



Dormont Summer Camp



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What does S.T.E.A.M. stand for?

S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. We incorporate these concepts in our weekly themed activities to help enrich your child and their love of learning.

What does a typical day at camp look like?

A typical day at camp starts with campers being dropped off between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. We then have time at the Castle Playground before coming back in to complete our morning activity. We break for lunch and some free time before starting our afternoon activities. We end the official camp day with snack and quiet reading time. Children start to be picked up between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm, with extended care available for a \$15/week fee per child.

What about lunches and snacks?

A free lunch will be provided for children through the Keystone Oaks School District Summer Food Service Program. It is a “cold” lunch consisting of a balanced meal: a deli sandwich (choice of turkey, ham, salami/bologna [alternating weeks], or peanut butter and jelly), a vegetable, a fruit/fruit juice, white/chocolate milk, and a snack item (chips, teddy grahams, and crackers). If preferred, you may pack a lunch for your child. If you prefer to pack a lunch for your child, we encourage you to choose healthy choices such as fresh fruits and vegetables. Refrigeration is not available for packed lunches for children. Also, camp staff will not reheat or cook any meals packed in a children’s lunch; lunches must be edible as packed. Water will also be available for children throughout the day, so please have children bring a re-usable water bottle each day.

We offer a small snack to be eaten during an afternoon snack time (between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM). If you would prefer, you can send snacks for your children, but again please choose snacks that are healthy choices.

What do children need to do for pool days?

On pool days we will go to the pool from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Since we will be heading to the pool as our first activity after drop-off, please send your child in their bathing suits with a change of clothes and towel packed in their back packs. Please also make sure to send sunscreen, even if you apply it before leaving home, as we will likely need to reapply while we are at the pool. If your child has any swim vests or floaties, they may also be sent. We are not forbidding masks or snorkels, but please make sure your child understands that they may not be shared even with siblings for health and safety reasons. Please make sure all items have children’s first and last names on them, including bathing suit, sunscreen, and towels.

If children do not have proper swimwear, they will not be permitted in the pool to swim. They will still be required to attend the pool and alternate activities will be provided for them during pool time.



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What should my child wear to camp?

Please be aware of the weather forecast and prepare accordingly. Light weight clothes with a sweatshirt or light jacket are suggested, as it can get cool in the recreation room. We also require tennis shoes be worn when we are outside, but if you like you can pack your child a pair of separate shoes for indoors. We also will be participating in lots of crafts and projects that can get messy, so have them dress in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

For COVID compliance, please also make sure your child wears a size appropriate mask or face shield to camp.

What should my child bring to camp?

Each day, your child should bring a change of clothes in case of accidents or messes, a refillable water bottle, and sunscreen. On pool days they should come dressed in the bathing suits bringing a change of clothes and towel packed in their back packs along with their other things.

What should my child NOT bring to camp?

For the protection and safety of your child's belongings and everyone's health, we ask that you not allow your child to bring any toys or electronics from home. If your child must have a cell phone for safety reasons, please know that we will ask to store it during the camp day and will return it to them when they are leaving.

What if my child needs medication while at camp?

We encourage parents to administer all medications at home. We recognize that children with chronic illnesses, specific disabilities, and special needs may require medication during the day. We strive to meet those needs responsibly and with discretion. A required parental consent form will need to be filled out by parents and accompany each medication to be administered at camp. Prescription medications will also require a physician's approval be written along with the parental consent form.

All medication should be brought to camp by the parent or guardian and delivered directly to the camp staff for proper storage. No medication is to remain with your child or in their belongings. Prescription medications must be submitted in the original prescription container with dosing directions and prescribing physician's name clearly visible. Non-prescription medication must be in original package, clearly labeled with the child's name and including dosing administration directions provided by the manufacturer. All medication must be accompanied by clear dosage directions specific for your child. All medication will be administered on site by our trained staff.



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What if my child gets sick while at camp?

If your child gets sick at camp, we will contact the parent or guardian immediately and ask that the child be picked up. If the parent or guardian is not able to be reached, we will attempt to contact authorized emergency contacts listed on the child's paperwork. If a staff member notices any illness, skin rash, or other possibly contagious illness, parents will be notified, and the child will be required to be picked up immediately.

If a child has a contagious disease, (COVID-19, strep throat, chicken pox, head lice, etc) we ask that they do not attend the camp while contagious (as determined by a physician or CDC regulations) or we will be required to refuse them admittance to camp or send them home. This is for the safety and well-being of the other children and staff, as well as for your child. A physician's note will be required for them to return to camp.

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When is payment due, and how do I make payments?

For each week your child is registered, payment is due by 4:30 pm the Thursday before the start of that week. Payments may be made online at <https://register.communitypass.net/DormontBorough>, by phone at (412) 561-8900, or in person at the Borough of Dormont offices located at 1441 Hillsdale Avenue. If payment is not received by this time, a \$25.00 late payment fee will be added at the time of late payment.

What if I need to cancel a week for which my child is registered?

If you need to cancel a week for which your child is registered, contact Beth Bachman before 4:30 pm the Thursday before the start of that week of camp so that we may open that spot up to others. Any monies paid will be applied to remaining weeks or refunded, minus the \$10 per week non-refundable registration fee.