

CAMP COLLIER

Where Dreams are Made



PARENT INFORMATION 2025

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Collier County
Parks & Recreation

OUR STAFF

Counselors

Camp Counselors are selected through a competitive application process. Counselors receive CPR, First Aid, and child development training. Most of our counselors are students interested in youth development.

Junior Leaders

The Jr. Leader program is for students in ages 13-16. They intern for the summer once completing an intensive four week training program. They are generally students interested in community service and working with children. Jr. Leaders serve as role models and assist campers with daily activities.

Administrators

Our camp administrators have extensive experience working with children as well as advanced training in child development.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Clothing

Children must wear comfortable play clothes, socks and (closed) athletic shoes. For your child's safety, NO clogs, sandals, Heelys, boots, or high heels are allowed. Sandals, flip-flops and water shoes are allowed in addition to closed athletic shoes on Water Fun Days. Also please don't bring or wear anything of value such as expensive clothes or jewelry.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Camp Hours

9am - 5pm (please contact individual locations for specialty camp hours)

* Camp Collier will be closed on July 4

Extended Hours

Children may be dropped off early (7:15am - 9am) or picked up late (5pm - 6pm) for an additional fee of \$15/week or \$135 per 9 weeks. You must pre-register one week in advance for this service.

Camp Activities

We offer a variety of indoor and outdoor games, activities and arts and crafts. We also have guest speakers and field trips. The program fee covers all costs including field trips. Each child is assigned to a group based on his/her current school grade. Younger children are in groups of 15 - 18 and older children are in groups of 17 - 25. We recommend campers be in camp by 9am to experience the full camp program. If you plan on bringing your child later, please call your park by 9:30 to notify them.

Food and Water

Children need to bring a lunch, and two snacks each day. Heating or refrigeration of lunches are not available. Free breakfast and lunch are offered at qualified sites. Call the park for more information. We recommend children bring a refillable bottle of water each day. Please make sure you label the bottle with your child's name.

Don't Bring

Toys and electronics should NOT be brought to camp. We have found that these items are easily lost or damaged, and often cause conflicts between children.

Electronic toys such as Nintendo switch, cell phones, tablets, or laptops may not be brought to camp. Smart Watches must be used appropriately and not be a distraction from normal camp activities. We prefer all communications between campers and parents to be through Park Phones so that we can better serve you.

Permission Forms

Completed permission forms must be on file at the camp site a week before the child may attend camp

Camp Fees

Fees must be paid on or before the due date. Failure to pay on time may result in losing your spot in camp.

Program Fees

Weekly Camp Fee

- \$85 per child. No payment plan available for weekly enrollment.

Before/After Care Fee

- \$15/week or \$135/9-Week Session
- Includes Early Drop Off (7:15am - 9:00am) and Late Pick Up (5:00pm - 6:00pm)

Full Summer Discount Program Fee

- \$600/First Child & \$540/Additional Sibling(s).
- Full Summer Program fees reflect more than a 20% discount.
- Payment Plan Available - final payment required prior to start of camp.
- Program includes the first (9) weeks of camp.
- Additional sibling(s) must live in the same household and register at same time as First Child to get additional discount.
- **Early Withdrawal from the Full Summer Discount Program will result in a loss of the discount as any refund will be based on the Weekly Fee of \$85.**

Summer Camp Extra Week - Week #10 Fee

- \$85/week
- Program is NOT included in Full Summer Discount Program and will be only held at selected sites.

Late Fee

- \$5 (First 15 minutes) and \$1/minute thereafter.
- Fee is per child.
- Fee is based upon time at Sign-Out.
- Late Fees must be paid before the child can return to camp.

REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

Parks and Recreation policy states that all refund requests must be made in writing and delivered to the park at which your child is registered. The request must be sent to the attention of the Parks Supervisor or Camp Supervisor.

Full Refund

The written request must be received prior to the start of the second day.

Prorated Refund

Refunds requested after the start of the second day of camp will be prorated.

A prorated refund is based up the date the written request to withdraw is received by the applicable Park office.

Full Summer Discount Program refunds will be based upon the regular camp rate of \$85/week not the Full Summer Discounted Program rate.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Camp Arrival

An adult must sign-in each child each day at the front desk. No child may be dropped off in the parking lot.

Camp Departure

Children will ONLY be released to those people authorized by the parent/guardian on the Pick-Up Authorization form. Authorization must be in writing. We cannot accept authorization by phone. A photo ID must be shown EVERY time.

SAFETY

In order to ensure your child's safety, each child must be signed-in and out each day by parent/guardian or authorized person. A photo ID is required each and every time a child is picked up. Children will only be released to those people authorized by the parent/guardian on the Pick-Up List.

FIELD TRIPS

Safety

- Collier County Public School buses driven by CCPS bus drivers provide transportation to and from field trips.
- No child can remain at the campsite during a field trip or be dropped off at the camp site while children are on a field trip.
- Once the bus leaves the loading zone, no additional campers will be allowed to board the bus.
- If a child is dropped off at a field trip location, the parent must escort the child to the site supervisor to sign in.
- Campers should wear camp t-shirts on (non-water) field trips to help us identify our campers.

Spending Money

- No money is needed; it is up to each camp site if they will allow purchases.
- Staff cannot hold or safeguard money for campers.
- Money should be in a wallet or Ziploc bag and kept with the camper in pockets, shoes, socks, etc.

Swim Testing For Pool Safety

- Children wishing to use the large pools without a life jacket must pass a swim test where they swim or tread water across the short side of the pool (25 ft.) in 6 ft. of water.
- Color coded bracelets will be worn at the pool to indicate which parts of the Aquatic Complex the child can safely use.
- At all Collier County Aquatic Facilities children must be at least 48" tall to use the slides.



THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

We offer a variety of indoor and outdoor activities each day. Children are encouraged but never required to participate in activities. Children are required to remain with their group. Children may always choose to read if they don't wish to participate in a particular activity. They may choose from the parks selection of books or bring their own. Children participate in hands-on arts and crafts programs each week. In addition to theme activities, field trips may be scheduled weeks 2 - 8. A detailed field trip schedule will be available the first day of camp.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Movie Policy

Elementary Camps - Shows G-Rated movies and appropriate PG-Rated Movies.

Middle School Camps - Shows PG-Rated and appropriate PG-13 Movies.

Treats

From time to time, campers are given treats such as snow cones, candy, popcorn, ice cream etc. The serving size is generally small. If you don't want your child to have any or all of these substances, please let us know. You may want to consider bringing treats for your child so he/she does not feel left out.

CAMP COLLIER DISCIPLINE POLICY

We view discipline issues as opportunities to help children learn and practice self control and concern for others.

Most discipline issues are minor and easily resolved when parent, child and park staff work together. If your child is having a difficult day, we will call you and ask you to speak with your child. We have found that touching base with Mom or Dad really helps a child.

We will take the following discipline actions when camp rules are not followed:

- 1st Verbal warning
- 2nd Redirection / alternative activities if appropriate
- 3rd Second verbal warning/counsel camper
- 4th Take a break and/or loss of privileges
- 5th Supervisor counsels camper
- 6th Parent contacted and/or discipline action report
- 7th Parent notified to pick up camper immediately

Additional Corrective Actions

- 1st Infraction - 1 day suspension
- 2nd Infraction - Multiple days suspension and meet with parent(s) / care giver(s) to develop an action plan
- 3rd Infraction - Suspension from program

Camp Collier has a zero tolerance policy for hitting, fighting, teasing, bullying, name-calling, profanity, discriminatory language, and damage to property.

Serious infractions may result in immediate suspension or termination from the program. Final decisions will be made by Park Management.

Behavior which may result in immediate program suspension or termination includes:

- Fighting
- Intentionally threatening/hurting others
- Stealing
- Leaving group without authorization
- Property damage
- Actions prohibited by law

HEALTH & MEDICINE

Sunscreen Policy

Parents are strongly encouraged to apply sunscreen in the morning before dropping their children off at camp. To ensure that your child is protected from the sun, we also ask you to please bring a container of sunscreen/block labeled with your child's full name to camp. Initialing sunscreen section in the parent packet gives permission to help assist the child in applying sunscreen.

Sick Children

Collier County does not have necessary provisions for caring for sick children at camp. Please keep all children home if they are experiencing any of the symptoms or illnesses below:

- Severe Coughing
- Fever
- Yellow or green runny nose
- Open sores
- Yellowish skin or eyes
- Diarrhea or repeated vomiting
- Undiagnosed rash, Measles, or Chicken Pox
- Head Lice
- Pink Eye

Children must be free of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to camp.

Head Lice

Please encourage your child NOT to share hats, hair brushes, hair clips, etc. We recommend that campers with long hair wear it up. Some evidence suggests that applying hair mousse to hair affords some protection.

Medication at Camp

Only counselors or administrative camp staff are permitted access to medications and will provide it to the child per label instructions.

- Medications (Prescription or Over-The-Counter) can be given if the Medication Authorization Form is signed and medication provided.
- Prescription medications must be in original container with a label that includes the child's name, directions, and the physician's name.
- Over the counter medications must be in the original box with the child's name.
- All medications are kept secured in the Park Office, except for Emergency Medications, which may be carried by the counselor.

Heads Up! Concussion Safety

Collier County follows the CDC Guidelines for concussion safety.

The following steps will be followed if a child hits or has an incident involving a hit, fall, or jolt to the head.

1. Child is removed from active play and monitored for signs of a concussion.
2. Parent is notified.
3. Emergency care will be sought if one or more danger signs are present such as loss of consciousness, slurred speech, repeated vomiting, drowsiness.
4. Parents are encouraged to seek medical treatment if signs of possible concussion are present.
5. Medical clearance is required if child is participating in sports program or lost consciousness before returning to the program.

Symptoms of a Possible Concussion

- Headache or “pressure” in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Fatigue or feeling tired
- Blurry or double vision
- Sensitivity to light or noise
- Numbness or tingling
- Does not “feel right”
- Difficulty thinking clearly
- Difficulty concentrating or remembering
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy

Danger Signs

- One pupil (the black part in the middle of the eye) larger than the other
- Drowsiness or cannot be awakened
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away
- Weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination
- Repeated vomiting or nausea
- Slurred speech
- Convulsions or seizures
- Difficulty recognizing people or places
- Increasing confusion, restlessness, or agitation
- Unusual behavior
- Loss of consciousness (even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously)



Additional Information

- Weekly Activity Schedules are available by Friday for upcoming week.
- Child's name should be placed on all belongings (check our Lost & Found frequently unclaimed items will be taken to Goodwill each Friday).
- Toys, cell phones, and electronic games not permitted.
- If your child's name is highlighted on the sign out sheet, please see the administrative staff.
- We are unable to refrigerate or microwave lunches.
- If your child is having any problems at camp, please let us know as soon as possible. We want to make sure every child has a wonderful summer.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

If your child requires special accommodations please contact the park prior to camp to discuss your needs with the camp supervisor. Staff will work with you to make reasonable accommodations

REQUIRED FORMS

Available at individual camp locations or on our web site www.collierparks.com



Thank you for choosing Collier County Parks & Recreation

Camp Collier Sites:

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

239-252-4900
810 39th Ave. N.E.
BigCorkscrew@colliercountyfl.gov

Eagle Lakes Community Park

239-252-3527
11656 Tamiami Trail E.
EagleLakesCommPark@colliercountyfl.gov

East Naples Community Park

239-252-4414
3500 Thomasson Dr.
EastNaplesPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Golden Gate Community Center

239-252-4180
4701 Golden Gate Pkwy.
GGCenter@colliercountyfl.gov

Immokalee Community Park

239-252-4449
321 N. 1st St.
ImmokaleePark@colliercountyfl.gov

Max A. Hasse Jr. Community Park

239-252-4200
3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.
MaxHassePark@colliercountyfl.gov

Vineyards Community Park

239-252-4105
6231 Arbor Blvd.
VineyardsPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Veterans Community Park

239-252-4682
1895 Veterans Park Dr.
VeteransPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Ski and Sail Site:

Sugden Regional Park

239-252-4025
4284 Avalon Drive
SugdenPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Middle School Camp Sites:

East Naples Community Park

239-252-4414
3500 Thomasson Dr.
EastNaplesPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Golden Gate Community Center

239-252-4180
4701 Golden Gate Pkwy.
GGCenter@colliercountyfl.gov

Veterans Community Park

239-252-4682
1895 Veterans Park Dr.
VeteransPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Adaptive Inclusive Recreation Day Camp Sites:

A.I.R. Golden Gate Community Park

239-252-4184
3300 Santa Barbara Blvd.
AdaptiveInclusiveRec@colliercountyfl.gov

A.I.R. T.O.O. North Collier Regional Park

239-252-4000
15000 Livingston Rd.
AdaptiveInclusiveRec@colliercountyfl.gov

A.I.R. Immokalee South Park

239-252-4677
321 N. 1st St.
AdaptiveInclusiveRec@colliercountyfl.gov

Sports Camp Sites:

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park

239-252-4900
810 39th Ave. N.E.
BigCorkscrew@colliercountyfl.gov

North Collier Regional Park

239-252-4682
15000 Livingston Rd.
VeteransPark@colliercountyfl.gov

Immokalee Sports Complex

239-252-8811
505 Escambia Street
ImmokaleeSports@colliercountyfl.gov



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