

# Trinity Summer Camp

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What are the dates and times of Camp?**

Trinity Summer Camp will run from June 4 to August 3, 2018

### **What ages may attend Camp?**

Our camp is licensed to accept students who are entering Kindergarten through exiting sixth grade.

### **What are the themes of Camp?**

Camp themes will be set prior to the May parent informational meeting. Themes from last year included: Back to Nature, Olympics/Sports, Mad Science, Arts and Entertainment, Out of this World, Holidayze, Around the World, etc.

### **Will the children take field trips?**

Yes! Our campers will travel to the swimming pool two days per week and will also take one theme-related field trip per week. Destinations last year included: The Pittsburgh Zoo, Splash Zone, Wave Tech, Cooper's Rock, Valley Worlds of Fun, a WV State park, local restaurants, athletic venues, etc. The 2018 Travel Schedule will be released at the parent meeting in May.

### **What does the activity fee cover?**

Every camper, regardless of the number of weeks attended and the number of days per week scheduled, must pay a \$150.00 activity fee. This money goes DIRECTLY to the purchase of a pool pass, tickets and fees paid to the field trip locations, and to pay for the bus charter.

### **Does my child have to attend all 9 weeks of camp?**

No. This year there is a four week minimum to register for camp. While parents have the option to select the number of weeks, once an attendance contract (which includes the number of weeks a child will attend) is set, the number of weeks may not be decreased. IF space permits, we will allow a family to increase the number of weeks of attendance should the need arise. Families who elect to schedule all 9 weeks of camp will receive one week FREE.

### **Does my child have to attend all week?**

No. Parents have the option of selecting from two attendance options: 3 set days or all 5 days per week. Attendance is not required at camp, but once a contract is set, there will be no refunds for days missed regardless of reason. It is important to note that Attendance Contracts must be set prior to the release of the travel schedule.

**Does this camp count as childcare expenses for tax purposes?**

Yes, the weekly fees for camp are considered childcare expenses. Registration fees and activity fees are not. Parents are responsible for requesting a statement for tax purposes from the TCS business office.

**Are the children in age appropriate groupings?**

Yes. Children will be split into like-age groups for their primary placement. There will be times when the entire camp will be together, but our goal is to make our campers' experience as developmentally appropriate as possible.

**Who are the Camp counselors?**

Our camp counselors are highly qualified, highly trained individuals. We place a strong emphasis on hiring those who have a degree in education, are working toward a degree in education, or have extensive childcare experience. Each counselor will have thorough training in our camp expectations. They must also have a demonstrated commitment to a Christian lifestyle. Each counselor will undergo an extensive background check, have training in first-aid and CPR, attend child abuse and neglect training, complete a physical, and receive periodic staff development throughout the summer.

**What can I expect my child to do during camp?**

If there's one thing you should expect, it's that your child will come home tired! Our goal is to be active, engaged, and excited! Our days will be packed with fun activities that meet a variety of learners' needs. We will do educational activities, but our goal is that no camper knows it's educational! We like to say, we sneak the learning in like its zucchini in a brownie!

**Is the Camp a state licensed camp?**

Absolutely! Our camp follows the strictest of guidelines for safety, security, and programming. Our license and the state guidelines are available at any time to anyone who would like to review them.

**Are meals provided?**

Yes and no... Our camp will offer a vendor lunch program that parents may elect to order from for a daily fee. Parents may also choose to pack a lunch from home. Snacks will be provided. On field trip days, a packed lunch will be provided for all campers.

**Will I receive more information?**

More than you may want! We will have a mandatory parent meeting in May. At that meeting we will review expectations, camp schedule, groups, travel plans, etc. You will also be provided a weekly newsletter and regular emails from our camp staff.