

# Welcome to Pre-K Camp!

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

8:00 AM - 12:30 PM

(drop-off between 8:00-8:30 AM)

(pick-up between 12:15-12:30 PM)



June 5 – August 4

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 (Ms. Tara)

Hello friends! I cannot wait to be your Pre-K Camp Coordinator again! I have taught preschool for 12 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 fifth summer leading Pre-K camp after working for five summers as part of the Camp Osage staff. 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. I'm excited to get to know each and every one of you over the summer!

## Scout Savage (Miss 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 second year of teaching kindergarten in my home town at Douglas Elementary School. I look forward to meeting you all and growing/learning this summer at camp!

## Ashley Oakley (Ms. Ashley)

Hi Friends!! I'm excited to join Pre-k Camp this year. This will be my first year with Pre-k Camp, but I've spent the previous school year as Ms. Tara's teaching assistant. Before that, you may have seen me at the YMCA front desk. In my free time I love camping with my 3 girls and husband out at Clinton Lake, reading, and traveling. I can't wait to see all my friends at camp, new and old!

# Pre-K Camp Weekly Themes

<b>Week 1</b>	6/5, 6/7, & 6/9: <u>Digging into Summer</u>
<b>Week 2</b>	6/12, 6/14, & 6/16: <u>Down on the Farm</u>
<b>Week 3</b>	6/19, 6/21, & 6/23: <u>Who You Gonna' Call?</u>
<b>Week 4</b>	6/26, 6/28, & 6/30: <u>Under the Sea</u>
<b>Week 5</b>	7/3, 7/5, & 7/7: <u>It's a Bug's Life</u>
<b>Week 6</b>	7/10, 7/12, & 7/14: <u>The Great Outdoors</u>
<b>Week 7</b>	7/17, 7/19, & 7/21: <u>Mad Scientist</u>
<b>Week 8</b>	7/24, 7/26, & 7/28: <u>Let's Play Games</u>
<b>Week 9</b>	7/31, 8/2, & 8/4: <u>The Jungle Book</u>

Many of our daily activities will focus on our fun theme for the week!

\*\*\*Weekly themes are subject to change

# What do I need for Pre-K Camp?

## Wear Daily

- \*Play clothes
- \*Socks/tennis shoes or athletic sandals (covered toes & ankle strap)
- \*Sunscreen

## Bring (and label)

- \*Healthy Lunch
- \*Full change of clothes
- \*Sunscreen
- \*Water Bottle
- \*Car seat (on field trip days)

## DON'T WEAR

- CLOTHES THAT CAN'T GET MESSY
- FLIP FLOPS/CROCS
- 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



Camp shirts for field trip days will be provided this summer as part of your registration fee. Shirts will remain at camp and be washed weekly by camp staff.

# 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. 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 9: **Maroa Park (Maroa, IL)**

Friday, June 16: **Gilmore's Family Farm (Clinton, IL)**

Friday, June 23: **Safety Town (Normal, IL)**

Friday, June 30: **McGraw Splash Park (Bloomington, IL)**

Friday, July 7: **Sugar Grove Nature Center/Imagination Grove (McLean, IL)**

Friday, July 14: **Weldon Springs (Clinton, IL)**

Friday, July 21: **Children's Museum of Illinois (Decatur, IL)**

Friday, July 28: **Iron Coyote (Bloomington, IL)**

Friday, August 4: **Scovill Zoo (Decatur, IL)**

# 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 any of the following symptoms 24 hours prior to arrival. Children must be symptom free without 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.

- FEVER: any temperature over 100 degrees
- RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS: 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
- CHICKEN POX: or other communicative diseases.
- HEAD LICE: 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.