Spring Break Day Camp Guidelines

We are so excited for Spring Break at Blake! Please review the following information and policies prior to the beginning of your camp session.

Camp Hours
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (see Extended Day section below for wraparound care options)

Arrival and Dismissal Locations
Arrival and dismissal for Bears Adventure & Leaders in Training (LIT) campers will take place at the main entrance via the carpool lane. Due to continued construction on and around the Blake campus, please proceed with caution and allow extra time on your first day.

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures
Drop off and pick up will take place at the Blake campus main entrance. If someone other than a parent/guardian plans to pick up your child on a regular basis, inform your child’s counselor or the camp director. If someone other than a parent will be picking your child up on an irregular basis (such as going home with a friend), alternate pick-up details must be provided in writing and given to your child’s counselor on the same date that the change will occur.

Extended Day & Other Blake Camps
Extended Day is offered from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. before camps and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon. After 5:35 p.m., late pick-ups will be assessed a $1 per minute late fee. Camp staff will escort campers to all Summer at Blake-related activities, including Extended Day. *Please be aware that children should not be dually enrolled in our day camp and half-day enrichment camps during the same weeks. Children should be enrolled in one week of day camp or a combination of morning and afternoon enrichment camps. The Lunch Bridge program is available upon registration for morning enrichment camps and is required for all unaccompanied children who remain on campus between half-day programs.
Medical Guidelines
Any allergies, dietary needs, health concerns and medication needed while at camp should be indicated in the camper’s online account information. If medical needs have changed since registration, please contact the director of Summer Programs prior to the start of camp.

Blake guidelines are followed in case of illness or discomfort. A camper who becomes ill while at camp will be made comfortable and assessed for symptoms. A parent or emergency contact will be asked to pick up children with symptoms that indicate contagiousness or prevent the camper from participating in activities. Children who have had a fever of 100 degrees or higher or who have experienced vomiting or diarrhea should remain out of camp until they have been symptom free for 24 hours. Parents will be asked to pick up children with lice. Children are to be free of nits and lice before returning to camp.

Mask Requirements
Consistent with Blake campus policy, Summer at Blake will not require indoor or outdoor masking for students in grades K through 12, employees and guests. Campers and staff are welcome to wear a mask, though it is not required. Camp employees will not be responsible for monitoring or reinforcing parent decisions about their child’s mask wearing while at camp.

COVID-19 Reporting
We ask that parents and guardians notify Summer Programs immediately on the same day of a positive COVID test. Children who test positive for Covid need to isolate at home. Day 0 is the date that a child develops symptoms or, if asymptomatic, the day they test positive. Children may return to camp on Day 6, provided that their symptoms have improved and they no longer have a fever. Blake no longer makes close contact notifications.

Camper Code of Conduct
Summer at Blake welcomes all families and children and provides a safe and respectful camping environment that honors Blake’s core values of respect, love of learning, integrity and courage. Summer at Blake encourages high standards of behavior rooted in an environment of welcome, safety and respect. Campers must be with their counselors at all times. Summer at Blake reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny any camper the opportunity to participate in camp if the child’s social conduct or behavior is deemed unsatisfactory by the camp administration.

Absences
If your child will be absent or you need to get in touch with your child during the camp day, please contact the Summer at Blake director at 952-988-3463 or summer@blakeschool.org.
Field Trips
Field trips may be half or full day depending on the excursion. Buses can depart as early as 8:45 a.m. and will return by 3 p.m. All field trip details will be shared in pre-camp communications.

Personal Property
Camper property, such as helmets, water bottles and changes of clothing, should be labeled with the child’s first and last name. The lost and found is located in the Entry Hall until camp concludes. Summer at Blake is not responsible for lost or missing items.

Electronics Policy
Cell phones, music devices, electronic games and other technology-based items are not used during the camp day and should be left at home. Summer at Blake is not responsible for any missing items.

Spare Clothing
All campers should bring a complete set of clothing (socks, underwear, shorts, shirt and sweatshirt/light jacket) in a plastic bag on the first day of camp that is labeled with the child’s first and last name. These items will be left at camp for the duration of the program and brought home on the last day of camp.

Weather Plans
Unsafe temperatures or weather conditions will result in outside activities being shortened or brought inside. Children should arrive wearing clothing appropriate for the day’s weather, including rain and snow gear.

Lunch and Snacks
All campers will need to bring a nut-free/safe bag lunch with their name marked clearly. Bears Adventure & LIT campers should also pack an afternoon snack and water bottle each day. Summer at Blake provides a mid-morning snack for all day campers. Special treats are provided in moderation. All snacks and cooking activities are nut-free/safe.

Birthdays
We love celebrating your child’s special day with great joy and song. If you would like to make any arrangements, please contact the camp director.

Ice Skating
Ice skating is an optional activity at Summer at Blake on the Hopkins campus. Bears Adventure and LIT campers are scheduled to visit the ice rink for skating daily during Spring Break at Blake. Campers will need ice skates, a helmet of proper fit and condition (helmet with facemask is
recommended but not required), long pants, long sleeves, socks and gloves/mittens in order to participate in this activity. All ice skating dates are subject to change. Summer at Blake is not responsible for any missing items. Children do not need prior ice skating experience to participate in this activity. Skating equipment will be provided if requested in advance.

Spring Break at Blake Checklist

Children should bring the following items on the first day that are labeled with the camper’s first and last name. These items may be left at camp for the duration of the program:

1. Water bottle (should be taken home for cleaning as needed and on Fridays)
2. Plastic bag with a change of clothing—socks, underwear, shorts, T-shirt, sweatshirt/light jacket
3. Any medication indicated on the online registration must be given to the camp director on the first day of camp, unless it is prearranged with the director that the child keep the medication throughout the day (this includes inhalers and EpiPens)
4. Ice skating gear and clothing for cold weather. Please see ice skating above.

Every day, campers should:

☐ Wear and have clothing appropriate for active play and the day’s weather and activities:
  o Boots and indoor shoes
  o Winter coat
  o Gloves or mittens
  o Hat
  o Snow pants
  o Socks
☐ Bring ice skates and helmet
☐ Bring a filled water bottle

Questions or Concerns
Summer at Blake strives to provide a wonderful camping experience for all children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 952-988-3463 or summer@blakeschool.org.

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