



Camp Excel

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When does camp start? June 22—Aug 7

When does summer day camp operate? Monday - Friday, 8:00a.m.—5:30p.m.

Where is camp located? Wakefield Elementary School, 2400 Wakefield Pines Drive, Raleigh

What happens if I'm late to pick up? Parents arriving after 5:30 p.m. will be issued a late fee of \$5 until 5:40 p.m. and then \$1 for every minute thereafter.

Where is drop off and pick up? At the front of Wakefield Elementary.

How does drop off work? 8:00– 8:45 a.m. Rides In during this time, we offer curbside drop-off while campers play in mixed groups. 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. During this time, we will continue to offer curbside drop-off. However, campers will be in their Huddle Groups for snack and assembly.

How does pick-up work? For pick-up, we offer curb side assistance . You will call our Camp Excel site number and we will send your child out to you if you come before rides out. Our rides-out time is from 4:30-5:30. During this time, our leadership staff will be outside in the carpool loop, assisting cars.

How are children divided into groups? We separate groups (that we call huddles) by grade level. Each huddle is staffed at a 1:12 ratio to ensure campers supervision and safety.

What will my child do on a typical day? We offer a wide range of activities to engage our campers. Daily activities include assemblies, PE style active games, swimming, crafts, huddle team building etc. You will receive a newsletter each week detailing all of the special events that are happening that week.

What does my camper need to bring daily? Backpack, refillable water bottle, extra change of clothes, swimsuit, towel and lunch box with lunch and snack. Campers belongings are kept outside in their huddle zones.

Do the campers swim? Yes! We swim in our indoor pool 5-days a week. Our kindergarten campers swim in our indoor splash pool. Swim band testing is optional and only offered on Mondays. Campers that do not have a swim band will be provided with a YMCA life jacket. Campers must have a swim band or life jacket to swim in our pool. Campers in the splash pool do not need either to participant in swim time.

Do you provide lunch/snack? Yes, we provide breakfast and lunch.

How do you manage medications? We are able to administer both daily and emergency medications. Please bring all medications in their original containers to us on the first day of camp. We will supply you with a medication form.

Can I come take a tour of camp? Yes! We will have a Camp Open House/ Orientation on June 18th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Wakefield Elementary.

How do I keep up with what is going on at camp? Our weekly parent newsletter will go out every Friday prior to the week campers are registered for. Within the newsletter we will have huddle highlight information and updates. Within this email we will have a link to our private Facebook group. Our Facebook group will have daily photos from around camp and staff interviews. We highly suggest parents join this group.

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