

Frequently asked Questions about Imprints Cares Summer Camp 2018

Q: Where are your camps located?

A: Imprints Cares offers three camps to meet the needs of parents.

Winston-Salem Camp

June 12 – July 6* Jefferson Elementary; 4000 Jefferson School Rd., Winston-Salem

July 9 – August 10 Meadowlark Elementary; 401 Meadowlark Dr., Winston-Salem

August 13 – 24 Knollwood Baptist Community Center; 330 Knollwood St., Winston-Salem

FRIDAYS will be at Knollwood Baptist Community Center, 330 Knollwood St. Winston-Salem. WS/FCS closes its buildings on Fridays during summer.

Kernersville Camp

June 12 – August 17* Union Cross Elementary; 4300 High Point Rd., Kernersville

August 20 – 24 Knollwood Baptist Community Center 330 Knollwood St., Winston-Salem

FRIDAYS will be at New Journey Fellowship Church, 5830 Hedgecock Rd., Kernersville. WS/FCS closes its buildings on Fridays during summer.

Downtown Camp – Campers with Special Needs

June 12 – August 24* Imprints Cares on Broad; 502 N Broad St., Winston-Salem

*** All camps will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.**

Q: What are the operating hours for summer camp?

A: 7:00am to 6:00pm (Campers picked up late will be charged a late pickup fee.)

Q: How do I sign up for Summer Camp?

A: Contact Lori Richards at lrichards@imprintscares.org or call 336-722-6296 ext. 218 and she will assist you.

Q: Is there a registration fee?

A: Current students enrolled in Imprints Cares Before/After School Program for this school year 2017/2018 are already in our system and do not have to complete another registration.

Students not in a current Imprints Cares Before/After School Program must complete the online registration and pay a \$40 registration fee. Registration fees are nonrefundable.

Q: Do I have to sign my child up for the entire summer?

A: No. You can sign up just for the weeks you need.

Q: What is the cost of camp? Are there any additional fees?

A: Camp is \$140 per week. This includes everything except lunch. Campers must bring their own lunch each day. All other camp expenses are covered. Snacks, activities, supplies, and field trips are included.

Q: Is there a deposit required?

A: Yes. A \$25 nonrefundable deposit is required for each week of camp you would like to reserve.

Q: I need to switch weeks, when is the deadline?

A: Changes can be made up until May 15, 2018 as long there is availability. After that date all reserved weeks are locked in.

Q: If my child cannot attend weeks I have reserved can I get the deposit back?

A: No, deposits are nonrefundable.

Q: When are payments due?

A: Here is a schedule of when billing/invoicing is sent out and when payments are due, depending on the weeks that are reserved.

Weeks of Summer Camp	Billing/Invoice Date	Payment Due Date
Week 1: June 12 - 15 Week 2: June 18 - 22 Week 3: June 26 - 29	April 20, 2018	May 15, 2018
Week 4: July 2 - 6 Week 5: July 9 - 13 Week 6: July 16 - 20 Week 7: July 23 - 27	May 20, 2018	June 15, 2018
Week 8: July 29 -August 3 Week 9: August 6 - 10 Week 10: August 13 -17 Week 11: August 30*24	June 20, 2018	July 15, 2018

Q: Do I have to bring my child at 7:00am?

A: No. You may bring your child at your convenience. Just note the theme activities at base camp start at 9:30 and morning field trips generally leave at 9:00am.

Q: If my child only needs camp for a partial week, is the weekly price pro-rated?

A: No. As staffing and supplies are based on weekly camper enrollment, each camper must pay for the full week.

Q: Who are the workers during Summer Camp and what are the ratios?

A: Imprints Cares Summer Camp is staffed with a mix of teachers, school employees and other trained professionals from our current Before and After School Programs throughout Forsyth County. These Camp Leaders are well qualified and understand the high standards Imprints Cares has for our children and parents. While high school volunteers sometimes join us to interject their energy and youthfulness, the professional staff is always in charge with the high school volunteers assisting them. Imprints Cares employs a ratio of 1 professional staff for every 12-15 campers. Additional staff and volunteers (often used on field trips) allow for even more individual attention for campers.

Q: I know camp is for rising Kindergarten through rising 6th graders, but isn't that a big gap in ages/abilities?

A: We recognize that age plays an undeniable role in a camper's abilities, skill levels and interests, so our camps are divided into two teams. Rising Kindergarteners through rising 2nd graders will make up the Orange Team. Rising 3rd through 6th graders will make up the Blue Team. The Orange and Blue Teams are separate for most the week. Due to the field trip schedules, there will only be one Team at the school during most of the week. Activities and trips are done as Teams. The exception is at the Kernersville Camp on Fridays. Both the Orange and Blue Teams will go on an all-day trip together, but they will remain in their Teams while on the trip.

Q: How do I know what the schedule is for the week? What times are the field trips?

A: Parents will be sent weekly calendars showing the days and times of all activities and field trips. Calendars will also be available at the sign in table at camp and on our website. (www.imprintscares.org/summercamp)

Q: What does my child need to bring to camp?

A: Lunch and Sunscreen. Camp does not provide lunch so every camper will need to bring a lunch every day. We do not always have access to a refrigerator or microwave, so avoid lunches that need to be kept cold or heated. If the camper is going to be on a field trip during lunch time, the lunches will be taken with them. Please do not use paper or plastic bags for lunches. Paper tends to rip open and plastic bags don't stay closed allowing lunches to spill out in the buckets when we go on field trips.

Q: Why does my child need to bring sunscreen?

A: We play outside A LOT! Campers enjoy many outdoor activities – including trips to the pool. Sunscreen is important any time we will be in the sun for long periods of time. Our staff will assist campers in applying sunscreen when needed. We ask that you provide the SPRAY type to make it easier for staff to apply. During trips to the pool, sunscreen will be applied several times during the day. We recommend that you bring a bottle of sunscreen to leave at camp. Staff will label it with your child's name and keep it with your child's team.

Q: How does my child need to dress for camp?

A: All campers need to dress cool and comfortable. Shorts and t-shirts are great, but no inappropriate logos or wording. On full-day field trip days, we ask campers to wear their Imprints Cares Summer Camp t-shirts, which they will receive during their first day at camp.

FOOT WEAR

Campers should wear tennis shoes to camp every day. Camp is very active and flip flops and sandals are not appropriate. On water days, campers should bring water shoes, but still wear their tennis shoes. We will change into the water shoes when needed to protect campers' feet when walking on the hot concrete of the pool decks and such, but they will need tennis shoes for other activities.

Q: What should campers NOT to bring to camp?

A: Our summer schedule is packed and our staff will keep the campers busy so there is no need to bring items from home. Here is a list of items not allowed at camp.

- Electronic Devices
 - cell phones
 - tablets
 - gaming systems
 - smart watches
- Games / Toys / Trading Cards / Fidget Spinners
- Money (not even for field trips)
- Sentimental/Valuable Items
 - (jewelry or anything that might be lost or broken)

Q: How many field trips do the campers experience during the week?

A: Generally, there will be a minimum of three. Field trips are an integral part of Imprints Cares Summer Camp. Campers will go on at least two half-day trips and one full-day trip. Field trips may be changed or cancelled due to the weather or our vendors changing schedules. If this happens, parents will be notified of the change.

Q: How are campers transported on field trips?

A: Imprints Cares operates two full-size activity buses, two 15-passenger vans and one mini-bus. All vehicles are operated by fully licensed Imprints Cares staff.

Q: How far away do you go on field trips?

A: Most of our trips are within 45 minutes of camp. Occasionally, we travel farther for theme-specific activities, but generally within 1.5 hours of camp. Our longer distance trips this year will be to Charlotte area. A list of field trips can be found in our camp summary.

Q: Do campers go swimming?

A: Yes. The pool and water activities are a big part of summer. To swim, our campers go to Tanglewood Aquatic Center in Clemmons. There are many different areas for the campers to swim and play. There are also a lot of lifeguards to assist our staff in watching over our campers.

Q: What if my child does not know how to swim?

A: Campers who wish to swim in the main pool or use the lazy river or slides are tested by Tanglewood lifeguards and Imprints Cares staff. Campers with the appropriate swimming skills are given a colored arm band signifying to lifeguards and staff the pool areas the camper is safely qualified to use.

COLORED ARM BANDS

BLUE means a camper is a good swimmer and can go into all pools and water areas.

YELLOW means the camper can swim, but struggles. They will be able to go to the Lazy River (approximately 3 feet deep) and its slides, the Shallow Fountain Pool and the Splash Pad. They will NOT be allowed to use the Main Pool, its slides or diving boards.

RED means the camper cannot swim or doesn't feel comfortable in deeper water. These campers are contained in the Splash Pad area which has spraying fountains (but no standing water) and the Shallow Fountain Pool (which is only 12 inches deep and has a lot of fountains.) They will NOT be allowed into the areas of the Main Pool or Lazy River.

Q: Can parents go on field trips?

A: Yes, parents can go on field trips, but they must provide their own transportation and pay their own admission costs. Campers will remain in their assigned groups and the parent can join them. This includes lunch, so please pack a lunch for yourself and your camper. If you want to take your child away from the group so that you can go on your own, you will need to sign the camper out of Imprints Cares and you will be responsible for your child for the remainder of the day – including transportation home.