



NISRA
Northern Illinois
Special Recreation Association

SUMMER DAY CAMPS 2026

Registration Opens: March 2 Deadline: March 26

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, cultural arts, and Special Olympics for people with disabilities. Dedicated staff help participants experience the benefits of recreation, friendship, fun, and adventure!

Asistencia en Español

Si quisiera 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.**



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Phone: (815) 459-0737 | **Website:** www.nisra.org
Email: registration@nisra.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm*

**Phone messages left after hours and on weekends are retrieved the next business day*

The office will be closed on the following dates:

May 25

July 3

SUMMER DAY CAMP 2026 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.

NISRA's New Registration System Is Here!

We launched WebTrac, our new online registration system that makes it easier than ever for families to create accounts, view programs, and register online. The WebTrac link and setup instructions can be found at nisra.org under "Register". Once your WebTrac account is approved, you'll be ready to register on Monday, March 2 for Summer Day Camps. ***If you or your loved one is currently registered for 2026 winter and/or spring programs, your WebTrac and ePact accounts are ready to go. No further action is required prior to registration.***

After registering, families will receive an email invitation to complete participant information through **ePact**, NISRA's secure emergency and medical information system. Participants whose ePact profiles are not completed by May 4 may be dropped from their camps.

Registration will open at 8:30am on Monday, March 2. Registration forms will not be accepted through email, fax, or the NISRA drop box. All registrations must be completed online through WebTrac or in person at the NISRA office during business hours.

Camp Sessions:

Camp registration will be offered in 2 sessions: Session 1 (June 15 – July 2) and Session 2 (July 6 – July 30). Families can register their camper for one or both sessions. There will be no prorating as you will need to pay in full at the time of registration.

Camps:

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

Swimming:

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

See our FAQs on page 5 for more camp details.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES:

Camp Sessions:

Monday - Thursday
**times vary by camp*

Session 1:

June 15 - July 2

Session 2:

July 6 - July 30

Resident Priority Registration Begins:

Monday, March 2

Resident Priority Registration Ends:

Thursday, March 19

Non-Resident Registration Begins:

Friday, March 20

Final Registration Deadline:

Thursday, March 26

Parent Orientation & Welcome Letter

A pre-recorded **Parent Orientation** and **Welcome Letter** will be **emailed** in May. These materials will include details about camp, swim days, locations, and more!

Camp Meet and Greet

Don't miss the opportunity to meet the camp staff and see the camp site. Join us at your camp location for a brief meeting to review important information about camp. Meet and greet details will be in your **Welcome Letter**.

NISRA'S SUMMER CAMPS ARE FULL OF FUN, LAUGHTER, LEARNING, AND FRIENDSHIP!

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 new games and 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 and crafts
- 10:00 Music and dancing
- 10:30 Games and sports (indoor and outdoor)
- 11:00 Playground
- 11:45 Clean up before lunch
- 12:00 Lunch and relaxation time
- 12:45 Get ready for swimming
- 1:00 Swimming or alternate water activities*
- 2:30 Change and 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 and 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 at (815) 459-0737.

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 and 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 and 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 and 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, Executive Director 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 deshabilitades.

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 extensión 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 deshabilitades. El personal de los campamentos incluye estudiantes de la preparatoria y la universidad, y graduados en los campos de recreación terapéutica, educación especial, educación física adaptada y otros. Una variedad de exámenes 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 deshabilitades, 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 a 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 26 de marzo y los pagos vencen el 1 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 que 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 pago final 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.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 **email registration@nisra.org** to update your camper's registration. 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 \$15 cancellation processing fee. **See page 14 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 at (815) 459-0737 to reach the Manager of Summer Day Camp or the site directors for your child's camp. The office will pass along the details of pick up.

When, where, and for how long does my camper swim? Specific camper swim information will be located in 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 and/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 15 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 jwiley@nisra.org.

When do camp fees need to be paid in full? Upon registration on WebTrac or by June 1 if using installment billing.

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 15 - July 2 and Session 2 is July 6 - July 30. NISRA only offers a full day of 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, when would 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. **You will have 48 hours to respond otherwise we will move onto the next camper on the waitlist.** 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. **If you do not receive a call, there is no spot available. Please do not call to check the status.** Payment will be needed at the time of enrollment from the waitlist.

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 and to whom if my camper has allergies, dietary needs, seizures, or a medical protocol to be followed? The Seizure Questionnaire, Medication Permission Form, and/or Medical Protocol Form will need to be submitted via **ePact**. If you are new to NISRA or NISRA camps, you will have a short welcome phone call 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? No. The camper must be fever free and has not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours to return to camp. **See page 15 for more details.**

How do I get notified of transportation updates, severe weather, or camp closures? All camp information related to transportation, weather, or camps will be communicated via **ePact**. Please ensure your notifications are enabled.

CAMP SUNRISE (AGES 3 - 6)

LOCATION: HUNTLEY REC CENTER

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

Session	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation Fee
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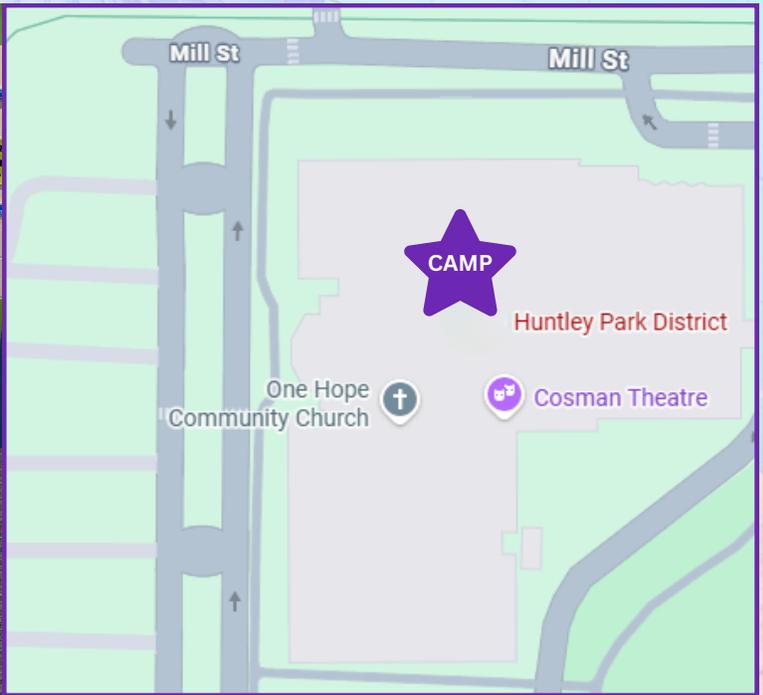
Session 1	\$516	\$828	\$240
Session 2	\$688	\$1104	\$320

NOTE: This camp is designed to meet the needs of all ability levels ages 3 - 6.

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 and drop-off times for the other locations on the route may change. Campers may need to switch buses with staff assistance at the NISRA office.

Pick-up	Location	Drop-off
8:20 am	Kingston Lanes, Woodstock	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



CAMP ROCK (AGES 7 -22)

LOCATION: LORDS PARK PAVILION, ELGIN

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

Session	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)
Session 1	\$516	\$828
Session 2	\$688	\$1104

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



Min/Max = Minimum / Maximum # of campers per camp
*See page 19 for location addresses

CAMP DISCOVER (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: CHESAK ELEMENTARY, LAKE IN THE HILLS (TENATIVE)

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

Session	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation Fee
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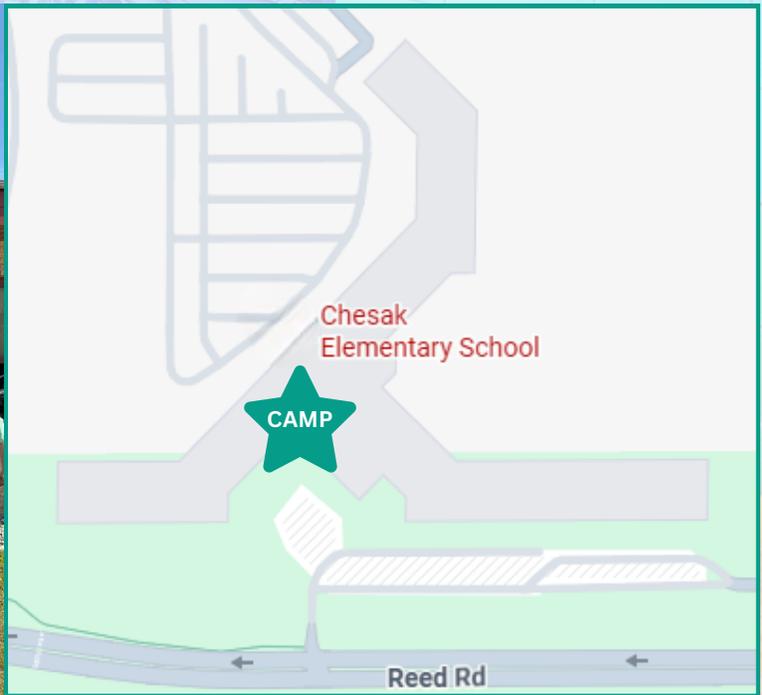
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8:20 am	Kingston Lanes, Woodstock	4:15 pm
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm
7:45 am	Wauconda Park District	4:45 pm



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CAMP SUNBURST (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: HUNTLEY REC CENTER

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

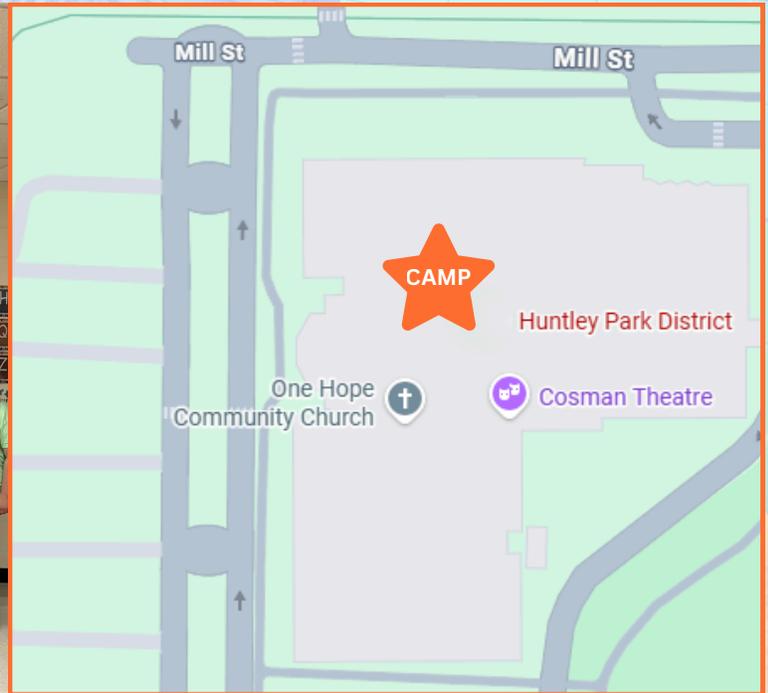
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8:20 am	Kingston Lanes, Woodstock	4:15 pm
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm
7:45 am	Wauconda Park District	4:45 pm



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CAMP EXPLORER (AGES 7 - 22)

LOCATION: COUNTRYSIDE ELEMENTARY, BARRINGTON

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
 Time: 9:15 am - 3:15 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

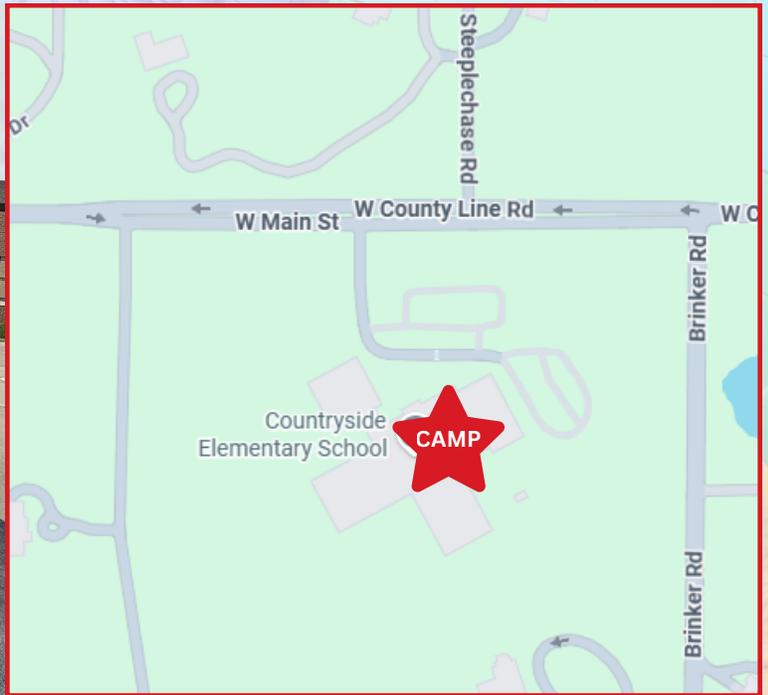
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Pick-up	Location	Drop-off
9:00 am	Cary Park District Community Center	3:35 pm
8:20 am	Kingston Lanes, Woodstock	4:15 pm
8:15 am	McHenry Recreation Center	4:20 pm
8:45 am	NISRA Office	3:45 pm
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CAMP INDEPENDENCE (AGES 13 - 22)

LOCATION: SPOERL PARK, CRYSTAL LAKE

Session 1: June 15 - July 2 | Session 2: July 6 - July 30
 Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Min 6 / Max 10

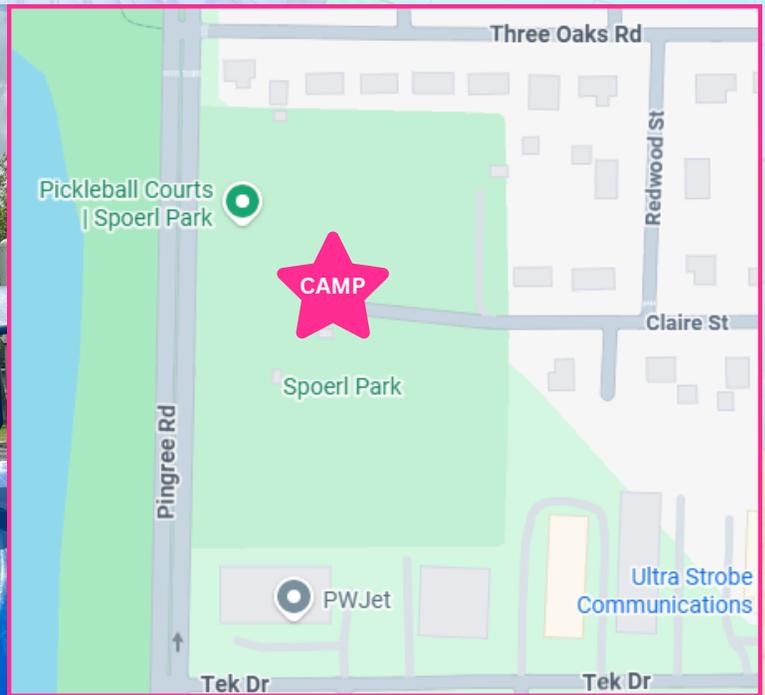
Session	Camp Fee (Resident)	Camp Fee (Non-Resident)	Transportation Fee
Session 1	\$552	\$888	\$240
Session 2	\$736	\$1184	\$320

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.

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CAMP INDEPENDENCE (AGES 13 - 22)

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QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP? PLEASE CALL:



Jordan Chandler, B.S., CTRS
 Manager of Summer Day Camp and Outreach
 ext. 234 | jchandler@nisra.org
(Call or email Jordan with specific questions about camp)



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



Tara Mackey, B.S.
 Registration Specialist
 ext. 257 | registration@nisra.org
(Contact Tara with questions about registration)



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



Jennifer Wiley, B.A.
 Office Services Coordinator
 ext. 237 | jwiley@nisra.org
(Contact Jennifer with questions about payments and scholarships)



Mia Ross, B.S., CTRS
 Manager of Inclusion
 ext. 224 | mross@nisra.org
(Contact Mia with questions about inclusion services in NISRA member districts)

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.

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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 on WebTrac.

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 your ePact account and briefly explain the reason for the request.

Behavior Expectations for Transportation

Please read and 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, and drivers.
2. Refrain from using abusive or obscene language.
3. Refrain from causing bodily harm to self, other campers, and 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 and drinks prior to getting on the bus.
11. Electronic toys and 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 and vests. Please include this information on your ePact account.

PICK-UP/DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

**Cary Park District
Community Center**
255 Briargate Road
Cary

Crystal Lake/NISRA Office
285 Memorial Drive
Crystal Lake

Huntley REC Center
12015 Mill Street
Huntley

McHenry Recreation Center
3636 Municipal Drive
McHenry

**Wauconda Park District
Community Center**
600 Main Street
Wauconda

Kingston Lanes
1330 South Eastwood Drive
Woodstock



HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Information

1. Registration is to be completed through WebTrac. Families receiving financial aid will receive details on how to apply it through WebTrac.
2. Registration will not be permitted if there is a past due balance.
3. NISRA residents have priority registration dates over non-residents. If you have a question about your residency, please call the NISRA office prior to Monday, March 2.
4. If a camp reaches maximum registration, a waiting list will be started. You can still register to be on the waitlist at no cost. The Manager of Summer Day Camp will call you as soon as a spot becomes available to discuss enrolling your camper into a camp. You will have 48 hours to respond otherwise we will move onto the next camper on the waitlist.
5. Camp must be paid in full prior to the start of camp. No camper will be allowed to attend camp until the entire fee has been paid. Camp staff will be notified of those unable to attend due to non-compliance.
6. You can register for camp and camp transportation at the same time. Be sure to double check the locations available for the camp of your choice.
7. Detailed WebTrac and ePact instructions can be found at nisra.org under the "Register" tab from the main menu.

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 Begins:
Monday, March 2**

**Resident Priority Registration Ends:
Thursday, March 19**

**Non-Resident Registration Begins:
Friday, March 20**

**Final Registration Deadline:
Thursday, March 26**

If you register after March 26, please call the NISRA office to determine next steps.

Camp Absences

Sessions 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 when you register
- another 1/3 of the fee is due **May 1**
- the final payment is due on **June 1**

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

Cancellations and refunds must be requested **5 business days** prior to the start of camp. The cost of camp, minus a \$15.00 processing fee will be refunded. After camp has started, 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 refund, based upon the number of weeks, will be issued minus the \$15.00 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 and 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 and picked up at the designated times for camp or the transportation location chosen. Delays create a number of problems and 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 obscene 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 and 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 themselves 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 and 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 any 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.

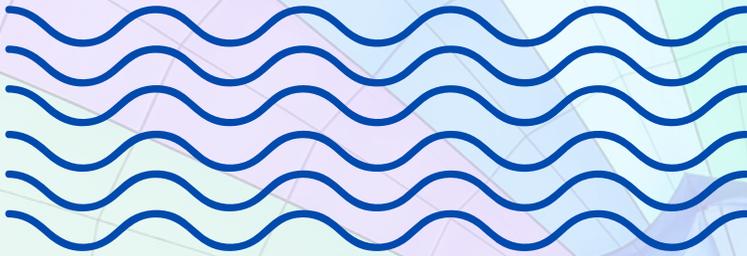
INFORMATION AND POLICIES - CONTINUED

Parent Orientation & Welcome Letter

A pre-recorded **Parent Orientation** and **Welcome Letter** will be **emailed** in May. These materials will include details about camp, swim days, locations, and more!

Meet & Greet

Don't miss the opportunity to meet the camp staff and see the camp site. Join us at your camp location for a brief meeting to review important information about camp. Meet and greet details will be in your **Welcome Letter**.



Late Pick Up Policy:

Campers must be picked up at the designated end of the program. Late pick up creates additional costs and potential delays of staff getting to another program. If a camper has not been picked up at the scheduled program end time, the parent/guardian/group home staff will be contacted. After the five-minute wait period, if the camper 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 camper 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 camper, please call the NISRA office and leave a detailed message in the emergency mailbox.

When a late pick up occurs:

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

One (1) no-fee written reminder, per season, will be given. Reminders will be documented through an email from WebTrac.

After one (1) no-fee written or documented late pick up form reminder, a \$5.00 fee will be charged for every cumulated (5) minutes until participant is picked up. This bill must be paid in full prior to future registrations and will be billed through WebTrac.

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.

The Parent Information Packet with all the camp policies and procedures will be emailed to you after registration closes.

SUMMER DAY CAMP MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM

Participant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medication Name	Dosage	Time(s)	Dispensing & Storing Instructions	Possible Side Effects
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

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

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

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:** _____

This form needs to be uploaded into your ePact account.



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Seizure Questionnaire

Please complete this form if the participant experiences seizures. **Please update this form whenever there is a change in the seizure information/plan and promptly upload it into your ePact account.** 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.****

Participant's Name: _____

Completed By: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Date:** _____

Medication(s):

Participant medication needs are to be noted on their **Annual Information Update** form which is distributed each year in the summer and fall seasonal brochures. If the participant's medication needs have changed since submission of their **Annual Information Update** form, please submit a new update as soon as possible.

A **Medication Permission** form must be submitted if you are requesting NISRA staff to assist with the dispensing of scheduled oral or topical maintenance medication. To obtain a copy of the Annual Information Update form or Medication Permission form, please contact the NISRA office or download a copy of the forms from the NISRA website at www.nisra.org and click on the "Dates & Forms" tab.

Please check box and sign below if participant has not experienced a seizure in the last 5 years and you are not requesting accommodations regarding seizure care from NISRA staff (beyond basic first aid), in which case you can opt-out of providing an updated Seizure Questionnaire at this time.

Please note: NISRA staff will not administer rectal Diastat or perform any other invasive medical procedures.

1. Please describe a typical seizure: _____

2. Are there any symptoms prior to the onset of the seizure? (i.e. smells, stomach pain, fear, sounds, etc.) _____

3. What was the date of the participant's last seizure? ____/____/____ 4. How long does the typical seizure last? _____

Types of Seizure(s): Please check all that apply.

_____ Absence (staring spell) _____ Atonic (Drop) _____ Simple Partial
 _____ Complex Partial _____ Generalized (Grand Mal) _____ Other (Explain): _____

Seizure Response Plan

In the event of a perceived seizure, **NISRA staff will follow basic first-aid procedures for the care of seizures.** Please list any additional actions you would like NISRA staff to take in the event of a seizure

1. Call 911 for a seizure lasting more than _____ minutes. (Please note: depending on circumstances, NISRA staff may disregard this request and instead call 911 immediately)
- 2.
- 3.

VNS Device Check Box: If checked, parent/guardian must train staff on use of VNS device.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This form needs to be uploaded into your ePact account.

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.



Sunrise & Sunburst

Huntley REC Center
12015 Mill Street, Huntley



Discover

Chesak Elementary School
10910 Reed Road, Lake in the Hills



Explorer

Countryside Elementary School
205 West County Line Road, Barrington



Independence

Spoerl Park
7610 Pingree Road, Crystal Lake

Chesak Elementary School
10910 Reed Road, Lake in the Hills



Rock

Lords Park Pavilion
100 Oakwood Boulevard, Elgin



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285 Memorial Drive
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

LOOKING AHEAD

SUMMER BROCHURE PREVIEW: APRIL 13
SUMMER BROCHURE AVAILABLE: APRIL 16

NISRA's 13 Member Districts:

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 people with disabilities.

