



Camp Coordinator:
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Pre-K through Kindergarten (ages 4-6)

Jr. SPARKers start to learn independence from parents as they develop individuality and friendships with fellow campers. Dexterity is practiced through arts and crafts to improve fine-motor skills and games are played to enhance hand-eye coordination. Camp includes swim lessons Monday-Friday!

Plus, enjoy flexibility with this camp and register for 2-, 3-, or 5-days per week - whatever suits your schedule! Kids in this camp should be at least 4 years old by the first day of the session, but not old enough to enter Second Grade in the Fall of 2014.

Location: Rehm Park/Pool (515 Garfield) **Rain Site:** Hatch School (1000 N. Ridgeland)

Time: 8:30am-12pm

M,W,F Information

Session I: Jun 9-Jun 27
Session II: *Jun 30-Jul 18 (No 7/4)
Session III: Jul 21-Aug 8

Fee R/NR

per/session: \$297/\$446
(*\$264/\$396)

T/Th Information

Session I: Jun 10-Jun 26
Session II: Jul 1-Jul 17
Session III: Jul 22-Aug 7

Fee R/NR

per/session: \$198/\$297

Sample Daily Schedule

8:30-8:35am Sign-in at the pool
(come wearing your swim suit)
8:35-8:45am Get lined up for lessons
8:45-9:20am Swim Lesson
9:20-9:45am Change and head to camp site
9:45-10:00am Snack (provided by camper)
10:00-10:15am Large Group Activity/Schedule
10:15-10:45am Rotation 1
10:45-11:15am Rotation 2
11:15-11:45am Rotation 3 & Clean-up
11:45-11:55am Large Group Activity/Reflection
11:55-12:00pm Sign-out

Please note adjustments may be made to the time and activities in the daily schedule depending on the theme, campers, and/or staff's needs.

Sign In/Out Procedures

- Parents are responsible for both signing their child in and out of camp at the designated pick up and drop off locations. Parents may designate other responsible parties to pick-up or drop-off their child, but this must be indicated on your Participant Emergency Form.
- Any adult, parent, or guardian picking up a child from camp must be prepared to show a picture ID to staff until they become familiar with those authorized to pick up campers. We realize that this is a slight inconvenience, but hope that you understand that it is for the safety of each child.

Preparing for the camp day

- Send your camper with a reusable water bottle daily to help them stay hydrated throughout their active week.
- Pack a healthy snack marked with your camper's name. Do not send mayonnaise or milk-based products as refrigeration is not available. *Due to potential allergies, please do not send peanut-based products (including peanut butter) or any other tree-nut based products.*
- Please apply sunscreen to your camper before leaving home. Pack additional sunscreen so that it may be reapplied by campers throughout the day. *Park District staff will not apply sunscreen, but will encourage and supervise the application by campers.*
- Dress campers in comfortable clothing that can get dirty. Make sure that they are wearing shoes that the camper can be active in; tennis shoes are strongly recommended.
- Check the weekly schedule sent home at the start of each camp session for any additional needed items such as swimwear (suit, towel & sunscreen). Weather permitting, Jr. Camp SPARK takes swim lessons at Rehm Pool on Monday through Friday.
- We've got plenty of fun packed into each day at camp. Please leave all toys, games, electronic equipment (including cell phones), and any other valuable items at home. They only serve as a distraction that can lead to behavior problems or disappointment if the item is lost, stolen, or damaged.

- In order for staff to properly prepare for the camp day, camper sign-in will begin at the scheduled start time. No children will be allowed into camp early.
- Camp ends at 3pm, but we allow flexible pickup until 3:30. After that, a late fee will be billed to you at the following rates for each occurrence that your child is picked up late:

1-15 minutes =	\$10
16-30 minutes =	\$20
31-45 minutes =	\$30
Over 46 minutes =	\$40

Inclusion with WSSRA

The Park District of Oak Park works cooperatively with the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) to integrate campers with disabilities into recreational programs. Inclusion aides may be present at camp to work one-on-one with a specific camper. These aides only intervene in necessary circumstances.

If you feel that your camper would benefit from additional assistance at camp, be sure to communicate the necessary information to the Park District or WSSRA's Inclusion Coordinator. There is a 2 week minimum notice required by WSSRA for proper staff training purposes.



Camper Emergency Forms

So that staff can be adequately prepared for the first day of camp, all campers must be registered and have a Participant Emergency Form on file by 5pm the Thursday prior to a new session. Staff are unable to accept registration on-site.

Please be aware that your child will not be allowed to attend the program unless he/she has a Participant Emergency Form filled out by a parent/guardian on file.

Emergency Forms are available to be filled out on-line at:
<http://surveys.pdop.org/s3/Participant-Info-2014>

If your camper will miss a day of camp

Parents should call and notify the Site Supervisor of the child's absence daily. If we do not hear from you [via phone or written note] and the Supervisor reports your camper absent, staff will make every attempt to contact you by phone. Please help the staff avoid unnecessary phone calls by reporting your camper's absence or late arrival.

If your camper isn't feeling well

For the benefit of everyone attending our camps, we require that any campers suspected of having (or have been diagnosed as having) a contagious illness stay home from camp. If a camper begins exhibiting symptoms such as those listed below while at camp, parents will be contacted to pick their child up.

- Fever of 100.5 or higher
- Persistent, deep, or hard cough
- Runny nose with green or yellow discharge
- Vomiting or Diarrhea (camper must be symptom-free 24 hours before returning to camp)
- Contagious infectious or infestations such as pinkeye, lice, ringworm, unexplained rashes, scabies or impetigo



Camper Responsibilities

We want camp to be a great experience for everyone involved. In order for this to happen, everyone needs to play a role in creating a positive and safe environment. Campers have a responsibility to help with this as well by:

- Showing respect to all campers, staff, equipment, and facilities
- Only using appropriate, kind, and positive language with others
- Using caution when playing games & sports so as to avoid causing bodily harm to participants or staff

Consequences for not following these or any other rules developed for specific camps will be shared with the campers each session. Staff will address each

incident with the camper (and parent if the situation requires) in a positive and fair manner meant to help teach campers how to make better choices. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant whose behavior endangers the well-being of themselves or the camp and no refunds are issued in these circumstances.



The Park District of Oak Park is proud to be one of only a handful of park districts in the nation to be accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA). This nationally recognized program, developed exclusively for the camp industry, focuses on program quality, health, and safety issues. It also requires us to review every facet of our day camp operations on an annual basis.

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