







SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2025

Registration Opens: March 3 Deadline: March 27

Para asistencia en Español vea las páginas 2 y 4







Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) is an extension of 13 park districts and cities (listed on the back cover of this brochure). Since 1976, NISRA has provided weekly recreation programs, camps, special events, trips and Special Olympics for people with disabilities. Dedicated staff help participants experience the benefits of recreation and a healthy lifestyle.

Asistencia en Español

Si quiesiera inscribirse en un programa, y necesita asistencia en Español, favor llamar a la oficina de NISRA. Deje un mensaje en extencion 6. Alquien les respondera lo mas pronto posible. **Tele: (815) 459-0737, ext 6.**

NISRA OFFICE

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm*
*phone messages left after hours & on weekends are retrieved the next
business day

The office will be closed on the following dates: May 26 July 4

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 NEWS - IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THIS YEAR!

We are very excited for all the fun under the sun as we move into summer! Please read all notes below regarding updates about registration, camps, dates, and more.

Registration:

Camp registration will be offered in 2 sessions: Session 1 (June 16 – July 3) and Session 2 (July 7 – July 31). Families can register their camper for either session or both. There will be no prorating as you will need to pay in full for either or both sessions.

Registration forms that are fully completed will be processed in the order in which it's received. Registration forms will **not** be accepted before 9:00 am on Monday, March 3. Registration forms that are received prior to 9:00 am on March 3 will be time stamped **end of day** on Monday, March 3.

*Emailed registration forms will **only** be accepted when sent to **info@nisra.org.** All registrations will be timestamped. It is **required** to obtain an email response from NISRA confirming your registration has been received; or you may call our office to confirm.

Camps:

An assessment is needed for all 1st year campers for Camp Adventure. Camp Independence is not an option for 1st year campers. Parents will receive a phone call from the Camp Coordinator.

Swimming:

Camps will be swimming two days a week this summer and families will be notified of days and locations in your welcome letter that you will receive via e-mail in May.

Closures:

Camp Discover and Camp Sunrise will be closed Thursday, July 3.

See our FAQs on page 5 for more camp details.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES:

Camp Sessions:

Monday - Thursday *times vary by camp

Session 1:

June 16 - July 3

Session 2:

July 7 - July 31

Resident Priority Registration Begins:

Monday, March 3

Resident Priority Registration Ends:

Thursday, March 20

Non-Resident Registration Processing

Friday, March 21

Final Registration Deadline:

Thursday, March 27

Parent Orientation

A pre-recorded parent orientation will be emailed after registration closes. If you have questions, please reach out to the Manager of Summer Day Camp.

Camp Meet and Greet

Don't miss the opportunity to meet the camp staff and see the camp site. Please join us at your chosen camp location for a brief meeting to review important information about camp.

Wednesday, June 11 | 3:30 - 4:00 pm

NISRA'S SUMMER CAMPS... ...LAUGHTER, LEARNING, FRIENDSHIP & FUN!

NISRA camps are a great place to experience games, storytelling, sports, arts & crafts, singing, skits, and water fun this summer. Our camps have helped children grow in self-esteem, make friends, experience new places, learn games & songs, and develop physical skills. NISRA camps are not an extension of the special education curriculum, however many children retain concepts from the school year through the summer months.

A TYPICAL CAMP DAY

Here's a *sample schedule* of possible activities on a typical camp day at NISRA:

9:15 Arrive, get organized, group activity

9:30 Arts & crafts

10:00 Music & dancing

10:30 Games & sports (indoor & outdoor)

11:00 Playground

11:45 Clean up before lunch

12:00 Lunch & relaxation time

12:45 Get ready for swimming

1:00 Swimming or alternate water activities*

2:30 Change & gather things to go home

*On non-swimming days, staff will plan alternate activities.

OUR MISSION

Enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.



OUR VISION

To be a community of limitation free recreation.

OUR VALUES

NISRA's staff dedicate themselves to providing fun, skill-building, life-enriching programs that fulfill our mission. We strongly believe that 5 core values define who we are & what you can expect from us: Fun, Professional, Compassionate, Trustworthy, and Innovative. If you believe that NISRA programs, camps, or its staff have not lived up to these values, please contact Jim Wiseman, Executive Director.

INCLUSION

NISRA and its member districts believe that individuals should participate at their highest ability level in recreation programs. For some, that may be NISRA day camps, for others a park district or recreation department program. NISRA staff provide assistance with inclusion to member district staff in the form of adapted equipment, training and program modifications. Call the NISRA Office with questions about inclusion or contact your home district to register for a program.

NISRA'S CAMP STAFF

Staff are selected based upon their previous recreation experiences, ability to teach and adapt activities, and enthusiasm for working with children & young adults with disabilities. Staff include high school students, college students and college graduates in the fields of therapeutic recreation, special education, adapted physical education, and others. Site Coordinators oversee a group of camps based in various locations. They provide support and supervision for each camp's Site Director and counselors. Background checks are completed on all NISRA employees.



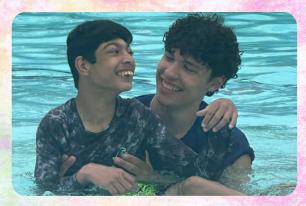
Camp staff and volunteers attend approximately 10 hours of orientation & training, including general information about disabilities, adapting activities, behavior management, first-aid and emergency procedures, and a thorough review of the NISRA Summer Day Camp Policy & Procedure Manual.

Specialized training is conducted on an as-needed basis.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

NISRA will comply with the ADA, which prohibits discrimination in the provision of services, programs or facilities to individuals with disabilities. NISRA works closely with its member park districts and recreation departments to provide information on program inclusion, facility accessibility and communication devices. NISRA will make reasonable accommodations in recreation programs to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements for that recreation program. If you have questions about NISRA or the ADA, or believe that you have been unfairly discriminated against by NISRA, please call Jim Wiseman at (815) 459-0737.

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA) es una extensión de 13 distritos de parques y ciudades (anotados en la parte trasera de la portada). Desde 1976, la Asociación ha proveído programas de recreación semanales, campamentos diurnos, eventos especiales, viajes y la Olimpiada Especial en la comunidad para niños y adultos con deshabilidades.



Campamentos diurnos de NISRA... ...risas, aprendizaje, amistad, oportunidades y DIVERSIÓN

Los campamentos diurnos son un lugar fantástico para tener la experiencia de juegos, contar cuentos, deportes, artesanías, cantar, actuación y natación este verano. Nuestros campamentos han ayudado a los niños crecer en auto-estima, formar amistades, tener experiencias de lugares nuevos, aprender juegos y canciones, y desarrollar destrezas físicas Los campamentos diurnos de NISRA no son una extension del currículo de educación especial, sin embargo muchos niños retienen los conceptos del año escolar durante los meses del verano.

Un día típico del campamento diurno..

A continuación se muestra un programa de muestra de posibles actividades en un día típico de campamento en NISRA:

9:15 Llegar, organizarse, actividad en grupo

9:30 Artesanías

10:00 Música y Baile

10:30 Juegos y deportes (adentro y afuera)

11:00 Patio de recreo

11:45 Levantar todo antes de almorzar

12:00 Almuerzo y tiempo para descansar

12:45 Prepararse para la natación

1:00 Natación*

2:30 Cambiarse y juntar las cosas para el regreso a casa

*Los días que no hay natación, el personal planeará actividades alternativas.

Personal del Campamento diurno de NISRA

Se selecciona el personal basado en sus experiencias previas en la recreación., su habilidad de enseñar y adaptar las actividades, y su entusiasmo para trabajar con niños y jóvenes con deshabilidades. El personal de los campamentos incluye estudiantes de la preparatoria y la universidad, y graduados en los campos de recreación terapeútica, educación especial, educación física adaptada y otros. Una variedad de examenes de su historia personal se completan para todo empleado de NISRA. El personal y los voluntarios asisten a 10 horas de orientación y entrenamiento. La orientación cubre información general sobre las deshabilidades, el adaptar actividades, como corregir el comportamiento, y los procedimientos para primeros auxilios y emergencias. Cada miembro del personal recibe un Manual de Poliza y Procedimientos del Campamento Diurno.

Transportación

Transportación está disponible para el campamento. Para niños que asisten a clases de verano en sus escuelas la mitad del día, sus padres tienen que comunicarse con el departamento de transportación de su escuela para hacer los arreglos de transportación al Campamento Diurno de Medio Día.

Como inscribir a su hijo/A Procedimiento de inscripción

1. Complete los dos lados de las formas de inscripción (dice "registration"). Las formas proveen información necesaria personal y médica para asistir al personal del campamento. Si las formas son incompletas, la inscripción no se procesa y se le regresan.

2. La tarifa completa debe pagarse antes del primer día del campamento diurno. La fecha límite de inscripción final es el 27 de marzo y los pagos vencen el 13 de junio. No se permite que ningún niño asista al campamento hasta que se haya pagado la tarifa completa. El personal notificará a los conductores y a los directores actuales qué niños no asistirán por falta de pago.

3. La inscripción se procesa sobre la base de primero inscrito, primero servido. Si el campamento diurno llega a su capacidad máxima, una lista de espera se establecerá y los que están en la lista se avisarán.

4. Los que viven adentro de uno de los 13 distritos se consideran "residentes" y pagan la cuota de "residentes". Los participantes de fuera de distrito pagan una cuota de "no residente" y su inscripción no se procesa hasta que las de residentes se procesan. Cada descripción del campamento diurno lleva las cuotas para residente y no residente así: R/NR.

Planes de Paga/Becas

Ud. tiene la opción de dividir sus pagos si no tiene posibilidad de pagar la cuota completa a la hora de inscribirse. Los pagos divididos deben de pagarse según el horario siguiente:

- 1/3 de la cuota se paga al inscribirse
- otra 1/3 parte tiene que pagarse el 21 de abril
- el fipago nal se hace el 2 de junio

Las becas se asignan a los que califi can por difi cultad financiera. Si quiere inscribirse y necesita asistencia financiera, favor de hablar al (815) 459-0737 para una aplicación de beca. Puesto que las becas solo cubren una parte de la cuota del campamento, el restante tiene que pagarse POR COMPLETO antes del comienzo del campamento. Se le avisará después que se haga la decisión de quienes recibirán las becas.



What is the procedure If I need to drop my camper from camp or change their camp registration? Will I get a credit/refund? As a parent or guardian, you will need to contact the NISRA office to update your camper's registration form. The change will go through the front office as well as the Manager of Summer Day Camp. If the request for changes are made five business days before the camp session starts, you will receive a full credit/refund minus a \$5 cancellation processing fee. See page 13 for our cancellation and refund policy.

What is the procedure if I need to pick up my camper early from camp or on pool swim day? Or can't pick up my camper from camp on time? Contact the NISRA Office to reach the Manager of Summer Day Camp or the site directors for your child's camp at (815) 459-0737. The office will pass along the details of pick up.

When, where & for how long does my camper swim? Specific camper swim information will be located on your camper's welcome letter sent out in mid-May via email by the Manager of Summer Day Camp.

What if my camper doesn't want to swim &/or forgets swimsuit? NISRA camps are staffed with close ratios, we take into consideration if campers will be swimming or not on a daily basis.

What criteria determines if swimming will be canceled? Decisions will be based on the weather and facility readiness. If you have questions about swimming, please contact the Manager of Summer Day Camp. See page 14 for more details.

Is there financial assistance for SDC fees? NISRA offers financial assistance to those that qualify according to our scholarship application. To learn more, contact Jennifer Wiley at <u>jwiley@nisra.org</u>.

When do camp fees need to be paid in full by? Prior to the first day of camp before 4:30 pm on June 13.

Can we register for half day camp days, individual weeks of camp? Or around a planned vacation? Can we be prorated? This year we are offering 2 sessions of camp so that there are options for families. Session 1 is June 16 - July 3 and Session 2 is July 7 - July 31. NISRA only offers a full day of camp (aside from the early childhood camp), if your camper is attending summer school or other activities in the morning, please contact the Manager of Summer Day Camp to share details and drop off times. NISRA will not prorate camp fees.

If my child is waitlisted for camp enrollment, if/when will I find out if they will be enrolled or not? The Manager of Summer Day Camp will call you as soon as a spot becomes available to discuss enrolling your camper into a camp. There is not a set timeline for this process as it depends on our progress with hiring staff for safe ratios as well as availability in each camp.

How can I find out more specific information about my child's specific camp location, camp schedule and camp staff (meet counselors and visit camp location)? The Manager of Summer Day Camp will send out a welcome letter specific to your child's camp in early to mid-May via email. If you do not receive it by mid-May, please send an email to jchandler@nisra.org requesting the welcome letter.

How can I communicate & to whom if my camper has allergies, dietary needs, seizures or a medical protocol to be followed? You will have the chance to fill this out on the summer day camp information form as well as filling out our seizure questionnaire and medical protocol forms. If new to NISRA or NISRA camps, you will have a short phone intake to address these needs. When attending the summer day camp meet and greet (please see welcome letter information) you may share any important information with camp staff as well.

If my camper goes home from camp sick vomiting, fever, coughing) can they come back the next day?

The camper must be fever free and has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours to return to camp. They will not be able to attend camp the next day. See page 14 for more details.

CAMP SUNRISE (AGES 3-6)

LOCATION: D158 SCHOOL - TBD

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 | No camp July 3 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm or 12:30 - 3:00 pm Min 4 / Max 8

	Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)
AM	9410: Session 1	\$231	\$374
	9411: Session 2	\$336	\$544
PM	9412: Session 1	\$231	\$374
	9413: Session 2	\$336	\$544

NOTE: Families may only pick one time slot for this camp. This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels ages 3 - 6 and the hours for this camp will follow a preschool time frame. Transportation is not provided.



CAMP ROCK (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: LORDS PARK, ELGIN

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm

Min 6 / Max 12

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)
9250: Session 1	\$504	\$816
9260: Session 2	\$672	\$1088

NOTE: This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 7 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able. Transportation is not provided.

CAMP DISCOVER (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: D158 SCHOOL - TBD

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 | No camp July 3 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm

Min 6 / Max 12

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation # & Fee
9000: Session 1	\$462	\$748	9803: \$198
9020: Session 2	\$672	\$1088	9813: \$288

NOTE: This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 7 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To simplify NISRA's camp transportation and provide families with bus route information at registration time, bus routes are pre-determined. If no one registers for a location on the route, pick-up & drop-off times for the other locations on the route may change.

Pick- up	Location	Drop-off
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm*
7:45 am	Wauconda Park District	4:45 pm
8:20 am	Woodstock Recreation Center	4:15 pm



CAMP SUNBURST (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm Min 6 / Max 12

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation # & Fee
9150: Session 1	\$504	\$816	9802: \$216
9160: Session 2	\$672	\$1088	9812: \$288

NOTE: This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 7 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

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Pick- up	Location	Drop-off
9:00 am	LITH Village Hall	3:35 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm*
8:20 am	Woodstock Recreation Center	4:15 pm



CAMP ADVENTURE (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: HUNTLEY PARK DISTRICT

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm Min 6 / Max 10

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation # & Fee
9400: Session 1	\$504	\$816	9802: \$216
9600: Session 2	\$672	\$1088	9812: \$288

NOTE: This camp is designed for campers with behavorial and/or emotional disorders. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 7 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To simplify NISRA's camp transportation and provide families with bus route information at registration time, bus routes are pre-determined. If no one registers for a location on the route, pick-up & drop-off times for the other locations on the route may change.

Pick- up	Location	Drop-off
9:00 am	LITH Village Hall	3:35 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm*
8:20 am	Woodstock Recreation Center	4:15 pm



CAMP EXPLORER (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY, BARRINGTON

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31

> Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm Min 6 / Max 12

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation # & Fee
9050: Session 1	\$504	\$816	9800: \$216
9060: Session 2	\$672	\$1088	9810: \$288

NOTE: This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 7 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To simplify NISRA's camp transportation and provide families with bus route information at registration time, bus routes are pre-determined. If no one registers for a location on the route, pick-up & drop-off times for the other locations on the route may change.

Pick- up	Location	Drop-off
9:00 am	Cary Park District	3:35 pm
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm*
7:45 am	Wauconda Park District	4:45 pm



CAMP INDEPENDENCE (AGES 13 - 22)

LOCATION: SPOREL PARK, CRYSTAL LAKE PARK DISTRICT

Dates: Monday - Thursday | June 16 - July 31 Session 1: June 16 - July 3 | Session 2: July 7 - July 31 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Min 6 / Max 11

Program #	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation # & Fee
9110: Session 1	\$528	\$864	9801: \$216
9111: Session 2	\$704	\$1152	9811: \$288

NOTE: *This camp is specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals who function independently at a 1:4 ratio. Fees are slightly higher due to age-appropriate field trips. Camps will be set up for individuals ages 13 to 22 however, camps will break up into close age groups if able.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

To simplify NISRA's camp transportation and provide families with bus route information at registration time, bus routes are pre-determined. If no one registers for a location on the route, pick-up & drop-off times for the other locations on the route may change.

Pick- up	Location	Drop-off
8:15 am	Huntley R.E.C. Center	4:15 pm
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm*
7:45 am	Wauconda Park District	4:45 pm
8:20 am	Woodstock Recreation Center	4:15 pm

^{*}Bus transfer. Camper may need to switch buses with staff assistance at the NISRA Office.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP? PLEASE CALL:



Jordan Chandler, B.S., CTRS

Manager of Summer Day Camp & Outreach
ext. 234 | jchandler@nisra.org
(Call or email Jordan with specific questions about camp)



Heidi Jenkins, M.A., CTRS Superintendent of Recreation ext. 238 | hjenkins@nisra.org



Mia Ross, B.S., CTRS
Manager of Inclusion
ext. 224 | mross@nisra.org
(Call or email Mia with questions about inclusion into
NISRA member district programs)



Jennifer Wiley, B.A.
Office Services Coordinator
ext. 237 | jwiley@nisra.org
(Call or email Jennifer with questions about
registration, payment or scholarships)
Please do not email registration forms to Jennifer.
Registration forms are to be emailed to info@nisra.org.



Dana Seehafer, B.A., CPRP
Senior Manager of Operations
ext. 227 | dseehafer@nisra.org
(Call or email Dana with questions about transportation)

CALLING NISRA:

During the weeks of camp you can call the NISRA office at **(815) 459-0737**, as early as 7:30 am with questions about transportation, to let us know if your child will be absent, etc. We can also get the messages to the camp staff for you.

TRANSPORTATION GENERAL INFORMATION

Pick-up/Drop-off Transportation for Camps:

NISRA offers pick-up and drop-off transportation locations for camps. Parents/guardians should choose their preferred pick-up/drop-off location from the route listed under their child's camp selection and write it on the Registration Form.

Bus Aides

NISRA will be assigning a bus aide for each of the buses used for summer day camp transportation. However, there may be days when an aide is unavailable and NISRA will not have adequate notice to assign a substitute aide or advise parents/guardians that an aide will not be on the bus that day. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to confirm at the pick-up point each day that a bus aide is available, and if not, to choose whether or not to have their child ride the bus. If a parent/guardian believes that their child needs a 1:1 bus aide, please indicate the need on the camp registration form and briefly explain the reason for the request.

Behavior Expectations for Transportation

Please read & review these bus rules with your child. They have been established to ensure your child's safety while riding the bus.

- 1. Show respect to all campers, counselors, staff & drivers.
- 2. Refrain from using abusive or obscene language.
- 3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other campers & staff.
- 4. Show respect for equipment, supplies and the bus.
- 5. Take your seat promptly.
- 6. Seatbelts are required for everyone riding the bus.
- 7. Keep your feet under the seat in front of you.
- 8. Keep body and belongings to yourself inside the bus.
- 9. Talk at a conversational level.
- 10. Finish food & drinks prior to getting on the bus.
- 11. Electronic toys & headphones are allowed to assist with behavior management. Campers are responsible for their belongings.

The driver is allowed to assign seats if necessary. Once a camper boards the bus, parents should not get on the bus, so that staff can assist the camper and stay on schedule. The driver or bus aide will complete a Bus Conduct Form for those not meeting the behavior expectations. Parents will be contacted to discuss the incident. The camper may be suspended or lose the transportation option.

Bus Transfers

Some bus routes will require campers to transfer from one bus to another. The driver and bus aides will ensure the safety and smooth transitions of all campers. Transfers will occur at the NISRA Office.

Harnesses

If a harness or vest is needed, we ask that parents provide the vest. NISRA has a limited number of harness hook-ups & vests.

Cary Park District

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Community Center 255 Briargate, Cary

Crystal Lake/NISRA Office

285 Memorial Drive, Crystal Lake

Huntley REC Center 12015 Mill Street, Huntley

Lake in the Hills Village Hall 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills

McHenry Recreation Center 3636 Municipal Drive, McHenry

Wauconda Park District
Community Center
600 Main Street, Wauconda

Woodstock Recreation Center 820 Lake Avenue, Woodstock









HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Procedure

1. Complete front and back side of the registration form and camper information form on pages 15 - 18. Please complete separate forms for each camper being registered. If the forms are not complete, the registration will not be processed and they will be returned to you.

2. Full payment must be made prior to the start of camp.

No camper will be allowed to attend camp until the entire fee has been paid in full. Staff will notify bus drivers and Site Directors of those who will not be attending due to incomplete payment.

- 3. Registration is processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. If camp reaches maximum capacity, a waiting list will be started, and those on the list will be notified via email.
- 4. "Residents" who are eligible for the resident fee are those who live within the resident boundaries of one of NISRA's 13 member park districts or municipalities (see back cover of this brochure). Out-of-district "Non-Resident" participants are charged a non-resident fee and their registrations are held and not processed until non-resident registration opens. If you are unsure of your resident status, please call the office prior to March 3.

Township Information

We ask for your township on the registration form because area townships give grants to NISRA. If you are unsure of your township, call the township closest to your residence.

NISRA Summer Day Camps receive scholarship & funding support, in part, from:

- Barrington Township
- Dundee Township Mental Health Board
- Elgin Township
- McHenry County Mental Health Board
- NISRA Foundation
- Wauconda Township

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Resident Priority Registration Ends: Thursday, March 20

Non-Resident Registration Processing Begins:

Friday, March 21

Final Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 27

(Residents of NISRA's 13 member districts will be registered first. *Non-residents may submit their registration at any time, however, their forms will be held and processed beginning March 21)

If your registration is late, the participant:

- •will be placed on a waiting list if camp is full
- ·may miss the first week of camp
- ·may not be eligible for transportation

Camp Absences

Registration for camps are now offered on a monthly basis. NISRA is not able to offer prorated fees for dates that campers are absent, including days missed for summer school.

Payment Plans/Scholarships

You may make divided payments if you are unable to pay the full camp fee at the time of registration. Divided payments should be made according to the following schedule:

- •1/3 of the fee is due with your Registration Form
- •another 1/3 of the fee is due April 21
- •the final payment is due on June 2

Scholarships are awarded to those who qualify based upon financial hardship. If you would like to register and need financial assistance, please call (815) 459-0737 for a scholarship application. Since scholarships cover only a part of the camp fee, the remaining balance must be PAID IN FULL prior to the start of camp. You will be notified of your status after the decisions are made for all scholarships.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Credits and refunds must be requested **5 business days** prior to the start of camp. The cost of camp, minus a \$5.00 processing fee will be refunded. After camp has started, credits and refunds will be issued for a medical or unavoidable circumstances only (ex. job transfer, moving, etc.) Proof of the reason may be required. A pro-rated credit or refund, based upon the number of weeks, will be issued, minus the \$5.00 processing fee. No cash refunds will be given, regardless of how the payment was made.

INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Program Policies

Listed below are some of NISRA's policies for camps and year-round programs:

- 1. When participants of varying ages & ability levels are in the same camp, they will be grouped appropriately.
- 2. If a camper will be absent, please call the NISRA office.
- 3. Participants must be dropped off & picked up at the designated times for camp or the transportation location chosen. Delays create a number of problems & additional costs. Staff will notify the NISRA office of continual lateness and a fine will be assessed.
- 4. If you are transporting your child to camp, please check-in with the staff upon arrival and at departure.
- 5. If staff observe that it appears unsafe to release a camper to the person picking them up after camp, the staff will call a supervisor to determine what other transportation alternatives may be possible.
- 6. While NISRA staff will assist the campers with their belongings, NISRA cannot be responsible for lost or stolen property. Campers should not bring valuable games, toys, or other items to camp.

Behavior Expectations

Although NISRA recognizes that many campers have special behavioral challenges, guidelines have been established to ensure safety and enjoyment of all campers. The Behavior Code of Conduct expects summer day campers to:

- 1. Show respect to all campers and counselors, and take direction from counselors.
- 2. Refrain from using abusive or foul language.
- 3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other campers, and counselors.
- 4. Show respect for equipment, supplies, and facilities.

A positive approach will be used regarding behavior management. NISRA will work closely with parents & guardians to develop behavior management plans. If inappropriate, disruptive or destructive behavior occurs, a prompt resolution will be sought. NISRA reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any camper whose behavior endangers the safety of themself or others.

Illness Guidelines

In order to prevent the spread of illness, campers may not attend camp when any of the following conditions exist:

- Fever over 100 degrees within the last 24 hours
- Vomiting within the last 24 hours
- Persistent diarrhea
- Persistent cough and/or cold symptoms
- "Pink Eye" (conjunctivitis)
- Symptoms of mumps, measles, chicken pox, strep throat, flu, impetigo, or Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease
- Runny nose with yellow or green discharge (indicates infections)
- Lice or mites present
- Contagious rash or rash of unknown origin
- Any COVID symptoms

You will be contacted to make arrangements for your child to go home if any of these symptoms are present.

Severe Weather Guidelines

The guidelines below are used by NISRA's staff to determine whether to delay or cancel programs and camps.

Hot Weather Guidelines:

Outdoor programs/activities may be cancelled if any of the following conditions exist:

- Temperature is above 95 degrees
- Heat Index is 103 degrees or higher

Indoor programs where there is no air conditioning may be cancelled at the discretion of NISRA staff.

All camps will be adjusted when National Weather Service has issued a Tornado Warning for Cook, Kane, Lake or McHenry County.

Sunscreen

Please provide sunscreen for your child. Due to skin sensitivity and allergies, NISRA does **not** provide sunscreen for all campers.

Swim Diapers/Pool Pants/Diapers

These are required for all campers who are incontinent. See NorthShore care supply at www.northshorecare.com or try the Abilitations catalog at (800) 850-8602 or www.abilitations.com.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION FORM



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	City	State	Zip	
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Alternate Phone ()	Work Phone	e()		
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	int)			_
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	A relative or friend who can respond in case of em			
	First Name			_
	Cell Phone ()			
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NISRA typically contacts tead	hers/social workers to gather information to assis			_
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Wait List

This form must be completed and signed before registration can balance) before the camper will be allowed to attend camp.	be processed. Fees	will need to be PAID IN FULL (including any past due
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Cardholder Name (please print)		Signature
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VAIVER RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND HOLD HARMLESS A ASSOCIATION – READ CAREFULLY Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and laims for injuries arising out of these programs that you or the otle efer to parents or guardians as well as participants in the program • As a participant in these programs, I recognize and acknowledge	d participating in NIS ther named participa ms. In registering for	RA programs, you will be waiving and releasing all nt might sustain. The terms "I", "me", and "my " also these programs, you are agreeing as follows:
full risk of any injuries, damages or loss which I may sustain as with or associated with such activities and involve substantial r I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I may have as participating or cooperating governmental units, any and all ingovernmental bodies and independent contractors, and any ar	s a result of participat risks of injury. s a result of participa idependent contracto	ting in any manner, in any and all activities connected ating in these programs against NISRA, any and all other ors, officers, agents, servants and employees of the

- or indirectly liable for any injuries that I might sustain while participating in these programs.

 I do herby fully release and discharge NISRA and the other released parties from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in these programs.
- I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend NISRA and any and all other parties, from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by anyone, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my conduct and the activities of these programs.
- I further understand and agree that the terms such as "participation", and "activities", referred to in this Agreement, include all exercises and physical movements of any nature while I am participating in these programs and further include the provision of or failure to provide proper instructions or supervision, the use and adjustment of any and all machinery, equipment, and apparatus, and anything related to my use of the service, facilities, or premises involved in these programs, and transportation to and from any events.
- I understand the nature of these programs for which I am registering, and have read and fully understand this Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. I further understand that any advisements or warnings of the particular risks of these programs that I subsequently receive will be incorporated by reference into and become a part of this Agreement.
- Photo release: NISRA takes photos & video of participants in programs. By signing the waiver, you are giving permission to NISRA to use these photos & videos in our publications, on our website and social media outlets without further permission and without any compensation to you. All photos & video are the property of NISRA.
- In case of emergency, I give my permission for the participant to receive any first-aid, transportation or medical attention that may be required.
- I authorize NISRA to release participant information files to McHenry County Mental Health Board for the purpose of NISRA program funding review.

*A facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date

*Please mail, drop off, or email your form to **info@nisra.org** or **285 Memorial Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014**. Please confirm receipt of email by obtaining an email response from info@nisra.org or calling the NISRA Office at (815) 459-0737. Fax can be difficult to read.

Once you've registered, please refer to your **Parent Information** packet with all the camp policies and procedures, online at **www.nisra.org** or you may call NISRA to request a paper copy to be mailed to you.

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2025 CAMPER INFORMATION FORM

Camper's Name:				
Doctor Name:		Phone: ()		
PLEASE ONLY CHECK THE BO	OXES THAT APPLY TO THE CAMPER.			
ALLERGIES & MEDICA	ATION			
Food Allergies:	Type and Details:			
Insect Bite Allergies:	Type and Details:			
Medication Allergies:	Type and Details:			
Uses EPI Pen				
Other (list):	Details:			
If yes, complete the form on p prior to the first day of camp	•	ication Permission Forms must be submitted to NISRA		
	*If camper has seizures, pleas	se see page 21.		
	(ex: VNS, G-tubes, PKU and other			
Condition:				
	Details:			
Please provide this import	ant information if applicable.			
COMMUNICATION				
1st Primary Language:				
Wears Eyeglasses				
Uses Hearing Aid(s): Left Ear Right Ear Both				
Uses Visual Support (PECs, picture schedules, etc.) Details:				
Non-Verbal: Sign L	Language Interpreter Needed Uses C	Communication Device Details:		
DAILY LIVING SKILLS	& INDEPENDENCE			
Feeding Assistance Re	quired: Details:			
Toilet Assistance Requ	ıired: Details:			
Requires Regular Bath	room Schedule Details:			
Dressing Assistance Re	equired Details:			

DAILY LIVING SKILLS & INDEPENDENCE (cont'd	
*Describe Reading Skills:	
*Describe Ability to Keep Track of Belongings:	
*Describe Safety Awareness (stays with group, wanders,	etc.):
*Describe Swim Level (cannot swim, swims a little, swims	independently, etc.):
MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION	
Uses Wheelchair: Manual Power Tra	ansfers to Seat: Yes No Needs Harness Hook-Up
Wheelchair Lift Needed on Bus *By not checking this box, we w	(If yes, guardian must provide harness) (ill assume camper can walk up the bus stairs
☐ Uses Orthopedic Equipment: ☐ Walker ☐ Braces	Cane AFO (ankle, foot orthosis) Crutches
Bus Aide Requested If checked, please briefly exp	lain why:
SENSORY/BEHAVIORAL: (tips to help camp state	ff with campers)
Please describe situations below by providing individual deta *Ratio: NISRA provides an approximate 1:2 - 1:4 ratio for a	
please briefly explain the reason: (Note: camp ratios may	be different than school ratios which are designed to meet
specific academic achievement standards)	
*Sensory Processing Difficulties:	
*Ability to Follow Directions and Accept Limits/Rules:	
*Behaviors to Watch For:	
*Understanding of Sexual Information:	
*Calming Techniques:	
*Shows Anger By:	*Shows Happiness By:
	*Shows Pain By:
*Ability to Join Group Activities:	-
*Activities They Most Enjoy:	
*Activities They Dislike:	
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date





CONSENT FOR PARTICIPANT PICK-UP

At NISRA we understand that from time to time parents may need to have someone other than themselves pick their camper up from camp and/or programs. Should this situation ever occur, for your camper's safety, we ask that you inform us ahead of time. In an emergency situation, please call the NISRA office. Please note that we will ask for a photo ID from anyone other than the regular pick up person.

Name	Relationship	Primary Phone Number
	or one year from the da	te of signature.
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Date://	_
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Age: _____



SUMMER DAY CAMP MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM

Participant's Name:

Medica

1.

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5.

Parent/Guardian's Name(s):

Daytime Phone: Other Phone:				
Doctor's Na	ame:		Phone:	
tion Name	Dosage	Time(s)	Dispensing & Storing Instructions	Possible Side Effects

Please note that NISRA **does not** administer rectal Distat.

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association Medication Dispensing Waiver

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury in connection with administering of medication to my minor child or participant. In consideration of the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association administering medication to my minor child or participant, I do hereby fully release or discharge NISRA, and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims from injuries, damages, and losses I or my minor child or participant may have, arising out of, connected with, incidental to, or in any way associated with the administering of medication. I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend NISRA and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by me or my minor child or participant and arising out of, connected with, incidental to or in any way associated with the administering of medication.

Parent Guardian Signature:	Date:

^{*}NISRA Summer Day Camp requires participant's medication to be sent **DAILY** in a bag/envelope with participant name, medication, and dosage.



Office Use Only:
Date Reviewed: Initial:

Seizure Questionnaire

Revised: 4-15-2024

Please complete this form if the participant experiences seizures. Please update this form whenever there is a change in the seizure information/plan and prompty submit it to NISRA. NISRA requests that you review this form once a year and provide any necessary updates. *Unless you have opted out due to no seizure activity within 5 years. Please see below.*

Complete	d By:	Relationship:	Date:
seasonal b	medication needs are to be note		ate form which is distributed each year in the summer & fa ubmission of their <i>Annual Information Update</i> form, please
topical ma	intenance medication. To obtain	a copy of the Annual Information Up	staff to assist with the dispensing of scheduled oral or odate form or Medication Permission form, please contact ww.nisra.org and click on the "Dates & Forms" tab.
ac		e care from NISRA staff (beyond basi	cure in the last 5 years and you are not requesting ic first aid), in which case you can opt-out of providing an
	Please note: NISRA staff will	not administer rectal Diastat or per	rform any other invasive medical procedures.
1. Please	e describe a typical seizure:		
	ere any symptoms prior to the or was the date of the participant's l		Ach pain, fear, sounds, etc.) How long does the typical seizure last?
Types of S	Seizure(s): Please check all that	apply.	
	Absence (staring spell)	Atonic (Drop)	Simple Partial
	Complex Partial	Generalized (Grand Mal)	Other (Explain):
actions yo	u would like NISRA staff to take in	n the event of a seizure minutes. (Please note: de	Plan cedures for the care of seizures. Please list any additional pending on circumstances, NISRA staff may disregard this
2.			
3.			
☐ VN	IS Device Check Box: If checked,	parent/guardian must train staff on	use of VNS device.
Parer	nt/Guardian Signature:		Date:
Pleas	e return this completed form	along with your Registration Forn	n to the NISRA Office.

FACILITY LOCATIONS

Please call the NISRA Office at (815) 459-0737 and we will assist you or direct you to another phone number to reach the camp.



Adventure & Sunburst

Huntley R.E.C. Center 12015 Mill Street, Huntley



Discover

D158 School - to be determined Huntley, Lake in the Hills, or Algonquin



Explorer

Countryside Elementary School 205 W. County Line Road, Barrington



Independence

Spoerl Park 7610 Pingree Road, Crystal Lake



Rock

Lords Park 100 Oakwood Blvd, Elgin



Sunrise

D158 School - to be determined Huntley, Lake in the Hills, or Algonquin









INFORMATION AND POLICIES - CONTINUED

Parent Orientation

A pre-recorded parent orientation will be emailed after registration closes.

Meet & Greet

Don't miss the opportunity to meet the camp staff and see the camp site. Please join us at your chosen camp location for a brief meeting to review important information about camp.

Wednesday, June 11 3:30 - 4:00 pm



Late Pick-Up Policy

Participants must be picked up at the designated location at the end of the program. Late pick-up creates additional costs and potential delays of staff getting to another program. If a participant has not been picked up at the scheduled program end time, the parent/guardian/group home staff will be contacted. After the ten-minute wait period, if the participant has not been picked up, emergency contacts will be called. If NISRA has no contact from a parent/guardian/group home or a responsible party from the emergency contacts, then police will be called and the participant will be taken into protective custody until a parent or guardian can be located. If an unexpected emergency arises that will delay the pick-up of a participant, please call the NISRA office.

When a late pick up occurs:

One (1) no-fee written reminder, per season, will be given. Reminders will be documented through a parent or guardian's signature on the Late Pick-Up Form.

Five (5) minutes of time will be allotted as a "grace period" following the advertised programs times.

After one (1) documented reminder, a \$5.00 per each cumulated five (5) minutes fee will be assessed. This bill must be paid in full prior to future registrations.

Mandated Reporters

NISRA staff are mandated by the State of Illinois to report to the DCFS hotline if they observe a situation that provides reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect. Workers in certain professions, including "recreational program" personnel have this legal mandate. Staff are trained on the procedure for making a report.

Photos/Videos

NISRA occasionally takes photographs or video of participants for promoting/advertising our programs, services, events, activities, and facilities in our brochures, website or agency social media, member district publications, and other promotional avenues. By registering for, participating in or attending NISRA programs, events, or other activities, the participant (or parent/ guardian of a minor participant) irrevocably agrees to the use and distribution by NISRA, any of its members, contractual service providers, or cooperating entities where services or programs take place, of his or her image (or of his minor child/ward) in photographs, video recordings, and any other electronic reproductions of such programs, events and activities for any purpose without inspection or approval and without compensation, rights to royalties or any other consideration now and in the future. The participant's identity is kept anonymous unless permission is obtained by NISRA to identify the person.

Handle with Care

NISRA staff are trained in the Handle with Care Behavior Management System. Handle with Care specializes in verbal de-escalation techniques, targeted to assist participants in crisis. Handle with Care training also teaches staff how to perform safe physical restraint techniques for participants who may become aggressive, assaultive or cause harm to themselves or others. Please note that safe physical restraint is only used as an absolute last resort as a means for behavior management. NISRA will only use safe physical restraint if all other behavior management techniques have been exhausted or participants are in imminent danger. If Handle with Care techniques are used with your participant, you will always be notified by a NISRA staff.

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Serving Residents with Disabilities in:

- Barrington Park District
- Cary Park District
- Crystal Lake Park District
- Dundee Township Park District
- City of Elgin
- Hampshire Township Park District
- City of Harvard
- Huntley Park District
- Village of Lake in the Hills
- Marengo Park District
- City of McHenry
- Wauconda Park District
- City of Woodstock

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to providing meaningful recreation services for residents with disabilities!

Summertime Fun...

Would you like your child to start learning to swim this summer? Or make new friends? Spend some time outdoors? Take trips, eat ice cream and just have FUN?! NISRA's Summer brochure will be available for online viewing April 14, with registration opening on April 17.

Don't miss out on all the fun!







