Dormont Summer Camp

Dormont Summer Camp FAQs

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

S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. These concepts are incorporated in weekly themed activities to help enrich campers 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 9:00 am. Campers then have time with crafts or outside either at Dormont Park or Dormont Pool (weather permitting) before coming back in to complete a morning activity.

Camp will then have lunch and some free time before starting afternoon activities.

Campers end the official camp day with a snack and quiet reading time. Campers are to be picked up between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm. Extended care is available for a $30/week fee per child from 5:00pm-6:00pm each day.

On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 10am-12pm, campers visit the Dormont Pool! Campers must come dressed for the pool to start the day.

What about lunches and snacks?

We hope that the Keystone Oaks School District is able to offer free lunches again. At this time, we do not have confirmation. Please see below for lunch information:

Lunch is between 12:00PM and 1:00PM daily. Campers must bring a packed lunch from home. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to choose healthy choices such as fresh fruits and vegetables.

Please note, refrigeration is not available for packed lunches for campers. Also, camp staff will not reheat or cook any meals packed in a camper's lunch. Lunches must be edible as packed. Soda/pop or other caffeinated beverages *are not* allowed at camp.

Water will be available for campers throughout the day! Please ensure campers bring a reusable water bottle each day.

A small snack is offered each day to be eaten during an afternoon snack time between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Parents/Guardians may send snacks for campers, but again please choose healthy choices as snacks.

What should my child wear to camp?

Please be aware of the weather forecast and prepare campers accordingly. Light weight clothes with a sweatshirt or light jacket are suggested as it can get cool in the recreation room.

TENNIS SHOES ARE REQUIRED, or some other **closed toe/closed heel shoe**, to be worn when we are outside. You may pack your camper with a pair of separate shoes for indoors.

There will be lots of crafts and projects that can get messy! Please dress campers in clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.

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What should my child bring to camp?

Each day, your camper should bring the following packed in only one backpack:
- A change of clothes in case of accidents/messes - A refillable water bottle - Sunscreen

On **Dormont Pool days**, campers should come dressed in proper bathing suit attire and bring the following packed in only one backpack:
- A change of clothes - A Refillable water bottle - A towel - Sunscreen

What should my child NOT bring to camp?

For the protection and safety of camper's belongings and everyone's health, campers are not allowed to bring any toys or electronics from home.

If your camper must have a cell phone for safety reasons, please know that camp staff will need to store it during the camp day and camp staff will return it to them when they are leaving.

What does my child need to do for Dormont Pool days?

On Dormont Pool days (Tuesday, Thursday and Friday), Dormont Summer Camp will go to the Dormont Pool from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. Visiting the Dormont Pool is the first activity after drop-off, campers must be sent in their bathing suits. Please also pack in only one backpack:
- A change of clothes - A Refillable water bottle - A towel - Sunscreen

Please also make sure to send sunscreen! Even if applied before leaving home, sunscreen will most likely need to be reapplied while at the pool.

If your camper has any swim vests or floaties, they may be brought into camp. They are also allowed to bring masks or snorkels. Please make sure your child understands that these items may not be shared, even with siblings, for health and safety reasons. Please make sure all items have the camper's first and last names on them, including bathing suit, sunscreen, and towels.

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

What if my child needs medication while at camp?

Dormont Summer Camp encourages parents/guardians 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/guardian consent form will need to be filled out and accompany each medication to be administered at camp. Prescription medications will also require a physician's approval to be written along with the 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 the camper 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 camper's name including dosing administration directions provided by the manufacturer. All medication must be accompanied by clear dosage directions specific to your camper. 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 camper gets sick at camp, camp staff will contact the parent/guardian immediately and ask that the camper be picked up. If the parent/guardian is not reached, camp staff will attempt to contact authorized emergency contacts. If a staff member notices any illness, skin rash, or other possibly contagious illness, parents/guardians will be notified, and the camper will be required to be picked up immediately.

If a camper has a known contagious disease, (COVID-19, strep throat, chicken pox, head lice, etc), they are not allowed to attend the camp while contagious (as determined by a physician or CDC regulations). This is for the safety and well-being of the other campers and staff, as well as for your camper. A physician's note will be required for the sick camper to return to camp.

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

For each week your camper is registered, payment is due by 4:30 pm on the Monday two weeks prior to the first day of the registered week of camp. 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 1444 Hillsdale Avenue during office hours.

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

If you need to cancel a week for which your camper is registered, contact Beth Bachman before 4:30 pm Monday two weeks prior to the week you wish to cancel. This will allow staff to open that spot up to others. Any money paid for that week will be applied to remaining weeks or refunded at the end of the camp season, minus the $30 per week non-refundable weekly deposit.

If payment is not received and no notice of cancellation given by the Monday two weeks prior, an email will be sent on Tuesday. If no response to this email is received by the end of business that day, the spot will be forfeited, and payment will still be owed, including the $35.00 late fee, unless the spot can be filled from the waitlist.

What if my child is on the waitlist?

If you child is on the waitlist, that means they are not yet registered for that week of camp. The waitlist is in order of date and time of signing up. When a spot opens up, the next camper on the waitlist will be registered and contacted. If they pass on the spot, the next camper will be registered and contacted. If you would like to know your spot on the waitlist for a certain week, please contact Melinda Szabo at mszabo@boro.dormont.pa.us.