



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

Rock Island Arsenal
School Age Center

Quick Guide to
Summer Day Camp
2012



Welcome to the Rock Island Arsenal, School Age Center Summer Day Camp (SDC) programs. This manual is intended to give you a general overview of our summer programs.

What is Summer Day Camp?

***Summer Day Camp** is for participants who have completed Kindergarten through 7th grade, and is open from 5:45 AM – 5:15 PM Monday –Friday, except for Federal Holidays, during the summer months. This 10 week program offers a variety of activities that can include, but are not limited to, swimming, bowling, skating, field trips, and crafts.

How can my child participate?

Step One: In order for your child to participate in SDC, they must be registered with Child, Youth & School Services, Parent Central Services Office, by COB on Friday 16, December, 2011. The office is located in building 110, First Floor, NE Wing. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 782-0791.

Step Two: Once you have registered your child you are eligible to participate in the SDC Lottery. We e-mail all registered families the information about when and where applications are available. We use the e-mail address you provide to us during registration. If your address changes, please let us know so we can keep you on our mailing list.

I keep hearing about a lottery. What is it and how does it work?

The SDC lottery is the procedure governing the sign-up of children into the program. **All eligible families interested in having their child participate in summer programs will complete the lottery application form indicating what program they are interested in, and the weeks that they need care for.**

Lottery applications will be available at the School Age Center and on the CYSS Web site. <http://riamwr.com/CYS> Lottery applications must be returned in person to the School Age Center and placed in the lottery box. Please remember to check the date that the applications are due by. Applications are then drawn at random, and the applicants are placed into the program based on their priority for care and in the order they were picked.

For more information on eligibility and priorities for care please read SOP #30, Sign Up For Summer Programs, that is available with your lottery application. Or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact the School Age Center staff.

What are the fees?

Summer Day Camp has an all-inclusive fee. Your weekly fee includes Breakfast, Lunch and an afternoon snack; all field trip admission fees, transportation costs and trained quality staff.

The fees associated with SDC are on a sliding fee scale based on total family income.

Kindergarten—5th Grade

Category	Total Income	1st Child	2nd+ Child
I	\$0 - \$29,400	\$40.00	\$34.00
II	\$29,401 - \$35,700	\$52.00	\$44.00
III	\$35,701 - \$46,200	\$64.00	\$54.00
IV	\$46,201 - \$57,750	\$77.00	\$66.00
V	\$57,751 - \$73,500	\$89.00	\$76.00
VI	\$73,501 - \$85,000	\$100.00	\$86.00
VII	\$85,501 - \$100,000	\$105.00	\$90.00
VIII	\$100,001 - \$125,000	\$107.00	\$92.00
IX	\$125,001 +	\$110.00	\$94.00

6th –7th Grade

Category	Total Income	1st Child	2nd+ Child
I	\$0 - \$29,400	\$20.00	\$18.00
II	\$29,401 - \$35,700	\$26.00	\$22.00
III	\$35,701 - \$46,200	\$32.00	\$28.00
IV	\$46,201 - \$57,750	\$40.00	\$34.00
V	\$57,751 - \$73,500	\$46.00	\$40.00
VI	\$73,501 - \$85,000	\$50.00	\$44.00
VII	\$85,501 - \$100,000	\$52.00	\$44.00
VIII	\$100,001 - \$125,000	\$54.00	\$46.00
IX	\$125,001 +	\$56.00	\$48.00

Late Fees are assessed if children are not picked up before the specified closing time. Late fee payments are due within two working days. For more specific information, please refer to your parent handbook.

Important Dates To Remember!

December 16, 2011.— You must be registered by this date to participate.

January 3, 2012.—SDC forms will be available on line and at the School-Age Center.
Beginning at 9:00 AM

January 31, 2012.—The last day you can complete and return your form to the School-Age Center. All forms must be returned by 5:00 PM.

May 30, 2012.—Open House and Parent Meeting from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. This will be a time to pick up T-shirts and itineraries. Please watch for more specific information in your e-mail.

June 4, 2012.—The first day of Summer Day Camp

August 10, 2012.—The last day of Summer Day Camp

Changes to the Sign-up Process:

Please make sure to read SOP #30, Sign Up For Summer Programs for more specific details. Some quick changes to know about are; Families will now sign up as full time (those who are requiring 6 or more weeks of care) and part time (those who are requiring 5 or less weeks of care).

Evaluation Comments/Responses:

Based on comments received from last years evaluations we have made some changes in our program for Summer 2012.

We assist all participants on putting on sunscreen. However we **do not** provide sunscreen. Please remember that aerosol sunscreen is not allowed in the program. If you label your child's sunscreen, they can leave that here at the center.

Last year we allowed participants to wear their shoes to the pool, based on parents' concerns that they were going barefoot. However we still had participants lose their shoes while there. This year, if you want your child to wear a pair of shoes to the pool, they will need to bring a different pair than what they wear all day. This way they will have a pair still here if they do lose their shoes. We do recommend that children wear water shoes to the pool. These shoes are allowed in the water by the pool, and since they are never taken off, we do not have to worry about losing them.

Participants will be placed into groups based on their grade, not their age. We will use the grade they have just completed to determine group placement.

We plan field trips during the time frame of Jan-Mar. If we have to cancel due to rain or heat, it is not always possible for us to reschedule with the vendor. Many times, they have already booked another group to use their facility. Also, we are limited on where we can go based on the number of participants the facility may hold. Some field trips are not cost effective, based on parents' tour of duty and the opening time of some facilities/programs.

Participants may not bring any toys, games, stuffed animals, dolls, MP3 players, cell phones, and other items from home. Many of these items look the same, and if they are lost, stolen, or broken it is the child's responsibility.

We will let parents know in advance if extra money from home may be brought. Otherwise participants never need any money with them while they are attending SDC programs.

Please put your child's name on sweatshirts, coats, backpacks, sunscreen etc... Our lost and found pile grows weekly, and if your child's name is on these items, it is much easier to return it to the owner.

Copies of the menu are available at the center and we have posted the menu on the web site <http://riamwr.com/CYS/>

Testimonials

"It was a great experience for him. It was also comforting for me as a parent to know he was in such a great place."

"My child loved it, and would get upset if we were late getting out of the house in the mornings, thus making him late for CYS."

"It was one of the best SAS camps that our child has attended. His enthusiasm every morning to "get up and go" just amazed me. The interaction that I had with the staff, as a parent, was phenomenal. We cannot wait to have our child attend again next summer."

"My boys had a wonderful time and looked forward to each and every day. Thank you for hosting such a wonderful camp with professional and caring staff that truly care about our kids."

"My child REALLY enjoyed her time there. She met lots of new friends and got to explore and do things she necessarily wouldn't get to do in the summer."

"Both of my children loved camp and want to return next year. My children have never been so excited to attend any camp before. We were extremely pleased!"

Questions I want to ask at the open house meeting.