

Day Camp FAQ'S

1. What age does my child have to be to attend summer camp?
To attend camp your child must be the minimum age (5 years old for Willow walk, 6 for Camp Chaney and Adventure Camp 6 to 9-year old's and 10 for Adventure camp 10-13-year old's) at the start of each session.
2. Do you offer inclusion support for children with disabilities? If so, how do I go about securing inclusion support for my child?
We do offer inclusion support through Northern Will County SRA. If you are needing inclusion support for your child, you will need to fill out the ADA forms that are attached to your receipt for camp or you can obtain the forms by contacting Sarah Hamilton at shamilton@lockportpark.org. Once Sarah receives the forms, she will contact NWCSRA to start the inclusion process.
3. My child has a severe allergy/ has to take medication during camp hours, are there any special forms I need to fill out?
Yes, if your child has an epi-pen, inhaler or needs to take medication during camp hours, you will need to complete the Dispense of Medication forms which are attached to your receipt for camp or can be obtained by contacting Sarah Hamilton at shamilton@lockportpark.org.
4. What time does camp start and end?
Early Riser Adventure: 6:45am-8:30am Extended Adventure: 3:00pm-6:00pm
Adventure camps and Chaney Camp: 8:30am- 3:00pm
Willow Walk Camp: 10am-3:00pm (on Fieldtrip days camp may start earlier)
5. Where do I drop off/ Pickup my child from camp?
Early Riser Adventure and Extended Adventure: DPCC
Adventure 10-13: Volz Fieldhouse (in Dellwood Park)
Adventure 6-9: Hawkeye Pavilion next to DPCC
Chaney Camp: Chaney Pool
Willow Walk Camp: Willow Walk Park Pavilion
6. What do I do if I need to drop off my child late or pick them up early from camp?
You can either message the camp coordinator through class dojo or call the camp phone to let them know. Upon arrival please call the camp to let the coordinator know you are there. Please know that on fieldtrip days campers need to be at camp at the normal camp time as we will not wait for any late arrivals.
7. What does my child need to bring / wear to camp each day?
Children need to bring a 32 oz. refillable water bottle, sprayable sunscreen, bug spray, a lunch in an insulated cooler/lunch bag and a backpack. Optional things to bring: hat,

sunglasses. We suggest that children wear play clothes that they can get dirty, gym shoes, water shoes such as Keens or Tevas, shoes with a heel strap.

8. Are children allowed to have cell-phones or electronic devices at camp?

Camp is a no phone zone, which means campers phones need to remain in their backpacks during the camp day. The focus is on immersive and outdoor experiences. Parents are encouraged to call the camp site phone, rather than contacting their child directly. If phone or electronics are seen out the camper will be asked the first time to put it in their back pack and if the phone is out a second time it will be kept in the phone box till the end of the camp day.

9. Do the campers go swimming? If so what do they need to bring.

Yes, both Adventure camps and Chaney Camp go swimming. Adventure campers will swim once a week on their age groups designated day. Camp Chaney will swim every day. On swim days children should wear their swimsuits to camp and bring a towel and sandals or crocs.

10. How deep is the water at the pools and do the children get swim tested?

When you fill out the emergency form for camp it will have a question regarding if your child can't swim, needs to stay in shallow water, or can go in the deep end. You will indicate one of these options for your child. Challenge Fitness pool is 3ft up to 5ft. Chaney Pool has a water slide, a zero to 10 ft deep pool and diving board. If you mark that your child can swim in the deep end they will be swim tested. Coast guard approve life jackets can be work, but children wearing life jackets must stay in the shallow end.

11. Do the children go on fieldtrips during camp?

Willow Walk camps and Chaney Mini Camp will go on one field trip per session. Chaney regular camp and Adventure Camps will go on one field trip per week per session. Fieldtrips can range from in house trips (reptile show, Crayola Imagine Arts) to Slammer's game, Morton Arboretum, Roller Skating, etc.

12. How many children are in a group? Can my child be with their friends?

Our ratio for camp is 1 counselor: 10 children. While we will try our best to group kids, we cannot guarantee all kids will be placed in the same group as their friends. There are times through out the camp day where the children are with other groups so they will have a chance to see their friends.

13. What types of activities are done at camp? Is there a schedule?

Each week is a different theme such as outer space, under the sea, Great American Road trip. All activities for the week are based around that week's theme. Activities can range from hiking, playing at the park, group games, arts and crafts, etc. A weekly schedule of activities will be posted by Thursday of the week before to each camps Class Dojo page.

14. What is Class Dojo and how do I get linked to the camp page?

Class Dojo is an app that we use to communicate with parents, post schedules and important information. You will be asked at registration for either an email or phone number to be used to connect you to the class dojo page. Before camp starts you will get added/ invited to join the page. If for some reason you have trouble and are not connected please contact Sarah Hamilton at shamilton@lockportpark.org so that she can add you.

15. How do we communicate with the camp staff?

There are a few ways to communicate with the camp staff.

1. Send messages through Class Dojo the Camp Coordinator will check the phone periodically through out the day.
2. Call/ Text the camp phone: the number will be listed on the bottom of the weekly schedule.

** Please note: The camp staff is not always by the phone as they are engaged in camp activities. They may take a little longer to answer back. Please be patient. **

16. What happens when it rains/storms or there is extreme heat?

Adventure Camp: Has access to indoor areas all of which have air condition.

Chaney Camp: Has the Multipurposed room that is air conditioned.

Willow Walk Camp: will get moved to DPCC if there is bad weather or excessive heat. *
A message will be sent out on Class Dojo if Willow Walk Camp gets moved. *

17. What do we need to do if someone other than myself is picking up my child/ren from camp?

You need to notify the camp coordinator and your child's counselor. Please make sure the person picking up is on the pick-up list and has their I.D. on them so that the counselors check it with the pick-up list.

18. Is there any important paper work I need to fill out before my child starts camp?

Yes, it is important that you fill out the Day Camp emergency form. We need this form on file before your child can start camp. This is the link to the emergency form:
<https://us.services.docusign.net/webforms-ux/v1.0/forms/cb6aa51a9aa16df3561f659966f82fb8>