



SUMMER

PROGRAMS 2023

RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp Handbook

Contents

- 1
- General Information..... 3
- 2023 Camp Sessions 4
- Camp Information..... 5
- Camp Leadership Contact Information 5
- Camp Details..... 6
- Camper Responsibilities 7
- Camper Expectations 7
- Discipline Procedures..... 7
- Bullying Policy..... 7

General Information

About RPS 205

Rockford Public Schools is one of the largest school districts in Illinois, educating approximately 28,000 students through early childhood and preschool programs all the way through high school and adult education programs.

There are 41 schools in the district. With approximately 4,071 employees, the school district is also the second largest employer in the region.

RPS 205 Vision

Be the first choice for ALL families.

RPS 205 Values

Character, Communication, Continuous Improvement, Collaboration.

RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp Goals

Our Summer Sports Camps are designed to provide RPS 205 students entering grades 4-8 with a foundation of fundamental skills, knowledge, and a love of athletics. We are excited to offer a wide variety of athletic opportunities. Through RPS staff and coaches, we want to help your child develop a passion for athletics!

2023 Camp Sessions

	Camp Type	Dates	Location	Sports offered	Registration Window	Cost
Week 1	Learn to Play! Camp	T-F June 20-23	UW Health Sports Factory	Learn two different sports each day!	May 29-June 5	Free
Week 2	Specialized Camp	M-Th June 26-29	Auburn High School	Choose between Basketball, Softball, Track & Field/Cross Country	June 5-12	\$20
Week 3	Specialized Camp	M-Th July 10-13	East High School	Choose between Wrestling, Football, Volleyball	June 19-26	\$20
Week 4	Specialized Camp	M-Th July 17-20	Guilford High School*	Choose between Bowling, Baseball, and Golf.	June 26-July 3	\$20
Week 5	Specialized Camp	M-Th July 24-27	Jefferson High School	Choose between Soccer, Cheerleading, and Swimming.	July 3-10	\$20

*Campers will meet at GHS, then go to Don Carter Lanes or Aldeen Golf Club for their sports.

Important Camp Times

Camp Hours: 1:30-4 pm

Camper Drop-off: 1:15-1:30 pm

Camper Pick up: 4 pm

Photo ID required for any parents, family members, and any other authorized adult to pick up a child from camp. Those names must match what was submitted during registration.

Camp Information

Camp Leadership Contact Information

Camp Coordinator

Mike Ayers, michael.ayers@rps205.com

Camp Assistants

Isaiah Box
Reginald Baldwin

District Athletic Office

Dawn Williamson, Director of Athletics, Activities, and Program Development: 815-668-2964, dawn.williamson@rps205.com.

Abby Oleson, Athletic Specialist: 815-966-8960, abigail.oleson@rps205.com.

Camp Details

Registration

You can find registration information for all RPS 205 summer events at rps205.com/summer-programs.

Transportation

Available for those students who live farther than 0.5 miles from the program site.

Meals

Lunch will be provided through RPS 205 Nutrition Services at each site.

Camp Details

Preparing for summer conditions

Please check the weather daily and have your camper dress accordingly. Additionally, please be aware that some of our buildings do not have air conditioning. Please provide your camper with a refillable water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray to be best equipped for the conditions. Our camp staff will not provide sunscreen or insect repellent to campers.

First Aid & Emergencies

Each location will have a nurse available to campers to treat routine cuts, scrapes, and bumps. If the injury is more serious, we will take immediate steps to secure medical treatment while making every effort to contact you and/or your emergency contacts.

Illness/Sick Camper Policy

For the well-being of all campers and staff, please do not send your child to camp if they are displaying any symptoms of illness. Parents will be contacted and asked to have their camper pickup up if any of these symptoms are present:

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Diarrhea
- Consistent Cough
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Vomiting
- Untreated, infected skin patches
- Pink or runny eyes
- Severe stomach or head pain

RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp reserves the right to exclude any child from programming who exhibits signs of illness, including but not limited to those above.

RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp Late Pick Up Policy

All campers must be picked up by the close of the camp day, 4 pm. Any parent arriving after closing time will be charged a late fee of \$5.00 per camper for every 5 minute increment or fraction thereof. Late fees will be added to your account and are due immediately. Repeated late pickups could result in removal of the camper from RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp.

Camper Responsibilities

Camper Expectations

- Listen to and follow instructions from camp coaches.
- Be kind and respectful to fellow campers and to coaches.
- Have a growth mindset and be prepared to try new things.
- Dress: Wear activity appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Try your best and have fun!

All campers are entitled to a pleasant and safe environment while participating in the RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp. We know that everyone is not always going to get along or agree, however, we expect that these disagreements will be handled in a non-violent and non-threatening manner. We want everyone at camp to feel that they are in a safe environment where they can learn and have fun. Campers can feel free to self-report to a camp coach or camp coordinator right away. On the first day of each session, all camp expectations will be covered and explained by our Camp Coordinator.

Please review these expectations with your child.

Discipline Procedures

- For coaches
 - Communicate with campers in a calm, quiet manner using positive statements.
 - Encourage campers to use their own words and solutions to resolve interpersonal conflicts with other campers.
- For campers: If the student is unable to meet established behavior expectations, RPS 205 staff will follow these disciplinary procedures.
 - Conversation between staff and camper to discuss behavior and reset expectations.
 - The next step is a timeout and short removal from the group.
 - The next step is the Camp Coordinator will communicate with the camper's parent/guardian that they are acting outside of our norms and work to set up a behavior plan.
 - The final step would be removal of the camper from that camp session.

Bullying Policy

Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional, is repeated over time, and involves an imbalance of power and strength. Bullying can take on various forms including physical, verbal, nonverbal, and cyberbullying. RPS 205 Summer Sports Camp will not tolerate any behavior that is classified under the definition of bullying and some actions will warrant immediate suspension or removal.



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
RPS205.COM/SUMMER-PROGRAMS