

2021 Xavier Catholic Schools Summer Care Program FAQ's

1. **Where is Xavier Catholic Schools Summer Care located?**

Summer Care is in the lower level of the Marquette St. Campus; Monday - Friday 7am – 6 pm. Summer Care begins the Wednesday, June 9, 2021 and is offered to Friday, August 13, 2021. We are closed July 2nd-5th.

2. **What does Summer Care cost?**

Summer Care rates are \$42 full day, \$37 each additional child; or \$21 half day, \$19 each additional child. There is no registration fee and fieldtrips are additional. There is no summer long commitment. Pay per service. A weekly rate to for Camp Invention attendance is available.

3. **What if I need to make changes to my Care schedule?**

Families Care schedules must be submitted by Thursday the week before care is needed. You can add days during the current week; however, cancellations will be charged accordingly including field trip fees.

4. **What about meals?**

Summer Care will not be providing snacks. Each family is responsible to send their children with a healthy lunch and two snacks for the day. A water bottle, labeled with child's name, is also required. Hopefully we will bring back the end of Summer Care picnic.

5. **How do the rates for Summer Care compare to other local agencies?**

Our daily rate is competitive with many of the Summer Camp Programs our area offers; in fact our rates are below or equal to several agencies regular daily rates. Summer Care allows for flexible weekly scheduling and payment. This means you choose the day(s) you need in a week and if that need is different the next week you can schedule what your busy schedule demands. We offer a full day rate and a half day rate with additional child discount.

6. **What if my schedule changes each week?**

Our flexible scheduling allows for families to choose the days of care needed each week. We do not require a full summer commitment nor penalize for advanced schedule changes. We do require families to schedule, or make changes, by Thursday prior to care needed. We also allow for days to be added once the week has begun.

Any changes made during the week of care will be charged; including any field trip fees. Please see this policy in the Parent Handbook.

7. **What ages do you enroll? Who cares for my child?**

We offer Summer Care to current and newly registered families of Xavier Catholic Schools PreK3 to students entering 6th grade. Our Summer Care is staffed by XCS employees; their commitment to Xavier Catholic Schools, to the Summer Care Program, and to your children is second to none.

8. How many children can Summer Care take?

Our Summer Care Program does follow guidelines for child to staff ratios to ensure the safety of all involved. Our program offers four age groups: *The Caterpillars* (PK3 and 4K) 20 children maximum; *The Butterflies* (Kindergarten) 24 children maximum; *The Fireflies* (first & second graders) 34 children maximum; and *The Trailblazers* (third through 6th graders) 36 children maximum. The state rule for child to staff ratio for fieldtrips and walks to the park and swimming are also enforced. Adjustments to groups are made depending on enrollment.

9. My child is entering 6th grade at Xavier Middle School, can she/he come to Summer Care? And what is done to keep the older students excited about going to “day care”?

Yes, students entering 6th grade at Xavier Middle School can join our Summer Care Program. Grouping our classrooms by grade level allows each teacher to plan activities that are age appropriate and geared toward the attention, interests, and abilities of the children. All staff help to develop weekly themes and fieldtrips; yet, each classroom plans and preps their own ideas to match the theme. At the *Trailblazer* level, the children also have input and get to experience more “big kid” activities. This design allows the older children to feel they are participating in a “camp” versus being sent to “day care”.

10. You mentioned fieldtrips, what else is offered during the day?

This truly varies depending on the age group a child is joining. As mentioned, we work from a weekly theme and fieldtrip; however, the teachers plan projects, experiments, neighborhood walks, swimming excursions, outside play, gym activities, cooking, and other fun and exciting enrichments based on the abilities and interests of each child in their classroom. We offer a rest/quiet time to re-energize for afternoon events.

11. Seems like great ideas, but are there other “specials”?

Each year we search for ideas to keep the experience new and fresh. In the past we have had puppet shows; different props for exploration and imagination fun; an outdoor bike safety education event; and introduce the children to group games, board games, and activities that were once the rage before technology ruled our play time. We are interested and welcoming of families & friends who may have a talent to share with our group.

12. This sounds wonderful, how do I sign up?

Once you are ready to register for XCS Summer Care, visit www.xaviercatholicschools.org/student-life/care-programs to get the registration packet.

13. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Please contact Theresa Gouin, Care Program Coordinator, at tgouin@xaviercatholicschools.org or (920) 427-0787.