups.

Please remember to keep Dearborn Street 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. Beyond our own need for a quick and safe drop off, local residents should not be denied the use of the street. 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.

BUS SERVICE

Throughout the first week of camp, parents whose children ride the bus may experience some delays in the pick-up and drop-off of our campers. Be assured that we have tried to anticipate every possible delay and have planned accordingly in the design of routes and schedules. Unfortunately, there are always unforeseen obstacles that thwart our best efforts. We appreciate your understanding and patience as the week progresses. We will keep you posted on changes that may occur in pick-up or drop-off times. **Campers who will be absent MUST call the bus company directly at 773.248.0090 by 7:00 a.m.**

If you coordinate pick-up from the bus stop with other camp families, you must submit documented authorization (an email to summer@latinschool.org will suffice), letting us know who we can release your child to. If no authorized pick-up is around to receive your child at your stop, the bus will pause for a reasonable amount of time so that the bus counselor has time to call your primary and secondary contacts. If no one answers or is heavily delayed for any reason, the driver will continue the route, returning the camper to Latin where you can pick them up from Extended Day.

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. **Campers who ride the bus MUST call the bus company directly at 773.248.0090 by 7:00 a.m. This will eliminate needless rerouting and looking for “missing” campers.**

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 6:1 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 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

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 four days a week to all full-day campers, including a hot barbecue on Fridays. Lunch is not provided on your camper's field trip day, which will be every Wednesday. On that day, please send a bagged, completely disposable lunch (including a drink) from home. **Due to severe allergies, please do not pack nut products (including peanut butter sandwiches.) Sunbutter and Soynut butter are a safe alternative.** 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. Again, please be sure your child comes with a bagged/disposable lunch and drink that has been marked with his/her name. **Due to severe allergies, please do not pack nut products (including peanut butter sandwiches.)** Please avoid using glass containers and lunch boxes not only for safety reasons, but so they don't have to carry around containers on their field trip.

Throughout the week special short field trips may be planned for our campers. 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.

SWIMMING

The 4 and 5-year olds swim twice a week, and the 1st and 2nd graders swim 4 times a week! You will receive a group schedule with the times. The first week of the session will be

devoted to pool orientation. This will give our campers a chance to experience the pool in a relaxed way. 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.

To avoid delays in changing clothes, we ask those campers that swim in the morning to come to camp wearing bathing suits beneath their regular clothing.

After the first week of camp, parents are welcome to view pool activities in the Latin Upper School, 59 North Blvd. You can observe your child's progress from the viewing windows that line the pool wall. This proves to be less of a distraction for the children as well as far more comfortable for parents and friends. The group schedule, including swim times, is available from your counselors.

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: 312.582.6080

Absences: 312.582.6084

Email: summer@latinschool.org

Age Group Coordinators (AGCs):

4 yr old Navigators: Molly Finch

5 yr old Navigators: Erika Katz

Voyagers: Jon Wong