

Discovery Camp 2023: Get the 411

4-5 Year Camp (PreK & Kindergarten)	School Age Camp (1 st - 8 th Grades)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Day OR Full Day options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Full day campers need to bring a lunch every day! ➢ There is NO half day option on Wednesdays or during the week of VBS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Day option ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Bring a lunch everyday!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rest time after lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Bring a blanket in a labeled bag to keep in the classroom for the summer! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rest time ☺
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combo of pool days & water play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Monday = Water Play ➢ Tues/Fri = Palatine Pool Days ➢ Bring a swimsuit, towel, Coastguard approved floaties/life jacket, & sunscreen! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool Days are 3x per week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays ➢ Family Aquatic Center (FAC) ➢ Bring a swimsuit, towel, goggles, and sunscreen
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesdays = Field Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Campers will wear their camp T-shirt ➢ T-shirts will be provided each week. T-shirts can be picked up on the child's last day of camp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesdays = Field Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Campers will wear their camp T-shirt ➢ T-shirts will be provided each week. T-shirts can be picked up on the child's last day of camp.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before Care is from 7-9am (hourly charge of \$9 per hour per child & billed weekly via Tuition Express) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A light breakfast is available from 7-8:45am • After Care is from 4-6pm (hourly charge of \$9 per hour per child & billed weekly via Tuition Express) • Electronics are allowed (at your own risk) during Before Care and After Care from 5-6pm • Afternoon snack is provided 	

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION:

- There will be a **MANDATORY** parent orientation on **Thursday, June 1 at 6:30pm**. Registered families will be emailed more information.
- Families must purchase a pool pass or punch card through the Palatine Park District if your child is going to the pool. We do NOT accept cash.
- Please drop a completed registration packet at the Main School Office at Immanuel Lutheran School in Palatine. Registration forms **will not** be accepted via email this year.
 - If a payment plan is needed, please email the Director (Dr. Nicole Mathes) at dcamp@ilcp.org for more information.
- Changes to your child's camp schedule must be made **TWO** weeks in advance. We do not guarantee that we can accommodate the change. No refunds are given for any missed camp days, regardless of reason. Additionally, there are no make-up camp days for any missed days, regardless of reason.
- Please note that the registration fees are non-refundable.
- A tuition express form is required to have on file for all registered camp families.

Email dcamp@ilcp.org for further questions! ☺

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If my child misses a camp day, can my child make up the missed day? Alternatively, can I get a refund?

Unfortunately, there are no make-up days or refunds given if your child misses a camp day. This applies regardless of reason (e.g., illness, vacation, extracurricular activity, etc.). We understand that last minute things come up and illnesses happen; however, camp must plan activities and purchase supplies ahead of time, as well as staff accordingly. We rely on initial camp registrations to plan activities and staff appropriately.

I am worried my child will not have a spot in summer camp. When should I submit my registration forms?

One thing that makes Discovery Camp great is that we strive to accept all camp registrations submitted prior to June 1. However, we encourage families to sign up as soon as possible so they are added to the email group, receive emails with important camp information, and just have peace of mind that their child is good to go for the summer! If your registration is submitted before May 1, 2023, your child will have a spot in Discovery Camp. If your registration is submitted between May 1 and June 1, 2023, your child will likely have a spot in Discovery Camp; however, some field trip days (Wednesdays) may be full.

Can I add day(s) or weeks to my child's schedule after I submit my registration forms?

Yes, however, please be advised that camp rates increase on May 1, 2023. If you add days after May 1, 2023 (even if you submitted your initial registration forms during the early bird pricing), the higher fees will apply. Desired dates may also be unavailable.

Does my child need to know how to swim in order to participate on Pool Days?

No, we have many campers who are non-swimmers. Campers in grades 4-8th take a swim test before being allowed in the deep end. Campers in 1st-3rd grade stay up to their armpits (i.e., not past the second waterfall). The 4-5 year old campers stay in the splash pad area (i.e., up to the first waterfall/waterslide). You can have your child wear Coast Guard approved floaties or a life jacket.

Campers have the option of playing in the grass or in the sandpit. If they are tall enough, they may also go on the big waterslides. The lifeguards will measure the height of the campers to determine if they are tall enough.

What does supervision at the pool look like?

Counselors are stationed throughout the entire facility, including the sandpit and bathroom areas, and rotate throughout the pool time. Counselors also wear neon yellow visors (the color of a safety vest) while off-site, making it easy for campers to identify their counselors. The lifeguards also help keep campers from ALL camps safe and are great at reminding younger children not to go any deeper if they see them with water past their armpits.

The weekly field trip schedule looks so fun! How do you keep track of all the campers?

Campers are assigned to counselors and camp groups for the field trips. Counselors take frequent head counts and there are at least two adults with every group (depending on group numbers), so an adult is always at the back and at the front of the line. For "larger" field trips (e.g., Chicago museums, water parks, etc.), campers wear a wristband with the Director's cell phone number on it in case of emergency.

Campers and counselors will also wear their camp t-shirts on the field trip. We keep the shirts and wash them each week so that parents do not forget to send their camper in them on field trip days. Your child can take home their shirt on their last day of camp!*

*T-shirts are available for children who are signed up for at least two-day, two weeks of summer camp.

Does my child need a lunch?

YES, your child needs a lunch every day! While we provide a light breakfast (in Before Care) and a snack, we recommend packing extra snacks for your camper.

Does my 4-5 year old need anything for rest time?

We provide cots for the campers, and we recommend that they bring a small blanket or towel to use. You can bring these items in a bag, labeled with your child's name on it, and leave the bag with us for the duration of summer camp so you do not have to carry it back and forth.

Does my child participate in the pool or park days if they are attending half day camp?

No. Half day campers leave before lunch and any afternoon activities, such as the park or pool.

What if I need to pick up my child early (i.e., before 4pm)?

Please note we DO NOT allow offsite pick-ups unless it is an emergency. Your child must be picked up before 12:30pm on pool and park days if you need to pick up your child before the end of camp. Field trip times vary, so please check the schedule. Camp ends at 4pm.

Is there any communication about the weekly schedule?

Yes, the Director will send out a weekly email with the theme of the week, field trip times, and any other important information to note for the week. Please make sure your email address is legible on the registration form.