

FAQs

General Registration

How do I register my student for The Summer Program?

The ACS Summer Program is using a secure online registration program through CampBrain. Our site is averycoonley.campbrainregistration.com

Does my child qualify for the Summer Program?

ACS Summer Program has a policy of open enrollment. There are no testing or qualifications for the Summer Program other than a desire to have fun and learn at the same time.

Where do the students come from?

Students at the ACS Summer program come from all over Chicagoland. We also have students attending from other states and overseas.

What grade do I register my student for?

Please register your student for the grade they will be entering in the fall.

Do we have to participate in all 6 weeks?

We have three 2-week sessions. Some students will come all 6 weeks while others will come for one 2-week session.

Is the program Monday – Friday?

Yes. Please note, sessions one and two are each 9 days due to holidays on June 19 and July 4. Session three is 10 days.

Do we have to wear a Summer Program T-shirt?

T-shirts are available for \$22. They are not required though students enjoy collecting them year after year. These should be ordered online by May 28.

What is the \$100 nonrefundable registration fee?

ACS charges a \$100 nonrefundable payment that goes towards each students' tuition. Refunds for additional payments minus the \$100.00 are available when canceling if done prior to posted deadlines.

Do I have to pay in full?

Yes, the online registration requires payment in full. If you require a payment plan, please contact the office. 630-969-0800 and press 2.

Are there any discounts?

We do not offer a sibling discount. The discount code on the registration is for those individuals that received discounted camps from various non-profit auctions to which we have contributed.

Do you have before and after school programming?

Yes, we do offer early morning and extended day care for additional fees. Early morning care runs 7-8:30am. Extended day care runs from 3-6pm.

Staffing

Are the Summer Program teachers ACS school year teachers?

We have a very dedicated staff of teachers for the Summer Program. The teachers come from various local schools as well as ACS. Several of our teachers have returned to The ACS Summer Program for many years.

Where do your counselors come from?

Our counselors are all high school graduates or greater. The only advertising we do for staff is with local colleges and universities through their education programs. Most of the counselors are former campers and are known within The ACS community.

Does ACS do assessments, evaluations, or grades?

Summer Program is an ENRICHMENT program. Students engage in fun, hands on, out of the box activities while learning. There are no grades, evaluations or assessments made for a 2-week course. Teachers are reachable through their ACS email account during the summer only.

Pool

How deep is the pool?

The pool at the deepest end is 7 feet deep and it's length is 50 feet.

Do you have certified lifeguards?

Yes, our lifeguards are certified by the Red Cross every year.

Is there a place to shower after swimming?

There is a cold-water hose at the pool for rinsing off if a student asks for it.

Can my child use float devices in the pool?

The ACS pool restricts the use of any floatation devices in the pool. The floatations give a false sense of safety. Students are tested by our instructor before being allowed to enter the deep end of the pool.

Do the students swim every day?

Swimming lessons take place daily in the morning. Recreational swimming takes place in the afternoon for each group a couple of times a week. The pool is outside, heated, and open if the air temperature is 68 degrees or above. It will also close for severe weather. We have a lightning detector on campus alerting us of any impending weather.

What if my child does not want to swim?

We never make a student swim if they feel uncomfortable. They must, however, for safety reasons, stay with their group and go out to the pool with the group. We have a table with an umbrella as well as a picnic table at the pool where students can sit. They can bring a book out to the pool with them.

What does my child need to bring?

Each student enrolled in swimming should bring a suit, a towel, a pair of goggles, and wear sunscreen. Students must wear shoes to the pool; usually, a pair of sandals makes it easier for the student to change into shoes at the pool. Please include the necessary undergarments and clothes to change into for the rest of the day. Please LABEL towels, suits, goggles, etc.

Lunch/Snack/Water

Do you have to order lunch?

Every student enrolled in the Enrichment and Recreation program must have a lunch. A peanut-free sack lunch requiring no refrigeration or microwaving can be brought from home. A catered lunch can be ordered during registration. Our catering company is The Country House Kitchen.

Are you peanut free?

We are a peanut-free and nut-aware school. Please do not send your child with a peanut or nut containing snack or lunch.

Do you have to order the same type of lunch every session?

When ordering the lunch, it is for the entirety of the 2-week program. We offer a standard lunch or a vegetarian option. We do not have other allergy menu options.

Where do they eat lunch?

Students grades K-5 will eat on their milk crates in The Cloister. Grades 6-8 will eat in The Commons.

Will water bottles and a snack be provided?

There will be no water bottles or snacks available for the campers. Please be sure to send a LABELED water bottle with your camper. There are water bottle fillers located throughout the ACS campus. Peanut/nut-free snacks may also be sent with your camper.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Drop-off and pick-up will be done at the white awning at the south end of the main building. Follow the road north down the hill, making the curve at the Bell Tower to head back south towards the white awning.

Please note that there is no left turn into the property between 8-9am and 3-5pm. Those traveling on 55th St. should plan to take Carpenter to Maple and turn left so that you can enter the campus with a right turn off of Maple.

Lost and Found

Please put your child's name on any item that could be misplaced. Names on items will help the counselors get the items back to their owners quickly. There will be a Lost and Found table outside the Summer Program office.