

DC Department of Parks and Recreation



DPR Summer Camps 2015 Parent Guidebook

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The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been providing camps and camp activities to the District's youth for over 20 years. On average, over 4,000 children utilize DPR's camps over the course of one year. It is most important that the youth have an enjoyable camp experience, but is also important that the policies and procedures set forth by DPR are clear and understood. It is our top priority to create and maintain a safe environment for all of our camp participants, both youth and staff. Please review DPR's Policies and Procedures for important information regarding the 2015 Summer Camp Season.

DPR Summer Camp 2015 Policies and Procedures

REGISTER FOR A SUMMER PROGRAM

DPR offers a variety of summer programs and activities for all ages. [DPR's A to Z Program Index](#) will provide you with the entire list of all programs, activities and classes currently offered. Please note, that to register for any program, activity or class, you must first create an account. For information about obtaining an account, visit www.dpr.dc.gov > Activities & Programs > Register for A Program or contact DPR's Summer Camps Office by phone at (202) 671-0372 or by e-mail at dpr.camps@dc.gov.

You can browse the many programs that DPR offers without creating an account. View [DPR's Policies and Procedures](#) for information regarding refunds and cancellations.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES

Rolling Registration Opens	February 23, 2015
All Registration Opens	March 9, 2015
Before and After Care Registration Opens	March 23, 2015
Wards 1 & 2 Parent Orientation	June 2, 2015
Wards 3 & 4 Parent Orientation	June 4, 2015
Wards 5 & 6 Parent Orientation	June 9, 2015
Wards 7 & 8 Parent Orientation	June 11, 2015
All Summer Staff Training	June 15, 2015- June 20, 2015
Session 1	June 22, 2015 – July 2, 2015 (<i>Holiday Observed July 3rd</i>)
Session 2	July 6, 2015 – July 17, 2015
Session 3	July 20, 2015 – July, 31 2015
Session 4	August 3, 2015 – August 14, 2015

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Before and After Care registration will begin on Monday, March 23rd at 12 noon and will NOT be included in the rolling registration period. Once registered for a summer program, DPR will contact you via email with information and instructions for Before and After Care registration. If you are able to register for a space in a DPR summer camp, you are guaranteed a space in Before and After Care.

TIME AND ATTENDANCE

- Our camps start promptly at 9:00 am and operate on a schedule. Please make sure that your child has transportation to and from camp and arrives on time.
- Repeated absences (without prior arrangements with the camp director) may result in your child being dismissed from the program. Please communicate with the camp director to avoid any misunderstandings.

DROP-OFF/ PICK UP

- All children must be signed in and out of camp daily by a parent or designated adult. Children may not leave DPR property with anyone other than the parent/guardian or designated adult on the registration form. Anyone designated to pick up a child must be listed on the registration form and must be at least 18 years old.
- If your child will walk (unaccompanied by an adult / walking alone) to and from camp, you will need to complete a consent form. Please request a form from your camp director.
- Camp starts promptly at 9 am and ends promptly at 5 pm. Before-care is from 8 am to 9 am and after-care is from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- Children cannot be dropped off before 8:50 a.m. if they are not enrolled in before-care. Children must be picked up by 5:10 p.m. if they are not enrolled in after-care.
- Children enrolled in after-care must be picked up no later than 6:10 p.m. If your child has not been picked up by 6:30 p.m., the proper authorities will be contacted.
- Parents/guardians picking up a child after the designated time will receive a verbal warning for the first offense, the second offense will warrant a written warning, and a third offense will risk possible dismissal from the program (without a refund).

SUMMER CAMP FEES*

Camp	Registration Fee	Field Trip Fee	Before/After Care Fee
- REC Camp **	\$40 per session (eight weeks)	Varies by site	Not offered
- Discovery - Jelleff - Little Explorers - Sports Camps - Therapeutic Recreation	\$100 per session	\$10 per session	\$20 per session
- Camp Play DC	\$100 per session	\$20 per session	\$20 per session
- Aqua Day Camp	\$150 per session	\$10 per session	\$20 per session
- Little Engineers - Relevé Ballet Camp - Adventure Explorers	\$185 per session	\$10 per session	\$20 per session
- DC Summer Engineers - Verano Spanish Camp	\$290 per session	\$10 per session	\$20 per session
- On Broadway! Perf. Arts - Olympic TaeKwonDo	\$400 per session (four weeks)	\$20 per session	\$40 per session

* Please note: Listed fees are for District residents. Please go to <http://dpr.dc.gov/service/summer-camp-fees> for non-resident rates.

** Please note that REC camp is only offered to District residents. The registration fee covers all (4) 2-week camp sessions (a total of 8 weeks of camp). This camp does not offer a reduced rate.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Sessions can be purchased all at once, or one at a time, however camp fees are **due in full** for all selected sessions at the time of registration. This applies to both in-person and online registrations, regardless of registration type.
- Payments can be made online using a credit, debit or gift card that has a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card logo. American Express is not an acceptable payment method.
- Payments in-person can be made by Visa, MasterCard and Discover; as well as certified check or money order. Please make your certified check or money order made payable to DC Treasurer.
- Payment plans are not offered for DPR Summer Camps.
- Non-profit agencies and the DC Department of Child and Family Services should contact the Summer Camp Office directly for registration and payment instructions.

DPR REFUND POLICY

- Refund requests must be received **no later than ONE WEEK PRIOR** to the start of the Session(s) you are withdrawing from. Please adhere to the following refund request deadlines. All requests must be received by 5pm:
 - Session 1: Monday, June 15th
 - Session 2: Monday, June 29th
 - Session 3: Monday, July 13th
 - Session 4: Monday, July 27th
- DPR retains a 10% processing fee on ALL refunds
- If your child is dismissed from the program for any reason (chronic misbehavior, violence, late pick-ups, repeated absences, etc.) you will NOT be entitled to a refund.
- There are three options to request a refund. Please be sure to fill out a request form
 - Online: go online to dpr.dc.gov – complete and sign a refund request form, scan the completed form and email it to the Summer Camps Office at dpr.camps@dc.gov
 - Via fax: send a fax to (202) 671-2796. Make sure to indicate: *Attention Summer Camps Office* on the cover sheet
 - Via Email: send an email to dpr.camps@dc.gov

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- We appreciate and encourage parent involvement in our programs. We believe parents are an important part of the success of the program and are highly encouraged to volunteer during special events and field trips. Information about special events and field trips will be communicated at the beginning of each camp session and throughout the summer.
- Parents and guardians who would like to participate in DPR or DPR Camps programs on a more regular basis are required to complete a DPR volunteer application at <http://bit.ly/Iqmy3a>

FOOD

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided at eligible Free Summer Meals Program sites. Please refer to the summercamps.dc.gov website for a list of sites. If your child does not want to eat the meals that are provided, please send his/her lunch in a marked container. Because of the length of the day, snacks are encouraged (see guidelines below)
Please note: *Due to the number of campers who eat lunch together during the lunch period, we will not be able to microwave children's lunches.*
- Because we encourage healthy eating habits, we do not allow the following food and drinks at camp:
 - red juices of any sort
 - soda
 - chips, cookies, candy, sunflower seeds, or any kind of sugary snacks
 - **ABSOLUTELY NO PEANUT PRODUCTS** (due to the number of children with nut allergies)

If your child arrives at camp with any of these items, the item(s) will be held for them until the end of the day.

MEDICATION AND ILLNESS

- DPR is not permitted to and cannot administer medication of ANY kind under ANY circumstance. If your child is in need of medication, he/she must be able to administer it him/herself or a parent or other approved adult can come to the site to administer the medication. This includes epi-pens and asthma inhalers.
- Please do not send your child to camp if he/she is sick. However if your child will be absent from camp because they are sick, please inform the camp director that your child will not be at camp that day.
- If your child becomes ill at camp, we will notify you to pick up the child immediately. The camp staff must consider the well-being of every child. If your child is sent home with a communicable disease (something that is contagious), he/she may not return to camp without a written note/permission from their doctor. A doctor's note will be required for: pink eye, fever, diarrhea, unexplainable rashes, ringworm, etc.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES and INJURIES

- All DPR staff are trained on the proper emergency evacuation procedures in the event of a fire, severe storm, or other emergency.
- It is VERY important that the Site Manager and Camp Facilitator are made aware, in writing, of any changes in home or emergency telephone numbers, or if there is a change in the child's health information.
- DPR staff will take all necessary precautions to prevent any health risk to campers. In the event of an injury, certified staff will administer first aid, and the parent will be notified of the incident at the end of the day, unless the injury requires immediate notification. DPR deems the following injuries as requiring immediate notification:
 - Head Injuries
 - Lacerations
 - Suspected sprains or breaks

CAMPER SAFETY

- DPR strives to create the safest environment possible for your child. For the Little Explorers Camps, a 1:4 to 1:5 adult-to-child ratio is maintained. For camps serving children ages 6-13, there is a 1:12 to 1:15 adult-to-child ratio. With additional help from summer youth employees, camp staff will be able to keep constant watch over each child as they play, create, and enjoy an enriching summer camp experience.
- DPR constantly monitors summer weather reports, especially the heat-index. If a heat advisory is in effect, your child will spend very limited amounts of time outside, if any.

PLAY DC

- DPR is currently implementing “Play DC: Playground Improvement Initiative”, renovating play spaces throughout the District. Centers that have the notation **Play DC site* will have construction taking place on their playground area. At these sites, campers will NOT have access to the playground area during the construction process and DPR will take every precaution to ensure camper safety.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- All personal items (clothing, shoes, towels, bags, water bottles, etc.) must be marked with the child’s full name in permanent marker. *DPR is not responsible for any belongings and will not assume the responsibility for the replacement of missing items.*
- **PLEASE DO NOT** send your child to camp with the following items: Collectable cards, money (unless requested for field trips), video games, iPods or any music players, headphones, cell phones, electronic devices, expensive jewelry, or any other valuable items.
- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Electronic devices, including iPods, Mp3 players, cell phones, PSP, etc. are **not** allowed. These items will be taken, and given back at the end of the day.
- **DPR is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**

DRESS CODE

- Tennis shoes/sneakers must be worn every day. Athletic wear and/or loose clothing should be worn at all times.
- The following clothing items are not permitted at camp:
 - Short shorts
 - Skirts or dresses (that are not tennis skirts)
 - Shirts with slang, profanity or negative messages or images
 - Halter tops
 - Open toe shoes, sandals, flip flops, boots or wedges
 - Bandanas or stocking caps

POTTY TRAINING POLICY

- Children who are participating in any DPR camp, including Little Explorers camp, must be potty-trained.
- No child will be able to attend camp if still wearing diapers or pull-ups.

FIELD TRIPS

- Parents will be asked to sign **one** permission slip at the start of the camp session. This permission slip will cover all field trips that will take place during that session.
- The dates and destinations for all field trips will be given to you by the camp facilitator and/or the site staff at the start of camp.
- Please ensure that your child is prepared for the field trip (trip fees, extra spending money, lunch, sunscreen, etc.).
- Some field trips may require an additional fee, however, you will be notified in advance by the camp staff if this is necessary.
- If, for any reason, your child cannot participate in the field trip, please keep him/her at home. If your child arrives late to camp, and misses the bus for the field trip, you may need to keep him/her home if there is not enough staff at the site to properly supervise your child.

SWIMMING

- Your child will go swimming at least once every two weeks. All camp staff members are required to get into the water with campers and maintain close proximity to help ensure camper safety. The camp facilitator should inform you of swimming trips well in advance so you can send your child with the proper belongings.
- All children **MUST** bring a swimsuit and towel on swim days, even if they do not intend to swim. They will not be allowed onto the pool deck without the proper attire, which will make it difficult to maintain proper supervision over all campers. We also recommend sending your child with sun-block and water shoes.
- All children must adhere to the pool rules. Any child breaking the rules will risk being excluded from future pool trips.



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Camp is a fun leisure experience for children and teens. DPR's expectations are direct and clear: respect for self, respect for others and respect for the environment. We will encourage campers to be responsible and mindful of their words and actions at all times with camp staff and with each other. All DPR staff are trained in the best practices for positive behavior management.

If misbehavior does occur, we will use the following tier system to determine the most logical consequence:

Tier 1	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misbehavior in a Rec Center or park, such as running or yelling when inappropriate • Littering in a Rec Center or park • Violation of dress code • Using unkind words • Disobedience 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal cue to remind about rules • Pick up debris (for littering) • Contact parent <p><i>Repeated misbehaviors could lead to a Tier 2 consequence.</i></p>
Tier 2	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated Disobedience • Misuse/Abuse of resources • Repeated Foul language • Disrespect towards staff and/or other adults • Bullying and/or threats • Physical violence (first instance) • Leaving DPR property or the supervision of staff when on a trip (first instance) 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion from activities and/or trips • Suspension • Behavior management plan (created with child and parent) • Transfer to another site
Tier 3	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing weapons onto DPR property • Theft • Excessive Absenteeism (more than 3 consecutive absences without notification) • Violation of Behavior Plan 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate dismissal from program

DPR reserves the right to dismiss any child who violates DPR site and/or camp rules or whose conduct is disruptive and prevents camp staff from providing a complete, consistent and enjoyable camp experience for the other participants. **Children dismissed from the program are not eligible for a refund.**

DPR BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT

DPR provides and expects only the very best from our campers and proper behavior is important for the safety and well-being of our participants and staff. All children who attend DPR summer camps and programs are expected to follow the rules and behave in an acceptable manner. Since you are having trouble following these expectations, we are sitting down together to agree on what is expected of you in order to remain in the program. Your parent (or guardian) is here to work with us and help you meet these expectations.

Site _____ Camp _____

Camper's Name _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

DPR Staff _____

Describe Unacceptable Behavior _____

In order to continue participating in this program, we (parent and child) agree to:

- Follow the rules of the program
- Treat the staff, volunteers, and other campers with respect
- _____
- _____
- _____

Progress Report

The Camp Director will provide feedback by phone or in person in 1 2 3 days (circle one) to indicate progress and/or the next step.

I understand that I will be suspended or expelled from camp if I do not follow this agreement and act appropriately.

Camper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DPR Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

ADVENTURE EXPLORERS CAMP (ages 8-13)

Curriculum

Adventure Explorer is a camp geared toward youth ages 8-13 that is sure to be a lot of adventurous fun with activities such as hiking, kayaking, zip lining and more! This camp provides participants with outdoor recreation experiences that are guaranteed to give them a unique summer experience. Your child will engage with nature and be encouraged to have a better appreciation for our planet.

Camp Locations

Trinidad Recreation Center
Palisades Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

8 am	Arrival/ DEAR: Drop Everything And Read
9 am	Breakfast
9:30 am	Morning Circle/Morning Greeting
10 am	Urban Hike
10:45 am	Swimming lessons/ Intro to camping equipment/ Orienteering and map skills
12:30 pm	Lunch/ Free play
1:30 pm	Nature knows/ Leaves no trace/ Sports and games
3 pm	Arts and Crafts
4 pm	Closing Circle
4:30 pm	Stations/ Free Choice/ Board Games
5:30 pm	DEAR: Drop Everything And Read/ Departure

Items to Bring

- Reusable water bottle
- Back Pack
- Hat
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a large portion of his/her day outside playing at various playgrounds
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)
- All campers should wear sneakers and clothing that you don't mind getting dirty

Field Trips

The dates and information for field trips will be given to you by the camp facilitator on the first day of camp. Some of the field trips being considered are:

- Hiking in Rock Creek Park and Greenbelt Park
- Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
- Aquatic Resource Education Center (AREC)
- Flat water kayaking
- White water rafting
- Zip lining

AQUA DAY CAMP (ages 6 – 13)

Curriculum

Campers will be instructed on breathing techniques, swim stroke mechanics and water safety awareness. Advanced activities will depend on the pace of the group.

Camp Locations

<u>Session 1:</u>	Takoma Aquatic Center Barry Farm Recreation Center	June 22 - July 2, 2015 <i>(Holiday Observed July 3rd)</i>
<u>Session 2:</u>	Takoma Aquatic Center Barry Farm Recreation Center	July 6- July 17, 2015
<u>Session 3:</u>	Deanwood Recreation Center Harry Thomas Sr. Recreation Center	July 20- July 31, 2015
<u>Session 4:</u>	Deanwood Recreation Center Harry Thomas Sr. Recreation Center	August 3- August 14, 2015

Sample Daily Schedule

8 am	Before Care
9 am	Arrival/Breakfast
10 am	Exercise
10:30 am	Structured Swim - Pt.1
12 pm	LUNCH
1 pm	Arts/Crafts/Learning corner/Games
2 pm	Outdoor Games
3 pm	Structured Swim – Pt. 2
4:30 pm	Snack
5 pm	Pick up

Items to Bring

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Sunscreen
- Girls—one piece bathing suits
- Boys—swim trunks
- Goggles
- Towel
- Flip flops
- Soap (*Campers will have the option to shower after their swimming sessions.)

Field Trips

There will be two field trips per session. The exact dates of these trips will be solidified by the start of each session, however most trips will take place on Wednesdays, barring holidays and closures. The field trips being considered are: tubing on the Shenandoah River and a field trip to the Aquatic Resources Education Center.

CAMP PLAY DC (ages 6 – 10)

Curriculum

Camp Play DC is a fun, interactive camp in which participants can look forward to intense learning through play! Included are visits to the many new Play DC playground sites throughout the city, as well as a rigorous curriculum highlighting how play can serve to teach and improve social interaction. Come on and play!

Camp Location

Joe Cole Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

8 am	Before Care
9 am	Arrival/Breakfast
9:30 am	Morning Circle
10 am	Depart for Playground / Field Trip / Swimming
12:30 pm	Lunch
1 pm	D.E.A.R.
1:30 pm	Arts and Crafts
2:15 pm	Outdoor Games
3 pm	Choice Activity
4:30 pm	Closing Circle
5 pm	Pick up

Items to Bring

- Reusable water bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Sneakers (required)
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a large portion of his/her day outside playing at various playgrounds
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Participants in DPR's Camp Play DC will be attending multiple field trips each session. They will visit a new Play DC playground 2-3 times per week in various parts of the city. In addition, they will be going swimming 1-2 times per week. The exact dates of these trips will be given to you by your camp facilitator at the start of camp. Additional field trips may include:

- Bowling
- Imagination Stage
- Smithsonian Museum

Some field trips may or may not require an additional fee. Camp staff will give you more information about these trips.

DC SUMMER ENGINEERS (ages 7 - 10)

Curriculum

DC Summer Engineers camp uses a child's natural curiosity to teach engineering concepts through hands-on learning. Participants will learn basic engineering fundamentals such as analysis, design, building, energy, and movement. Engineering activities are offered during the morning and afternoon each day, with other recreational activities offered throughout the day.

Camp Location

Raymond Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

8 am	Before Care
9 am	Arrival/Breakfast
10 am	Morning Circle
10:30 am	Coding Exercise
12 pm	LUNCH
1 pm	D.E.A.R.
1:30pm	Outdoor Games
2:30 pm	Afternoon Engineer
3:30 pm	Daily Designing
4:30 pm	Closing Circle
5 pm	Pick up

Items to Bring

- Reusable water bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session. Field trips may include

- Rock Creek Park
- Bowling
- Air and Space Museum
- DPR Camp Field Day

DISCOVERY CAMP (Ages 6-10)

Curriculum

Discovery Camp uses a theme-based curriculum to help children get to know themselves and the world around them. Children will participate in daily morning meetings, arts and crafts activities, explorations, Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR), games, sports, and choice activities.

Camp Locations

Please visit summercamps.dc.gov for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast/Free Play
10 am	Morning Meeting
10:30 am	Games/Sports
11:15 am	Exploration
12 noon	Lunch/Free Play
1 pm	D.E.A.R.
1:45pm	Arts and Crafts
2:30 pm	Games/Sports
3:15 pm	Choice activity
4:30 pm	Closing Circle
5 pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session. Field trips may include

- Aquatic Resource Education Center
- Bowling
- Air and Space Museum
- DPR Camp Field Day

Some camp sites will plan additional field trips that may or may not require a fee. Camp staff will give you more information about these trips.

JELLEFF SUMMER CAMP (Ages 6-12)

Curriculum

Jelleff Summer Camp follows a theme-based curriculum for campers focused on enhancing academic skills, engaging in fitness activities and social recreational activities. Campers will participate in activities such as critical thinking skills, reading, math, and science. Physical fitness activities will include calisthenics, relay races, swimming, basketball, soccer, kick-ball and more. Social recreational activities will include ping-pong, foosball and board games.

Camp Location

Jelleff Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

9am	On the Spot Fun
9:30am	Morning Meeting
10am	Games / Sports
11am	Math & Reading Games
12pm	Lunch /On the Spot Fun
1pm	D.E.A.R. / On the Spot Fun
2pm	Arts and Crafts
3pm	Games / Sports
4pm	Choice Activities (Centers)
5pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Lunch & 2 Snacks—Jelleff Recreation Center does not qualify as a Free Summer Meals Site. Please refer to guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

The dates of the field trips will be given to you by your camp facilitator at the start of camp. You will be asked to sign a permission slip prior to each trip. Some of our field trips may include:

- Roller Skating
- Bowling
- Air and Space Museum
- Natural History Museum

LITTLE ENGINEERS CAMP (Ages 4-6)

Curriculum

Little Engineers camp introduces our youngest engineers, ages 4-6, to the fundamental concepts of energy, materials, cooperative building and movement. Through open and focused exploration, participants will discover and construct simple machines. Engineering activities are offered in the morning before lunch. After lunch, participants will engage in recreational activities such as arts and crafts, sports, and games.

Camp Location

Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast / Free Play
9:30 am	Morning Meeting
10 am	Engineering Instruction
12 pm	Lunch / Free Play
1 pm	Story Time
1:15 pm	Rest / Meditation / D.E.A.R.
2:00 pm	Arts and Crafts
2:45 pm	Games / Sports
3:30 pm	Bathroom / Water / Snack Break
3:45 pm	Closing Circle
4 pm	Choice Time
5 pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Small Blanket—Little Engineers will have a short rest time each day
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session. Field trips may include:

- Oxon Hill Farm
- Bowling
- National Zoo
- DPR Camp Field Day

LITTLE EXPLORERS CAMP (Ages 3-5)

Curriculum

Little Explorers Camp uses a theme-based curriculum, taught by experienced early childhood development staff, with a staff to child ratio of 1:4 to 1:5. Children will participate in daily morning meetings, arts and crafts activities, explorations, Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR), games, sports, and choice activities.

Camp Locations

Please visit summercamps.dc.gov for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast / Free Play
10 am	Morning Meeting
10:30 am	Arts and Crafts
11 am	Games / Sports
11:30 am	Exploration
12 pm	Lunch / Free Play
1 pm	Story Time
1:15 pm	Rest / Meditation / D.E.A.R.
2:30 pm	Science / Math investigation
3 pm	Games / Sports
3:30 pm	Bathroom / Water / Snack Break
3:45 pm	Closing Circle
4 pm	Choice Time
5 pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Small Blanket—Little Explorers will have rest time each day
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session.

Field trips may include:

- Oxon Hill Farm
- Bowling
- National Zoo
- DPR Camp Field Day

Some camp sites will plan additional field trips that may or may not require a fee. Camp staff will give you more information about these trips.

OLYMPIC TAEKWONDO CAMP (ages 8 – 13)

Curriculum

Olympic Taekwondo Camp offers development of eight fundamental sports skills: speed, quickness, agility, coordination, balance, flexibility, strength and power while also teaching the basics of the Olympic sport Taekwondo. Campers will learn proper body mechanics and increase their gross motor skills. Campers will also learn the skills necessary to compete in Olympic Style Taekwondo sparring including basic footwork, kicks and blocks.

Camp Location

Banneker Recreation Center

Dates

June 22 – July 17, 2015

Sample Daily Schedule

8 am	Before Care and Breakfast
9 am	Morning Salutation
9:15am	Physical workout
10 am	Taekwondo prep
11 am	Morning meeting/media (Puzzles, reading, etc)
12 pm	Lunch
1 pm	Team building games
1:30 pm	Sports skills
2:30pm	Taekwondo instruction
4 pm	Afternoon meeting/media (taekwondo video, strategy, etc)
5pm	After Care and Departure

Items to Bring

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Tennis shoes are REQUIRED every day
- Towel
- Campers will exercise every day. Additional t-shirts may be necessary as well as personal hygiene products.
- Notebook, pen/pencils

Field Trips

Campers will visit other Taekwondo schools, other sports based activities as well as some outdoor recreation activities. Field trip dates and information will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of camp.

ON BROADWAY! PERFORMING ARTS CAMP (Ages 8-13)

Curriculum

On Broadway! Performing Arts camp offers participants ages 8-13 the chance to explore their artistic side with this exciting camp! Learn the basics on a variety of performing arts genres including dance, theatre and spoken word. Share your talents with other camp participants and learn from each other as well. Be a star with DPR!

Camp Locations

Columbia Heights Community Center

Dates

June 22-July 17, 2015

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast/Free Play
10 am	Morning Meeting
10:30 am	Dance
11:15 am	Theater
12 pm	Lunch/Free Play
1 pm	D.E.A.R.
1:45pm	Arts and Crafts
2:30 pm	Poetry/ Spoken Word
3:15 pm	Closing Circle
3:30 pm	Choice activity
5 pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of camp. Field trips may include:

- Imagination Stage
- Bowling
- DPR Camp Field Day

REC CAMP (ages 6-13)

Curriculum

Youth will receive a diverse, hands-on learning experience in fitness, sports, the arts, and the environment. Activities will include fitness activities and facts, sports, nature walks, plays, and games. Participants will develop and increase their peer-to-peer social interactions.

Camp Locations

Please visit summercamps.dc.gov for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

10 am	Sign-In / Breakfast
10:30 am	Circle Time
11 am	Games/ Small group activity
12 noon	Lunch / Choice Time
1 pm	Arts and Crafts
2 pm	Sports and Fitness
3 pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

The REC Camps take bi-weekly field trips. Trips will vary by site. Field trips may include:

- The National Zoo
- The Museum of Natural History
- Regal Movie Theaters
- Bowling
- Roller Skating

Some trips may require a fee and/or transportation costs. The camp staff will notify you in advance if this is the case. A signed permission slip is required for each field trip.

RELEVÉ BALLET CAMP (ages 5 – 8)

Curriculum

Relevé Ballet Camp is designed for children ages 5-8 and will teach participants the basics about the beautiful dance form of ballet. Learn different styles of ballet, various poses and positions, as well as history and terminology.

Camp Locations

Session 1: Chevy Chase Community Center	June 22- July 2, 2015 (<i>Holiday Observed July 3rd</i>)
Session 2: Chevy Chase Community Center	July 6- July 17, 2015
Session 3: Hillcrest Recreation Center	July 20- July 31, 2015
Session 4: Hillcrest Recreation Center	August 3- August 14, 2015

Sample Schedule

9:00am	Breakfast / Free Play
9:30am	Morning Meeting
10:00am	Ballet Instruction
12:00pm	Lunch / Free Play
1:00pm	Games / Sports
1:45pm	Arts n' Crafts
2:30pm	Ballet Instruction
4:30pm	Closing Circle
5pm	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to bring the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Ballet Shoes (Required)
- Leotard (Required)
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend time outside.
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session, your child will have at least one field trip, and at least one trip to the swimming pool. The dates of these trips will be given to you by your camp facilitator at the start of camp. Some of our field trips may include:

- Bowling
- Imagination Stage
- DPR Camp Field Day

SPORTS CAMPS (ages 8-13)

Curriculum

Sport Camps will be aligned to DPR’s mantra of “Move. Grow. Be Green.” Each day participants will participate in a variety of activities that will encourage and support movement, personal growth, and environmental stewardship. Participants will be taught basic to advanced sport-specific skills.

Camp Locations

Please visit summercamps.dc.gov for camp locations.

Types of Camps

- Boxing
- Camp Cheer (Cheerleading)
- Camp Goal! (Soccer)
- Camp Score! (Multi-Sport)
- Nothing But Net! (Basketball)
- Tennis

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast
10 am	Greeting/Morning Meeting/Character Education
10:45 am	Core Sport (i.e. <i>Cheer, Soccer, Multi-sport, etc.</i>)
12 pm	Lunch
1 pm	Character Education activity (film clip + discussion)
1:45 pm	Core Sport
2:45 pm	Break
3 pm	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read)
3:45 pm	Core Sport
4:45 pm	Wrap-up/Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 6
- **Please send your child to camp in sneakers every day**
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. The dates of these trips will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session. Field trips may include:

- Bowling
- Air and Space Museum
- DPR Camp Field Day

Some camp sites will plan additional field trips that may or may not require a fee. Camp staff will give you more information about these trips.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CAMPS (various ages)

All children with special needs must be assessed by a Recreation Therapist. In addition to the assessment, the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) must be supplied.

Camp Adventure (at TR Center & Rosedale Rec. Ctr.) (ages 6 - 16)

Camp Adventure is a summer camp program designed for children with and without disabilities. The program offers a variety of experiences that include swimming, arts and crafts, group games, flat water tubing, ice skating, trips to theme parks and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Camp Funward Bound (at TR Center - Day Care Building) (ages 21 & up)

Camp Funward Bound is the summer camp experience for adults with special needs. Enjoy a variety of activities that include shopping, fishing, arts and crafts, swimming, tennis and a luncheon cruise on the Spirit of Washington. *An assessment is required.*

Let's Play Together (at Various Sites) (ages 6 – 10)

Let's Play Together is the summer camp experience for children with special needs, ages 6-10, enrolled in DPR Discovery Camp programs at Fort Stevens, Sherwood, and Turkey Thicket. With the assistance of an Inclusion Camp Counselor, children with special needs will have the opportunity to become mainstreamed into an urban camping experience with other children, in an inclusive setting. All campers will experience a variety of fun-filled activities including swimming, theme parks visit, arts and craft, basketball, trips and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Let's Play Together: Little Explorers (at TR Center) (ages 3 – 5)

Let's Play Together: Little Explorers is the summer camp experience for children with special needs, ages 3-5. With the assistance of an Inclusion Camp Counselor, children with special needs will have the opportunity to become mainstreamed into an urban camping experience with other children, in an inclusive setting. All campers will experience a variety of fun-filled activities including swimming, theme parks visit, arts and craft, basketball, trips and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Camp Locations

Please visit summercamps.dc.gov for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast/Free Play
10 am	Harambee/Morning Circle
10:30 am	Structured Activities Group A, B & C
12 noon	Lunch /Free Play
1 pm	Rest & Relaxation/Quiet Time
2 pm	Structured Activity A, B & C
4 pm	Snack Time/Free Play
4:30 pm	Closing Circle
5 pm	End of the Day

Continued - THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CAMPS (various ages)

Items to Bring

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Backpack with a complete change of clothing (everything should be clearly marked with the child's name.)
- Blanket for Rest & Relaxation
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunscreen

What to Wear:

- Comfortable and light colored clothing
- Closed toe shoes
- Light jacket or sweatshirt



VERANO SPANISH CAMP (ages 3 – 5)

Curriculum

Verano Spanish Camp is a terrific way for campers to develop and reinforce Spanish language skills through music, stories, arts and crafts, and theatre. Led by a dynamic and creative staff, campers spend each day exploring – from one activity to the next – an experience that not only teaches, but also allows for lots of fun.

Camp Locations

Guy Mason Recreation Center
Raymond Recreation Center

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Llegamos al Campamento (Arrive at Camp) Breakfast/Bathroom Break
10 am	!Soy un Artista! Journey into creative world of Latin American art.
11 am	!Soy un Deportista! Learn brand new games from all across Latin America
12 pm	Almuerzo recreo (Lunch & Free Time)
1 pm	!Soy un Explorador! We will explore the country's resources, ecology & customs
2 pm	!Soy un Chef! We learn to create incredible edibles from Latin America
3 pm	Tiempo Recreativo Afuera (Outside Camp Games)
3:30 pm	Cool Down, Clean Up and Head Out, La profesora checks you out. Hasta mañana!

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 6
- Books (optional)—Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well
- Sunscreen—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities
- Extra set of clothes
- Small Blanket—Participants will have rest time each day
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

Field Trips

Each session will include at least one field trip and at least one trip to the swimming pool. Field trip dates will be distributed by DPR camp staff on the first day of the camp session. Parents will be asked to sign one permission slip at the start of each camp session. Field trips may include:

- Bowling
- Smithsonian Museum
- National Zoo
- DPR Field Day

DPR Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

Q: The first day of school for DCPS is Monday, August 24th. Why doesn't DPR extend summer camps until August 21st?

A: DPR would like to be a top choice for DC families looking for out-of-school time program opportunities for their children. During the summer months, DPR relies heavily on teachers, paraprofessionals, and college students to staff its camps and pools across the city. Many of these individuals must return to the school system or college in mid-August to prepare for the start of school, leaving DPR with few staffing options for continuing camps. Because safety is a top priority, DPR ends camp in mid-August to ensure we can maintain proper adult-to-child ratios for the duration of the program.

Q: I have not filed taxes for this year yet. Can I still apply for reduced rate?

A: Yes, you can submit your tax forms from the previous year.

Q: My child(ren) will reside with grandparent(s)/relatives during the summer. Would I qualify for reduced rate?

A: No, the child must be a permanent DC resident to qualify for reduced rate. Children who live outside of DC will be charged the non-resident rate.

Q: I want to apply for reduced rate but I am not employed. Can I still apply?

A: Yes, you can apply as long as you can provide proof of income/assistance. We will accept the following government assistance as your income: TANF Statement, Unemployment Statement, Social Security Benefit Statement, Disability Benefit Statement, Child Support Statement.

Q: I share joint custody of my child(ren). Do both parents have to reside in DC in order to qualify for the reduced rate?

A: You can only qualify for reduced rate if the child(ren) and one parent are DC residents. Please provide documentation to prove residency and income as mentioned above.

Q: I'm a foster parent in DC. How can I apply for reduced rate?

A: Please ask your case manager to provide a letter verifying your foster parent status and bring that letter to the DPR camp office. We will help walk you through the process. These cases may sometimes be a bit complex. Please contact the summer camp office for more information.

Q: Does DPR maintain a waitlists for camps?

A: No, we do not maintain waitlists for camps. Camp registration is on a first-come, first-served basis

only.

Q: If a camp session shows in the system as full, can I still enroll?

A: No, once a camp session is full we cannot over enroll. Please continue to check our website to see if space becomes available when families withdraw.

Q: Can I pay for each summer camp session separately?

A: You can enroll in any session at any time as long as there is space available. At the time of registration you must pay in full for all registered sessions in order to be considered enrolled. Please keep in mind that some locations reach capacity very quickly.

Q: What's the refund policy?

A: Refund requests are processed within 7 business days after we receive the refund request form from individuals requesting a refund. Credit/debit cards refunds are usually credited back to the card issued within 3 business days after we process your request form. Money orders may take up to 30 business days to be sent to the address on file. There is a 10% non-refundable processing fee for all camp registrations. The refund request form can be found on our website:<http://dpr.dc.gov/publication/summer-camp-refund-request-form>

Q: Why is the Free Summer Meals program not offered at all DPR centers?

A: Camp sites provide free meals to children enrolled in an activity program at a site where at least half of them are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

Q: Why are there different fees for different camps?

A: DPR's mission is to offer affordable camps for all DC residents. We strive to keep our fees as low as possible to continue to be an affordable option for DC families. Fees are based on the specialty of the camp, resources needed, and staff required for safety ratios.

Q: What does the field trip fee cover?

A: Field trip fees are used to help cover transportation costs, and for some trips, admission fees.

Q: If I work for an embassy, what is the fee for camp sessions?

A: Fees are all the same for DC residents. If you work at an embassy, you may bring in a letter from the embassy to prove residency. If you need to apply for reduced rate, you will need to bring in proper documentation to prove income as stated above (i.e. tax forms, pay stubs, etc.).

Q: When is the last day to cancel a session?

A: To receive a refund, minus the 10% registration processing fee, a refund request form must be submitted no later than one (1) week prior to the start of the session for which you are requesting a refund.

Please see page 6 for exact deadlines.

Q: Can I only register and pay for one week in a session?

A: No, you must pay for a full session regardless of how many days or weeks you plan to have your child(ren) attend. For example, if you register for a two-week Little Explorers session but your child(ren) can only attend one week, you must pay the full fee in order to register. We do not prorate our fees.



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