

Gator Island Summer Camp

Fort Dorchester Elementary

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General Camp Information

Welcome to our summer camp, where adventure and fun are just around the corner! Our camp operates Monday through Friday, from 7 AM to 6 PM, ensuring a full day of engaging activities for all campers. We provide breakfast and lunch daily to keep everyone energized and ready for play. Our program is packed with exciting activities, from outdoor sports to creative arts and team-building games designed to foster new friendships and unforgettable memories. Join us for a summer of discovery and joy!

Important Policies

- **Hours:** Monday - Friday, 7 am to 6 pm.
We are unable to accept any students before 7 am and late pick-up fees will be charged after 6 pm.

- **Change of Information:** Camp admin will not be able to change any information on your registration form. This must be done by a parent via ProCare. This includes swim levels and pick-up authorization.
- **Field Trip Attendance:** All students must go on the scheduled trip if they are in attendance. No drop-offs or pick-ups will be allowed at our field trip destination per board policy (AR DOA-R).
- **Pick-up and Drop Off:** When you arrive at Fort Dorchester you will park in the car rider line or the parking lot. You must come inside to sign them in and out daily. Please always be prepared to show ID upon request. Students may be picked up at any time on Mondays and Fridays. On field trip days (Tuesday-Thursday) students must be dropped off 1 hour prior to the departure time. Pick-up will begin after the bus has returned & students have transitioned into the building from field trips.
- **Meals:** Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the school cafeteria. Your student must be in attendance before 8 am to eat breakfast at camp. Hot Lunch will be provided on Mondays and Fridays. Bag lunches will be provided when we are away from camp on field trips.
- **Swim Levels:** Staff will follow the swim level you choose for your child, NO exceptions. If you decide to change the swim level, you must speak with a Site Coordinator. Verbal changes will not be permitted.
- **Water Days:** Students must come prepared to participate in scheduled water activities. Please have your student wear their water attire under their normal clothing so that we can save time on everyone changing into their swimwear at camp. Your student cannot participate without swimwear or a change of clothes.
- **Sunscreen:** Parents must provide their student with sunscreen. Due to early morning recess and activities, all students need to have sunscreen applied prior to arriving at camp.
- **Money:** Students are permitted to bring money on field trips for gift shops and concessions. However, staff are not responsible for managing those funds. Please be sure to only send your child with the amount that you are allowing them to spend. Please send in your child's money in a baggie/envelope with their name written on it.
- **Electronics:** Cell Phones and Smart Watches are not permitted at camp. Students may bring iPads and handheld games if the content on the devices is rated "E for Everyone". Electronics will only be played during our scheduled electronics time each day. Students who violate any of these rules will lose their electronic privileges

during camp. If students choose to bring an electronic device, it will be at their own risk. We are not responsible for these items. Please note – Wi-Fi is not provided. Items cannot be charged at camp. Electronics are not permitted on the school bus.

- **Changes to Reservation:** As noted on the pre-registration form, the last day to make any changes to your weeks was by date. Any weeks chosen will be automatically billed to your account.
- **Payments:** Payments are due via ProCare BEFORE Monday mornings. Your student cannot be dropped off at camp if the weekly rate has not been paid in full.

Weekly Schedules

Week 1: Carnival (June 9-13)

Monday, June 9 – Carnival Kickoff!

Start the week with carnival-themed crafts, face painting, and classic camp games!

Tuesday, June 10 – Classic Camp Fun + STEM Adventure!

Dive into robotics, 3D printing, and more during a high-energy, hands-on STEM adventure with SCATC.

No bus rides today, all the fun happens right here at camp!

Wednesday, June 11 – Bee City Field Trip

Meet goats, monkeys, and more at this wild and wonderful animal adventure!

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 4:00 PM

Bring: Sunscreen, tennis shoes, water bottle

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

Thursday, June 12 – Splash Zone Water Park

Slip, slide, and splash all day long—this week's coolest field trip!

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 4:00 PM

Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

Friday, June 13 – Carnival Day!

Celebrate the week with crafts, games, prizes, and sweet treats—all the carnival fun without leaving camp!

Note: Hot lunch will be provided on all in-house days (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday).

Week 2: Creative Minds (June 16-20)

Monday, June 16 – Maker's Mash-Up

We're kicking off the week with imagination and hands-on fun! Campers will dive into creative stations to bring their ideas to life.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided!

Tuesday, June 17 – Teddy Bear Mobile Experience

Starting at 9:00 AM, campers will enjoy the magic of building their own stuffed animal with Teddy Bear Mobile – a hands-on activity they'll treasure!

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Wednesday, June 18 – Bowling Fun at Royal Lanes

Campers will head to Royal Lanes Family Entertainment Center for bowling fun.

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 1:00 PM

Students MUST wear socks and tennis shoes

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

Thursday, June 19 – Water Fun at Central Creek Park

Let your imagination run wild at Goose Creek's Central Creek Park

Bus departs: 9:00 AM | **Returns:** 2:00 PM

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

Friday, June 20 – Imagination Celebration

We're wrapping up Creative Mind Week with a day full of fun and flair! Campers will enjoy open-ended art projects, storytelling games, and silly challenges that let their creativity shine.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Note: Hot lunch will be provided on all in-house days (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday).

Week 3: Camp Adventures (June 23-27)

Monday, June 23 – Quest Kickoff

Campers will launch their Quest for Fun with hands-on projects, creative challenges, and imagination games to spark their inner adventurers!

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Tuesday, June 24 – Splash Zone Water Park Adventure

Campers will cool off with a full day of slides, pools, and splash fun at Splash Zone

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 4:00 PM

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

Wednesday, June 25 – CiCi's Pizza Party

Campers will enjoy an all-you-can-eat pizza buffet at CiCi's Pizza - a fun and delicious lunchtime outing!

Bus departs: 9:00 AM | **Returns:** 2:00 PM

Lunch: Provided at CiCi's Pizza

Thursday, June 26 – Museum of Wonders

The museum is coming to us! Campers will explore fascinating exhibits and hands-on activities without even leaving camp.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Friday, June 27 – Quest Finale Celebration

We'll end our Quest for Fun with creative stations, silly challenges, and a celebration of all the adventures we've had!

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Note: Hot lunch will be provided on all in-house days (Monday, Thursday, and Friday).

Week 4: Splash & Explore (July 7-11)

Monday, July 7 – Adventure Kickoff

Campers will dive into a week of water games and outdoor adventures.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Tuesday, July 8 – Splash Zone Water Park Adventure

Campers will enjoy a full day of slides, pools, and splash fun.

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 4:00 PM

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Wednesday, July 9 – Fire Truck Water Day

The local fire department will visit camp for an epic water day!

In-House Special Event

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Thursday, July 10 – South Carolina Aquarium at Wannamaker Park

Campers will meet reptiles and amphibians with educators from the South Carolina Aquarium, then splash and play at Wannamaker's splash pad!

Bus departs: 8:30 AM | **Returns:** 3:30 PM

Lunch: Bag lunch provided

What to Bring: Bathing suit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle

Friday, July 11 – Splash & Explore Celebration

We'll wrap up the week with games and outdoor play.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Note: Hot lunch will be provided on all in-house days (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).

Week 5: Summer's Final Quest (July 14-18)

Monday, July 14 – Camp Spirit Day

Kick off the Final Summer Quest with team games, relays, and creative spirit projects!

Campers will create banners, team colors, and prepare for a fun-filled week.

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Tuesday, July 15 – PepperJack Pottery Onsite Canvas Painting

PepperJack Pottery will visit camp for a special canvas art session! Each camper will create a personalized masterpiece to take home.

Event begins at 9:00 AM

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Wednesday, July 16 – Movie Day: Lilo & Stitch

Campers will head to Northwoods Cinema for a private showing of Lilo & Stitch! Snack packs including popcorn and juice will be provided.

Depart at 9:00 AM, Return by 3:00 PM

Lunch: Bag lunch required

Thursday, July 17 – Splash Zone Waterpark

Cool off at Splash Zone with water slides, splash pads, and lazy river adventures!

Depart at 8:30 AM, Return by 3:30 PM

Lunch: Bag lunch required

Friday, July 18 – Ice Cream Party

Celebrate the end of summer with a fun ice cream party and music!

Lunch: Hot lunch provided

Note: Hot lunch will be provided on all in-house days (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday).