



Welcome to 2018 Summer Camp at Virginia Chance School!

We are delighted that your child is camping with us this summer. Camp staff members are eager to offer your children a fun, exciting and safe summer camp experience! This is summer the way it was meant to be for children!

The enclosed information can help answer questions you or your child may have. We hope the information will help you understand our program and enable you to share it with your child. If you need any further information, please let me know.

We are ready to have a **GREAT** summer! **See you Under the Trees!**

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Summer Under the Trees Camp Information

CAMP COMMUNICATION

- Feel free to speak to Emily Rixman, Extended Programs Coordinator, about special accommodations or enrollment questions. Emily can be reached at 425-6904 or by emailing rixman.emily@chanceschool.org.
- **Visitation:** We know you are anxious to hear about your child's camp experience. For some families, camp is brand new! The best time to meet with camp counselors is at the end of the day. However, please know you are always welcome to call the school to check on your child. If you would like a specific time to meet with your child's counselor, be sure to let us know so that we can set aside a time to talk with you.
- **If your child will be absent from camp**, please let us know at 502.425.6904 or rixman.emily@chanceschool.org. Unfortunately we are unable to offer refunds due to unforeseen absences.
- **Camp Facebook Page:** Daily happenings throughout camp will be posted on our Summer Under the Trees Facebook page. Be sure to 'like' us to keep up with the latest camp news! (While photographs will be included, children will not be tagged and photos will only be available to those that have liked the page.)
- **Weekly Newsletter:** You will receive an electronic newsletter at the end of each camp week that will keep you informed about your child's adventures and experiences. Please be sure to check your email for these newsletters.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Under the Trees, **we play hard and get dirty!** Casual, comfortable clothes and shoes with closed toe, closed heel and Velcro or tie closures are required for camp. Parents will be notified if campers need other special clothing for a specific day.
- **Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent** on your child before coming to camp each morning. Children may bring both to reapply as needed. Please label the containers with your child's name. According to licensing regulations, these are considered medication and ***you will need to complete a written permission form for camp staff to apply during the day. A form is included in this packet.***

- **If your child needs medication while at camp**, bring any medicine to the office with the Written Permission to Give Medication Form. All medication must be in the original, labeled container.
- All Campers need a **reusable water bottle, labeled with your child's name**. This will stay at camp during the week and sent home on Friday.
- **Please send a complete change of clothes**, labeled with your child's name. **Please label all items/clothing** that are brought to camp.
- **Please leave toys and treasures at home**. Two year olds and younger three year olds may need a security blanket or lovey, but remember, campers are on the move outdoors and have plenty to do! Please save favorites for home where they are safe.
- Please send a small box of **diapers and wipes** if your child wears diapers.
- A **Camp Checklist** is included with this packet.

CARPOOL INFORMATION

- **All families will be assigned a carpool number to help expedite pick up and drop off times.**
- **Display your carpool number prominently** on the bottom of the passenger's side of the windshield.
- **Preschool Campers** are dropped off at Bottom-of-the-Hill Carpool, and **Elementary Campers** are dropped off at the gravel circle in the field across the street from the school. All campers are escorted from their cars by camp staff and then will continue to their first activity with their group.
**If Elementary campers have younger preschool siblings attending camp, both children may be dropped off at the Bottom-of-the Hill.*
- When using the carpool line, please stay in your car so that carpool can proceed smoothly. Keep your child in the car while you slowly drive to the designated carpool staff. Please have them unbuckled and ready to go. Camp staff will open the car door for your child and help children to their area. Each group will have a dedicated gathering area where camp staff will be ready to greet campers.

For campers staying after 11:30:

- **LUNCH:** Children bring a LABELED nutritious lunch from home each day. Microwaves are not available during camp. To keep lunch convenient and simple, please use an insulated lunch box with a cold pack if colder temperatures are necessary. Organic milk and water are provided.
- **REST TIME:** Children may bring something special for rest time. Items should be left at Camp for the week unless otherwise indicated.

Daily Routine

Arrival

- **All arrival carpool begin at 8:30 AM.**
- **Preschool Campers** are dropped off at Bottom-of-the-Hill Carpool; enter the lower parking lot from Lime Kiln Lane and join the carpool line.
- **Elementary Campers** are dropped off at the gravel circle in the field across the street from the school.
- All campers are escorted from their cars by camp staff and then will continue to their first activity with their group.
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- When using the carpool line, please stay in your car so that carpool can proceed smoothly. Keep your child in the car while you slowly drive to the designated carpool staff. Please have them unbuckled and ready to go before we open the door. Camp staff will open the car door for your child and help your child to their area. Each group will have a dedicated gathering area where camp staff will be ready to greet campers.

Thematic Centers & Group Times

- There are themes for each week of camp and activities and experiences are geared to focus on the theme. The list of themes by week are included in this packet.
- At various learning centers, children choose multi-sensory, hands-on activities that allow for exploration and discovery of each weekly theme. The fluid structure allows for work and play independently and in groups.
- Camp is held outside, mostly “under the trees”, unless inclement weather drives us indoors. Fun group experiences include stories and songs, music and movement games, art and creative activities, blocks and building, playground and/or time to play in the woods, sand, water and sprinkler play, explorations, lots of projects and more!

Snack

- A nutritious snack and milk are provided each morning and again in the later afternoon. Camp staff will follow all dietary guidelines and restrictions listed on your registration form.

Lunch (for campers staying after 11:30)

- Campers bring a lunch from home every day. The school provides organic milk and water. Campers may bring nutritious drinks from home. To keep lunch convenient and simple, please use an insulated lunch box with a cold pack if colder temperatures are necessary. We stress the importance of sending nutritious foods and low or no sugar drinks so our campers have plenty of energy to play, learn and grow.

Rest Time (for campers staying after 1:00)

- Campers who need it will have the opportunity to rest after 1:00. While all children may not actually sleep, all children are given the opportunity to quiet their minds and bodies and to recharge for the rest of the day. Rest time may include quiet activities for a short time or rest or sleep for a longer time, based on the needs of the child. Sleeping children will have rest mats or cots during this time. You may provide a rest blanket from home that we can keep at camp to encourage sleep.

Dismissal

- **Dismissal options** are at 11:30 for a morning camp experience, 1:00 for a bit more camp and lunch experience, or 4:00 for a full day of camp.
- To pick up preschool campers and their siblings, enter the lower parking lot from Lime Kiln Lane and join the carpool line. To pick up elementary campers, enter the gravel circle in the field.
- **Display your carpool number prominently on the bottom of the passenger’s side of the windshield.** Stay in your car while camp staff helps your child into the car. Please pull ahead, then stop and seat belt your child, rather than do that in the carpool line.



Camp Checklist

- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes
- Comfortable play clothes you won't mind getting dirty
- Sunscreen and bug repellent applied at home
- Sunscreen and bug repellent, labeled with camper's name, if you would like us to re-apply at camp (Completed form returned to office)
- Reusable water bottle, labeled with camper's name to be left at camp for the week
- Labeled change of clothes in a labeled bag to keep at camp
- Diapers and wipes if necessary
- For those staying after 11:30, lunch in an insulated lunchbox with all utensils, brought from home.
- Carpool number displayed prominently in the bottom of the passenger side window

YOU ARE READY FOR CAMP!!

