Welcome to Pre-K Camp!

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays





(drop-off between 8:00-8:30 AM) (pick-up between 12:15-12:30 PM)



June 8 - August 5

We are so excited that you will be joining us for Pre-K Camp!
Check out this packet to learn a little more about the fun summer ahead!

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Meet Our Pre-K Camp Coordinators

Tara Oxier

Hello friends! I cannot wait to be your Pre-K Camp Coordinator again! I would love to share a little bit about myself. I have taught preschool for 11 years for Clinton CUSD #15. I have my bachelor's degree in early childhood education and my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. This is my fourth summer leading Pre-K camp after working full-time for 5 summers as part of the Camp Osage staff with the elementary-aged children in our community. I am thrilled to get to meet and engage with new preschoolers in our community! In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two children, playing with our 3 cats, completing workout classes at the YMCA, and being outdoors as much as possible. I'm excited to get to know each and every one of you over the summer!

Scout Savage

Hi all! My name is Scout Savage and I am THRILLED to be one of the Pre-K Camp Coordinators again this summer. A little bit about myself: I grew up in Clinton, IL where I attended Clinton CUSD #15 elementary school through high school. In the Spring of 2021, I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education with my endorsement in Special Education from Illinois State University. I just completed my first year of teaching kindergarten in my home town at Douglas Elementary School. While not in the classroom, you can find me in the gym. I also coach both the Clinton High School and Clinton Jr. High Dance Teams. I look forward to meeting you all and growing/learning this summer at camp!

Pre-K Camp Weekly Themes

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Week 1
           6/8, & 6/10: All About Me
Week 2
           6/13, 6/15, & 6/17: Tell Me a Story
Week 3
           6/20, 6/22, & 6/24: Play Ball!
Week 4
           6/27, 6/29, & 7/1: Little Chefs
Week 5
           7/6, & 7/8: <u>Argh, Matey!</u>
           7/11, 7/13, & 7/15: Gettin' Dirty
Week 6
Week 7
           7/18, 7/20, & 7/22: Splash Attack
Week 8
           7/25, 7/27, & 7/29: Secret Life of Pets
           8/1, 8/3, & 8/5: The Grand Finale
Week 9
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Many of our daily activities will focus on our fun theme for the week!

What do I need for Pre-K Camp?

Wear Daily

- *Play clothes
- *Socks
- *Tennis Shoes
- *Sunscreen

Bring (and label)

- *Healthy Lunch
- *Full change of clothes
- *Sunscreen
- *Water Bottle
- *Swimsuit
- *Towel
- *Car seat & camp shirt (on field trip days)



DON'T WEAR

- -CLOTHES THAT CAN'T GET MESSY
- -SANDALS/FLIP FLOPS
- -ACCESSORIES THAT COULD GET LOST

DON'T BRING

- -SODA, CANDY, OR GUM
- -LUNCH THAT NEEDS TO BE HEATED OR REFRIGERATED
- -Toys
- -ELECTRONICS
- -EXTRA SPENDING MONEY

We will be tie-dying shirts on the first Friday of camp, June 10th. Please bring in a plain white shirt with your child's name written on the tag. This will be the shirt your child will wear for field trips. If you will not be here on Friday, June 10th, please bring us your plain white shirt before that date so we can dye it for you!

What Will a Day at Pre-K Camp Look Like?

Each day will be a little different, but here are some of the fun things you can look forward to this summer!

Art and other themed projects Games and free play Songs and stories Provided daily snack Playtime at the park/splash pad Dress-up days Guest speakers Weekly newsletters Weekly field trips Making new friends and wonderful memories!

Pre-K Camp Field Trip Days

Field Trip days will be a little different than other days at camp. On our field trip days, campers must be dropped off **no later than 8:15 AM**. Parents must also leave a car seat or booster seat for each child so that we can safely transport them to and from our destination in one of our 15 passenger vans. The YMCA will not be able to provide booster seats this summer. There **may** be a \$1.00-\$6.00 fee (depending on the trip) that will be charged to your account in addition to the typical daily camp fee. We will no longer take cash before going on the field trip as we did in the past. As always, please do not send your child with any extra spending money as we will not be purchasing anything extra on our trips. We will return to the YMCA before 12:30 PM. We ask that your child wears his/her tie-dyed camp shirt on all field trip days to more easily identify our group. All field trip information will be covered in the weekly newsletter the week prior to the trip.

All field trips are tentative and subject to change

Friday, June 10: tie-dye field trip shirts

Friday, June 17: Storytime at Vespasian Warner Public Library (Clinton, IL)

Friday, June 24: ISU Bowling (Normal, IL)

Wednesday, June 29: Monical's Pizza (Clinton, IL)

Friday, July 8: Tipton Splash Park (Bloomington, IL)

Friday, July 15: Weldon Springs

Friday, July 22: Anderson Aquatic Center (Normal, IL)

Friday, July 29: Four Paws (Clinton, IL)

Friday, August 5: Clinton Lake Beach

Behavior, Pick-Up, & Health Policy

BEHAVIOR POLICY: We want everyone to have a fantastic summer full of fun! Please help encourage your children to be on their best behavior at camp so that every camper will want to return the next day! During registration, you will sign a behavior policy that we will follow in order to help ensure everyone has a wonderful summer.

PICK-UP POLICY: Campers must be picked up by 12:30 due to our DCFS childcare license guidelines. We do understand that emergencies arise. Please contact the YMCA front desk at 935-8703 in event of an emergency resulting in your child being picked up late. If late pick-ups become a regular occurrence for your family, we will charge an extra \$5 for every 5 minutes that your child is picked up late.

ILLNESS: Children should not be sent to camp if they have <u>any</u> of the following symptoms 24 hours prior to arrival. Children must be symptom free <u>without</u> medication for 24 hours before returning to camp. A child who is unable to participate in activities (due to an injury) should not be sent to camp.

- <u>FEVER</u>: if over 100 degrees or accompanied by other symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, etc.
- <u>RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS</u>: severe congestion or unexplained wheezing
- VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHEA: which occurs more than once or is accompanied by other flu-like symptoms
- RASH: if the cause of the rash is unknown, if the rash is not being treated, or if rash is known to be contagious
- <u>CHICKEN POX</u>: or other communicative diseases.
- <u>HEAD LICE</u>: must have approval from Health Department (free of charge) if child has missed camp due to head lice. Random checks may be done at the discretion of Camp Staff for your child's safety.

If a child becomes ill at camp, the camp staff will call the parent of the child based on contact information listed on the registration sheet and/or health history form. A child who is vomiting will not be kept at camp for any reason.