

# Discovery Camp 2024: Get the 411

4-5 Year Camp (PreK & Kindergarten)	School Age Camp (1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Half Day OR Full Day options</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Full day campers need to bring a lunch every day!</li> <li>➤ There is NO half day option on Wednesdays or during the week of VBS</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Full Day option ONLY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bring a lunch everyday!</li> <li>➤ Weekly 5-day, 4-day, 3-day, or 2-day options</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Rest time after lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bring a blanket in a labeled bag to keep in the classroom for the summer!</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No rest time ☺</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Before Care is from 7-9am (hourly charge of \$10 per hour per child &amp; billed weekly via Tuition Express) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A light breakfast is available from 7-8:45am</li> </ul> </li> <li>● After Care is from 4-6pm (hourly charge of \$10 per hour per child &amp; billed weekly via Tuition Express)</li> <li>● Electronics are allowed (at your own risk) during Before Care and After Care from 5-6pm</li> <li>● Afternoon snack is provided</li> </ul>	

## **IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION:**

- There will be a virtual information session for parents via Google Meets on **Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm**. Link to the meeting can be found here: [meet.google.com/vvr-gaa0-uec](https://meet.google.com/vvr-gaa0-uec)
- 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.
- Camp registration for this year is online via Google forms. A registration form and Tuition Express form need to be submitted (which are included in the Google form). Registration forms **will not** be accepted via email or hardcopy this year.
  - If a payment plan is needed, please make sure to check the box on the registration form. There is a two-month payment or three-month payment option. To receive the full summer discount, payment must be made in full by June 1, 2024.
- Camp registration will close on May 17, 2024 at 11:59pm. No registrations will be accepted after this date.
- No changes can be made to a child's camp schedule this year after registration is submitted. 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](mailto:dcamp@ilcp.org) for further questions! ☺

Please note: the Director and Assistant Director will do our best to reply to emails as promptly as we can, but we are not on site to answer telephone calls until the start of camp. Please call the Immanuel Lutheran School Office if you need immediate assistance. We encourage you to read through this document AND attend our virtual informational night on Thursday, April 18, to get additional questions answered.

## **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?***

Submit as soon as possible! One thing that makes Discovery Camp great is that we strive to accept all camp registrations submitted. However, we do have to keep appropriate camper-to-counselor ratios, which means it is possible that a specific day or week may close during registration. 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 have peace of mind that their child is good to go for the summer! Wednesdays are an extremely popular day. Immanuel students and non-Immanuel students are welcome at summer camp. Priority is not given to Immanuel students.

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

No ☹️. This is new this year! We understand that family schedules may change after registration is submitted; however, our camp staff must also plan ahead. Processing registrations takes time and we want to commit our time and attention to being with the campers during the summertime instead of paperwork.

***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 4-8<sup>th</sup> take a swim test with a life guard before being allowed in the deep end. Campers in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade stay up to their armpits (i.e., not past the second waterfall at the FAC). 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. Counselors are supervising in the pool and/or around the pool area.

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. Campers do not have to pass the swim test to be able to go down the waterslide.

***What does supervision at the pool look like?***

Counselors are stationed throughout the entire facility, including the slide, 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. We maintain required camper to counselor ratios.

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!\*

***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.

***Where is drop-off?***

Please drop your child off at Door 10 (off the parking lot and playground). If you arrive prior to 8am, you will need to bring your child downstairs. A counselor will be outside in the parking lot to check children in from 8-9am.

***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. Pick-up is outside in the coned off section of the parking lot. Campers are grouped by grade level. Parents must check their child out with their child's grade-level counselor. If you have multiple children, you may have multiple counselors to check out with. 😊

***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 correct on the registration form. You can include more than one email address.

***Are there payment plan options?***

Yes, we have two-month (payments on June 1 and July 1) and three-month (payments made on June 1, July 1, and August 1) options. The registration fee is taken out at the time your registration is

processed. Please note, payment must be made in full to take advantage of the full summer discount. If a payment plan is needed, please make sure to mark this option on your registration forms.

***How will I know when my registration has been received or processed? How will I know if my child has a spot in camp?***

When you submit your Google form, you will receive confirmation from Google that it has been submitted. About 1-1.5 weeks later, you will receive a confirmation email from the Director with the total cost of camp and what will be charged to your card or account that you included on your Tuition Express form. After you receive this email from the Director, Immanuel's bookkeeper will charge your account within the following week. **If you were able to submit a Google form, your child has a spot in camp for the days you signed up for.** If days become full, they will not be available to select on the Google form.