

# Trinity Summer Camp

## Frequently Asked Questions

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

Trinity Summer Camp will run from June 7 to August 6, 2021. This may extend an additional week if there is significant interest.

### **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: Animals, Space, Science, Sports, Water, Arts, Outdoors, etc.

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

With the uncertainty of what this summer holds (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), we are unsure if we will be able to take our campers on normally scheduled trips. Traveling will depend on guidance and regulations set by WVDHHR Childcare Licensing.

In a normal year, our campers travel to the swimming pool two days per week and take one theme-related field trip per week. Destinations have included: The Pittsburgh Zoo, Splash Zone, Wave Tech, Cooper's Rock, Carnegie Science Museum, WVU Planetarium, Pittsburgh Pirates Game, Morgantown History Museum, and bowling. We will make every attempt to take the children on field trips and to the pool. The 2021 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. If we cannot travel, this money is used to bring activities on site and to buy additional materials and equipment to compensate for the lack of travel.

**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.

**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 or camping 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?**

No. Parents may elect to participate in our vendor lunch program for an additional charge of \$20.00/week. We are currently negotiating our daily lunch option. However, on field trip days, a packed lunch will be provided for all campers.

### **What happens after I register?**

- 1). Spots are filled on a 1<sup>st</sup> come/1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. You will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return.
- 2). Once your child is admitted, you will receive an enrollment packet to complete and return to the office **within 7 days of acceptance. The nonrefundable activity fee of \$150.00 is due at the time of enrollment. Failure to return the packet on time will result in forfeiture of your space.**

### **Will I receive more information?**

More than you may want! We will have a **mandatory parent meeting** on Tuesday, May 18. 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. **The 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of payment is due at the May parent meeting.**

### **Do you offer a discount?**

We will only offer two discounts this year. Families who elect to schedule all 9 weeks of camp will receive one week FREE per child, and there is a 5% sibling discount when multiple children attend camp. Should you be eligible for both discounts you will receive the greater of the two discounts, but not both.

### **What is the behavior expectation of campers?**

In order to provide a positive, enjoyable, and memorable experience for all campers we expect your camper to act in a manner that is friendly, kind, well mannered, and abiding by all camp/counselor rules. We will use methods of redirecting to avoid any conflicts. However, aggressive behavior towards other campers will not be tolerated and could be grounds for dismissal. Should your child be expelled from camp there will be no refunds.