



2026 Summer Camp FAQs and Policies

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is Summer Camp located? Capitol Hill Day School is located at [210 South Carolina Ave, SE](#), on the corner of 2nd Street and South Carolina Avenue, SE, in the Dent School building.

When does Camp begin and end? The Camp day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. No extended care is available; all children must be picked up no later than 4:00 p.m.

Arrival: Parents/guardians should bring campers to the School's main entrance (210 South Carolina Ave, SE).

Dismissal: Parents/guardians should come to the front door of the School to pick up campers. Counselors will have a list of individuals authorized to pick up each child.

What should campers bring? Campers should bring a morning snack, lunch, and a pre-filled water bottle. Campers should bring swimwear for afternoon waterplay, spray-on sunscreen, and extra clothing in a suitable carry-all bag. Extra clothing, lunchboxes, and sunscreen should be clearly labeled with your camper's name.

Campers should not bring money, valuables, or electronic devices. Lost items should be reported to the Camp Director. Although every effort will be made to find lost belongings, the camp is not responsible for a camper's personal possessions.

What should campers wear? Campers should bring or wear shorts and suitable footwear such as sneakers or hiking shoes. Clogs and sandals are not allowed; footwear with velcro is recommended for children who have not mastered the skill of tying shoes.

Will I be informed of my child's camp schedule for the week? Yes, the Camp Director will email families the schedule for the week, including upcoming field trips, events, projects, and any other pertinent information.

Independence Day Holiday: The holiday will be observed on Friday, July 3rd, and Camp will be closed.

What is the Camp structure? Families will receive a note and schedule via email from the Camp Director for the camp session prior to Camp starting. The Camp day will be held both indoors and outdoors, with activities planned around the Camp's theme.

Where do campers go on trips? As indicated in the program descriptions, field trips are a regular part of Camp activities. Camps go on trips related to the theme of the session. Trips are interspersed with other activities during the day. The instructors for each program will distribute plans for the week at the beginning of each session.

Do prek and kindergarten campers have rest time? Yes, they have rest time from 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm. However, there may be times when these rest times are delayed or missed due to afternoon field trips.

Will campers receive an official t-shirt? One Camp t-shirt will be provided to each camper at no cost. It is suggested that campers wear these shirts on days with field trips. Please indicate the size of the t-shirt that you would like on the application form. Additional t-shirts are available for \$10.00 each.

Can Camp Counselors administer medication to the campers? No, Summer Camp Counselors will NOT provide any medication to campers. Any required medications will be administered ONLY by an authorized staff member, according to the instructions on the Medication Authorization form. Please reference the Medical Forms and Health Procedures policy.

What is Capitol Hill Day School's policy on nuts? The School has a **nut-aware policy that prohibits nut products in all Camps.** Please inform the Camp Director if your child is highly allergic to peanuts or any other nuts. More information can be found under Policies.

POLICIES

Nut-Aware Policy

Capitol Hill Day School Summer Camp prohibits foods containing peanut and tree nuts (including walnuts, pecans, hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, and macadamia nuts) in all camps. We use the term "nut-aware" to acknowledge that we have students with severe allergies to these substances, while also being aware that we cannot control every potential allergen-containing substance that enters the classroom.

Required Medical Forms

The campers are required to have the following forms completed and signed by a physician and the parents or legal guardians. A child may not attend camp until the completed forms are received by the Camp Director. The medical forms are available below and on the online registration form. **All medical forms must be completed by June 1, 2026.**

Medical Forms

- [DC Health Certificate](#) (required for all campers)
- [*Medication Authorization Form](#) (required for campers who need to take medication during Camp hours)

If your child has asthma or an allergy that requires an EpiPen, please submit the appropriate action plan. Sample plans are provided below, however, you may upload a plan from your current school if applicable.

- *[Sample Form] [Asthma Action Plan](#) (if applicable)
- *[Sample Form] [Allergy/Anaphylaxis Action Plan](#) (if applicable)

**Denotes form is only required if applicable to your camper.*

If a camper requires an EpiPen, asthma inhaler, or needs to bring any medication to Camp, whether prescription or over-the-counter, you must notify Camp Director Njonjo Smith at summercamp@chds.org. Parents must also complete a Medication Authorization Form (linked above), with the medication listed, and signed by the child's physician. The medication must be brought to camp in its original container.

All medical forms should be up-to-date. If the medical form has already expired or will expire during Camp, please submit an appointment card or letter from your physician with the pending medical appointment date. No child may attend Summer Camp without their required medical forms.

Please Note: Current Capitol Hill Day School families with up-to-date medical forms on file with the School (through [Magnus Health](#)) **DO NOT** need to submit additional documentation.

Billing, Refund, and Cancellation Policies

Registration: All camp registrations are completed online at <https://chds.campbrainregistration.com/>. If you need assistance completing registration or logging in, please contact Njonjo at summercamp@chds.org.

Billing: Camp fees are due in full at the time of registration by credit card. Capitol Hill Day School reserves the right to charge the credit card on file for any outstanding balances.

Refunds and Cancellations: Any Camps cancelled prior to Friday, May 22, 2026, will be charged a \$100 cancellation fee per Camp, per child. A refund will be applied to the credit card on file after the applicable fees. For cancellations received on or after Friday, May 22, 2026, the \$100 cancellation fee will be applied, then 50% of the cost of the Camp session will be refunded. The Camp Director reserves the right to cancel any Camp for any reason, including insufficient enrollment.

Fee for Switching Camps: Parents who switch a child from one Camp to another at any time after registration will be charged a \$50 fee.

Parental Photo and Activity Permission, Assumption of Risk and Release

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Parents authorize and give permission to the School and Summer Camp Program to use music, art, videos and/or photographs taken of or created by the Camper or originating from the School/ Summer Camp Program or from School/ Summer Camp-related activity. Parents also understand that the School reserves the right to grant use of these materials to any third parties (i.e. museums, theme parks, etc.) in connection with their work with the School. Such authorization survives the term of the Camper's participation in the summer camp program and serves as authority to use such material both during and after the Camper's enrollment in camp. Parents authorize and give permission for the Camper to attend and participate in all aspects of the summer camp experience and activities, including off-campus activities, travel, transportation, field trips, sporting events, and other Camp-sponsored travel and/or activities (the "Activities"). Parents understand that the School and Summer Camp Program will have adults participate in on-campus and off-campus activities, who will attempt to exercise reasonable diligence to ensure the safety and well-being of the Camper during her/his participation; however, Parents also understand that it is not possible for the School or Summer Camp Program to supervise all aspects of the Activities at all times. Parents understand that there are inherent risks of serious personal injury and loss, theft or damage of personal property involved in some Activities, and Parents voluntarily assume and accept such risks of personal injury and loss, theft or damage of personal property arising from Camper's participation in the Activities. Parents release the School and Summer Camp Program, its Trustees, employees and agents from all claims, liability and damages that Parents or Camper may have for personal injuries or property damage, loss or theft resulting from Camper's participation in the Activities. Parents agree that this release includes personal injury or loss, theft or damage of personal property caused by or resulting from negligence, active or passive, of the School, the Summer Camp Program, its Trustees, employees and agents; however the release does not apply to liability for gross negligence, willful injury, or fraud, and is not intended to release the School's insurers, if any, or non-agent third parties of any responsibility for any claims that may otherwise

be asserted. Parents agree to reimburse and indemnify the School and its agents for any costs and expenses incurred in providing for the Camper's return home as well as for other services related to the special or emergency needs of the Camper. Parents represent that all medical problems which might affect Camper's participation in the Activities have been fully disclosed in the Camper's current medical authorization form. Parents also agree that the School / Summer Camp program has the right to substitute transportation and change off-campus activity itineraries as it deems appropriate. Parents also understand that the Camper's continued attendance is conditional upon his/her willingness to abide by camp regulations.

BY REGISTERING MY CHILD IN CAPITOL HILL DAY SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM,
I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND POLICIES.