

SUPER SUMMER FUN CAMP at OAKWOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL

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Mission

It is the mission of the Super Summer Fun Camp at Oakwood Friends School to provide a safe and exciting outdoor environment for children, while providing hands-on enrichment activities that speak to the artist, the builder, the explorer, the “mover and shaker” within each camper.

Objectives

- To maintain an environment where children are safe and feel safe
- To provide well-rounded activities and experiences, including field trips.
- To promote “outside-of-the-box” thinking
- To learn from each other, regardless of ones age
- To embrace the luxury of being outdoors and in the Hudson River Valley
- To explore the literary arts, musical arts, and visual arts
- To encourage healthy life styles and cardiovascular activity
- To support diversity and open-mindedness
- To nurture each child’s self esteem and individuality

Description

The Super Summer Fun Camp at Oakwood Friends School maintains an outdoor “one-room school house” environment for children 5 to 12 years old. The low camper to counselor ratio contributes to the healthy, open-minded, and curious environment that we create on Oakwood's 65-acre campus.

Our summer camp aims to be a place where kids can be kids in the truest and most timeless sense. While there is a structure to our camp day, the schedule is very flexible to accommodate camper interests or allowing a really fun activity go “overtime”. Outside with nature, freed a bit from the digital world of high-tech electronics, campers will use all five senses plus their imaginations to enjoy the precious minutes of camp passing by.

Counselors, Celia, Stan, Mark and Jenna are professional educators and artists, each bringing their individual talents to the collective camp experience.

Each two-week session has a unique theme that helps “flavor” the type of activities on the schedule. However each session will always include “stay cool” water games, camp tee-shirt silk-screening and design activities; sing-a-longs and original group theme song composition; “new and improved” super slip-n-slide; a potter's wheel and hand-building clay project; a field trip and nature walk at Locust Grove; cardiovascular games; a journaling, bookmaking and mapping activity; and a wide-variety of other independent and collaborative “outside-of-the-box” construction and art projects that culminate with an end of the session “UnShowcase”!

The camp sessions are designed to provide each camper with an opportunity to try new things, develop new friendships and foster their unique voice, gaining confidence and self-esteem.

Session Dates and Themes:

Session One:

Fruits of Creativity

July 9th through July 20th

In addition to telling fruity jokes and sampling sweet, sour, and unusual fruits.....throughout this session, we'll explore how creative ideas, thoughtful planning, and a little bit of elbow grease can result in fabulous summer fun. Get ready for Shadow Puppet fun, the Second Annual Camper Talent Show, and other well planned parties.

Did we mention that it's the heart of raspberry season on our summer camp campus? We'll pick raspberries, make fresh raspberry iced tea and sip it from our very own tea cups made by hand in the clay studio.

Session Two

The Messy Magic Musical Pie (Returns)!

July 23rd through August 3rd

You bet we'll stay cool with simply silly water games and trips down the mega slip-n-slide! Save your appetite for the "Messy Buffet" and get ready to amaze your family and friends with a few new magic tricks up our sleeves. This session will include a "splash down" olympics, relay race mural painting, taking turns on the potters wheel, and many seriously messy and unique activities. Please don't wear your nice new clothes!

Nuts and Bolts

Camp Hours: 9am to 3pm

Tuition: Per **two-week** camp session:
Each session is \$400
\$20 discount for registering before May 1st

Before Care: 7:30am to 9:00am \$100/per session

After Care: 3:00pm to 5:30pm \$100/per session

Sibling Campers: 5% discount from total tuition

Scholarships: Please contact summercamp@oakwoodfriends.org for information regarding income based scholarship awards.

Lunch/Snack: Please note: There is no lunch option this summer. Lunches should be brought to camp everyday, including a drink. No refrigeration or microwave available, however lunches will be stored in a cooler environment if need be. A small healthy snack is provided during aftercare. Drinking water will always be available and encouraged!

Refund Policy: If your plans change and you must withdraw your camper for a session of camp: we understand, however, please notify OFS Summer Camp IN WRITING to request a refund or to change camp sessions.

75% refund for withdrawals 15 business days prior to the first day of camp;
50% refund for withdrawals 10 business days prior to the first day of camp;
25% refund for withdrawals 5 business days prior to the first day of camp.
Withdrawals 4 business days prior to the first day of camp are not eligible for a refund.

Rain Policy: If you have any doubt as to whether or not camp is being held due to inclement weather, call 845-462-4200. (Please note: a summer camp cellphone number will be provided in July). In general, camp will only be canceled in the case of severe electrical storms. If a pop-up shower catches us off-guard there is plenty of shelter on campus, and we will have plenty of rainy-day activities up our sleeves!

Non Discriminatory Policy:

Oakwood Friends School and the Super Summer Fun Camp at Oakwood Friends School does not discriminate based on gender, age, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or ethnicity.