

SUMMER CAMP 2023

KINDERGARTEN-
HIGH SCHOOL

June 12
through
Aug 11



The Arc[®]
Southeast Iowa



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Introduction

Dear friends of The Arc of Southeast Iowa,

Thank you for considering The Arc's summer camp program! We are a camp that provides a quality summer experience to youth, ages 6-21, with physical and intellectual disabilities. Our mission throughout the duration of summer camp is to provide enriching and fun opportunities where campers can explore the community, build friendships, be creative, and practice social and emotional skills.

Staffed with skilled leaders, the summer camp schedule is jam packed with a variety of exciting and engaging crafts, activities, and field trips. Each day, camp participants will be paired to staff members on a 1:1 to 1:3 ratio, depending on the campers level of needs. This allows for a personalized experience for the campers as well as providing a safe and supervised environment. Alongside the structured schedule, there is scheduled free time where the campers can explore their own interests and form new friendships.

We are looking forward to working with returning and new families in summer 2023! If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at the email listed down below.

Sincerely,

Mya Winegarden
Group Services Facilitator
The Arc of Southeast Iowa
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Registration process

Weekly registration is to be completed online, including tuition and activity fee payments. Additional paperwork will be sent by Mya Winegarden after weekly registration has been submitted and is to be filled out and sent back as soon as possible. We will not accept half-day enrollments but will work with families on an individual basis if the child is participating in an extended school year. Registration is on a weekly basis, tuition is \$300/week. Waiver, Children at Home, and United Way Funds may also be used. We require a \$25 activity fee for each week regardless of tuition funding. For questions or more information on funding assistance, contact Mya Winegarden at myawinegarden@arcsei.org.

The Arc's summer camp is based out of Grace Community Church 2707 Dubuque St NE North Liberty, Ia 52317. Drop off is at 9:30 am and pick up is at 4:30 pm. The Arc does not provide transportation. **Summer camp will be closed on the week of July 4th!**



What to bring everyday



Extra clothes just in case!



Briefs and wipes/ hygiene products if applicable.



Lunch and snacks are necessary to bring unless otherwise instructed by staff.



Sunscreen and bug spray!



Swimming gear!



A water bottle to stay hydrated!

Policies and Enrollment

Enrollment

Enrollments are subject to availability, and priority is on a first-come, first-served basis. Enrollment is slot-based, and the parent/guardian will be accountable for the full financial responsibility of that slot, even if the child is not in attendance for a portion of time. A slot is not guaranteed until all applicable paperwork and fees have been completed.

Illness Policy

Participants must be healthy enough to participate in the program's daily routine. For the safety and comfort of the sick child, please keep them at home until they feel better and no longer present the danger of passing on their illness.

When your child has a fever, vomiting/diarrhea, or other communicable diseases as listed below, **they must remain at home one full day after their temperature and symptoms return to normal.** If your child comes to the program ill or becomes ill while at the program, you will be asked to pick up your child within an hour. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact will be notified. It is the responsibility of the parents to arrange for the child to be picked up as soon as possible.

Symptoms requiring the removal of a child from the program include:

- Fever of 100.4° or higher
- Diarrhea - runny, watery, or bloody stools
- Vomiting
- Body rash with fever
- Sore throat with fever and swollen glands
- Bed bugs or head lice
- Severe coughing
- Eye discharge - thick mucus or pus draining from the eye, or pink eye
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Child is irritable, continuously crying, or requires more attention than staff can provide without affecting the health and safety of other children in our care

Supervision

The Arc is committed to meeting the unique needs of our program participants. In order to ensure child safety, address specific care needs, and foster appropriate interactions, staffing ratios will be based on the needs of the child and will always meet or exceed compliance guidelines. Staff will directly supervise all children by sight and sound at all times. Supervision is essential to the prevention of harm. Active and positive supervision involves:

- Knowing each child's ability
- Establishing clear and simple safety rules
- Being aware of potential safety hazards
- Standing in a strategic position
- Scanning play activities and circulating
- Focusing on the positive rather than the negative to teach a child what is safe for that child and others



Weekly Schedules



Week 1- June 12-16

Fun and Friends

The first week of camp is all about getting comfortable with the environment and meeting new friends. We will have a carnival party, lots of games, a zumba class, music therapy, make tie dye shirts, and then end the week by going to a splash pad and going bowling at Colonial Lanes.

Week 2 -June 19-23

Splish Splash

The second week of camp is dedicated to having fun outside and playing with water! The group will travel to a few different pools throughout the week, visit a splash pad, and a fan favorite...play on a slip and slide bouncy house!

Week 3- June 26-30

Nature Camp

Week 3, our campers will be able to take a few field trips and participate in craft activities where they can discover the wonders of nature! We will visit a berry picking farm, an alpaca farm, the children's museum, and wrap up the week with a visit to learn about and pet some horses.

Week 4- July 10-14

Around The World

After taking a week off from camp, the group will come together and participate in field trips and activities that will allow them to explore new and amazing things! We will travel to Kalona, a history museum, watch a hockey game, and take part in our annual trip to the Niabi Zoo.

Week 5- July 17-21

Musical Madness

For Musical Madness, our group of campers will get to experience many different opportunities to dance, listen to music, and use instruments. We will have music therapy, visit the children's museum, have dance parties, and much more!

Week 6- July 24-28

Cooking Campers

This week, the campers will be able to work on their own cooking skills while also getting out into the community to visit some restaurants and farms. Camp will go to Becky's Mindful Kitchen, have relay races with prizes, eat at Tavern Blue, put together their own snacks, and visit Pullman.

Week 7- July 31-Aug 4

Adventure Camp

Week 7 of summer camp is about crafts and activities where we can get adventurous! Campers will go to Bloomsbury Farm, a trampoline park, Hansen's Dairy, and Playstation.



Week 8- Aug 7-11

Rock Star Camp

Our rock star campers will end summer camp with a bang! The group will learn about rocks and visit a fossil gorge. Then be stars and watch a Kernels Baseball game. We will also watch a movie in the theater, and have our annual cook out!