



Summerside Camps Frequently Asked Questions

What are the camp hours?

Camp hours are 8:30 am - 3:00 pm with options to register for before and after care.

What are the hours and rates for before and after care?

Before care is 7:30 am-8:30 am, and is \$30/day, \$110/week

After care is 3:30 pm-6:00 pm and is \$50/day, \$235/week

I signed up for 7+ weeks of camp but didn't receive the AM/PM discount. What should I do?

That is okay and expected; the discount does not automatically apply during registration! Please email us at summersidecamps@sch.org if you registered for 7+ weeks and you need AM/PM care during the time your child is attending camp. This discount is added manually by the camp administrative team.

I have multiple children, and their combined registration is 7+ weeks; do I qualify for the AM/PM discount?

Unfortunately, in order to qualify for the discount, an individual camper must be registered for 7+ weeks to receive the discount for that specific camper.

Are you closed for the summer holidays?

Yes, we are closed on Friday, June 19th, and Friday, July 3rd in observance of Juneteenth and Independence Day, respectively. Camp tuitions for those weeks have been pro-rated.

Where is the camp located?

We utilize our entire 62-acre campus and our Summerside Camps Office is located at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy's Lower School/McCausland Building (8000 Cherokee Street, Chestnut Hill, PA 19118).

How can I reach the camp office?

We can be reached by phone at 215-247-7272 or by email at summersidecamps@sch.org

How often will communication be sent out from the camp office?

SCH Academy's Director of Summer Programs, will send a weekly welcome email to all registered campers 1 week before their start date. This email will have all the necessary information about the upcoming week. At the end of each week, a wrap-up email will be sent that includes links to weekly photographs and information about the activities your camper did at their camp. If there are any upcoming closures or scheduled events, the Director of Summer Programs will send out at least 2 reminders to families. If there are any unscheduled events (i.e. a sports camp going swimming, Spirit Day), the Director of Summer Programs will send an email out at least 2 days before the event.

May I see the campus prior to my camper's first day?

Yes! We will have an open house in early spring that families can register and attend to tour the campus and meet camp leadership. If the open house date doesn't work for your family, please email summersidecamps@sch.org to schedule an alternate time to visit our campus.

Who can drop off and pick up my children?

Any authorized adult you have listed on CampBrain. If you are unsure how to add an adult, email us at summersidecamps@sch.org and we can help.

How late can I pick up?

Camp pick-up is from 3:00 - 3:30 pm, unless you are registered for after care, which runs until 6:00 pm. Please note pick-ups after 6:00pm incur a \$1/minute charged.

I need to pick up late and/or drop off early. What do I do?

If you are not already registered for before or after care, please email us at summersidecamps@sch.org or call (215) 247-7272 so we can determine if there is space for drop-in care.

Do you serve food?

You must send your camper with a packed lunch daily as Summerside does not provide lunch service. We do not refrigerate or microwave lunches. We do offer a morning snack, Goldfish crackers, each day. Additionally, we have "Popsicle Fridays". We encourage families to pack extra snacks for their campers, especially if the camper does not like Goldfish crackers. Packing at least 1 additional snack can be helpful as campers are using a lot of energy during the day and can feel extra hungry!

Are there food restrictions at camp?

We do not have food restrictions. If a camper has a food allergy, we'll make sure that others eating those foods sit in a different area to keep them safe.

What happens if my child gets hurt at camp?

We have full-time nurses employed with Summerside Camp, including our year-round Director of Nursing. Should any injury or illness occur during camp, the camper will visit the nurse's office and be assessed by the camp nurse. The nurse or Director of Summer Programs will reach out via phone to the parent/guardian to give updates regarding the injury or illness. Campers who are ill with fevers or GI issues will be sent home and asked to not to return until they are symptom-free for 24 hours. If your child is coming to camp with doctor restrictions, they must be on file with the nurses' office.

My child needs medication daily at camp. What do I do?

You will bring the medication with your camper on their first day of camp. The medication must be labeled and in its original container, including the order or medical plan, if applicable. During the registration process, there is an opportunity to provide directions for medication use (to be supported by your submitted doctor's orders or medical plan). During the duration of their camp stay, the medication will stay at camp within the nurses' office. On their last day, the camper will be sent home with their medication unless it is a controlled substance, in which case we ask the parents to pick it up from the camp office.

My child has medication to be used in the event of an emergency only. What do I do?

Please bring the medication with your camper to their first day of camp. While it may be a small chance they need the medication, it is still imperative that we have it available to use just in case. The medication must be labeled and in its original container, including the order or medical plan, if applicable. During the registration process, there is an opportunity to provide directions for medication use (to be supported by your submitted doctor's orders or medical plan). During the duration of their camp stay, the medication will stay at camp within the nurse's office. On their last day, the camper will be sent home with their medication unless it is a controlled substance, in which case we ask the parents to pick it up from the camp office.

Do campers reapply sunscreen during the day?

Yes, we do ensure that campers reapply sunscreen during the day. If you provide spray sunscreen, our counselors are able to support the application. If you provide cream-based sunscreen, campers are fully responsible for the application, as our counselors are unable to support.