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## Pinnacle SMILE Summer Camp FAQs

**We provide families of children ages 4-15 with a safe and caring environment in a premier facility where children can grow, learn, and enjoy their summer.**

**Pinnacle SMILE summer campers participate in indoor/outdoor games, swimming, dance, art, music, STEM projects, weekly bus trips and exciting assemblies. Pinnacle Summer Camp also provides campers with opportunities for character development, making friends, taking part in community projects, and creating wonderful long lasting friendships and memories.**

### **What happens during a typical day at camp?**

During a typical day at camp, campers will play games in the courts. These games include tag games, team games, and dodgeball type games. In addition to court time, campers usually go outside at least once per day. (Usually in the morning when it is not as hot) Campers also have various specials and fitness activities that rotate throughout the week. These include art, dance, music, yoga, and tumbling.

### **What are the hours of operation?**

Camp runs from 8am-4pm.

Kids Clubhouse will be available for campers who need before and/or after care.

There will be an additional fee for these services. Parents can register for these services via the Pinnacle app..

AM Care - 7-8am

After Care- 4-5pm

Extended aftercare- 5-6pm

### **What group will my child be in?**

Groups are divided by age. Group 1: 4-5, Group 2: 6, Group 3: 7-8, Group 4: 8-10, Group 5: 11-12 and Group 6: Pre CIT's and 13 yr olds.

### **Do the kids go swimming everyday?**

Yes, campers go swimming everyday except for Wednesdays. For campers signed up for swim lessons, they will go down to the pool 30 minutes before/after their group.

After their lesson is over, they will join their group for their free swim time. Lessons can be signed via the Pinnacle app under Splash SMILE swim lessons.

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## **What kind of trips does the camp go on?**

This summer we will be going on trips to Frenchtown Roller Rink, Fireball Mountain (ages 9-13), Franklin Institute, Funplex, and Sahara Sams.

On weeks when we do not have a trip we have an assembly program come to the camp for the campers. These assemblies include Mad Science, Rizzo's Wildlife, and Abrakadoodle.

## **I'm concerned for my child's safety on the trips? How do you ensure everyone is safe and accounted for?**

While out on trips counselors take head counts at least every 15 minutes.. All campers must stay with their counselors at all times. We follow state guidelines for all trips. 1 counselor (18 yrs and older) for every 10 campers unless under the age of 6 then the ratio goes to 1 counselor (18 yrs and older) for every 7 campers. In addition, our camp director or assistant director will be present on all field trips .All campers who will be attending trips receive a T-shirt with the camp name on the front as well as on the back for easy identification while on field trips.

## **How much food should I pack for my child every day?**

Campers will have lunch and 2 snack times (morning and afternoon) everyday. Campers should bring all food to camp with them in the morning. Should a camper need their food heated, there is a microwave available for the counselors to use. We also provide healthy lunch and snack options at BOOST Cafe and Shakes including power packed protein shakes, meal replacement bars, Easy Mac, various bagged snacks, Gatorade, Brisk Iced Tea, Propel, and bottled water. Campers may visit the Boost Cafe and Shakes during their group snack and lunch time. Pre-ordering a power lunch for your camper is recommended and we offer convenient payment options such as paying in advance, charging the credit card on file with written permission from a parent, or a pre-paid Pinnacle Cash card. Campers will be accompanied by a counselor or aide when purchasing any items from the BOOST Cafe.

**Mondays and Fridays:** There will be a hot lunch option available that can be ordered via the Pinnacle app. Some example options will be chicken nuggets and fries/pasta and Pizza.

## **Can my child sign up for less than five days a week?**

Yes, you can sign up for 3,4 or 5 days of camp each week.

### **Do I have to sign up for a minimum number of weeks?**

No, there is no minimum number of weeks required to sign up for camp.

### **What is the ratio of campers to counselors and assistant counselors?**

At Pinnacle Summer camp, we maintain a ratio of at least 1 counselor to every 10 campers. In each group there is 1 counselor and 1 aide with the campers at all times.

### **What other safety measures are put in place?**

We provide constant supervision for campers which includes the following:

Communication via Walkie Talkies

15 minute head counts

Counselors carry backpacks with first aid kits to all destinations

Sign in/Sign out procedures- Parents must provide a list of any other approved people to pick up. Please email Thomas a list of approved guardians or attach a list to the **2023 Health and History Medical Forms**.

All campers ages 7 and older walk to and from places with a buddy except for moving from inside to outside and vice/versa. All counselors and aids are CPR/First Aid and AED certified and new counselors are required to have a background check.

### **What if my child does not go on the Wednesday trip?**

He or she will still have a great day at camp doing yoga or another fitness activity as well as following the schedule for regular camp day (minus swimming) and a few extras that may include:

We may also invite special guests on trip days.

\*We will notify parents on Friday via our **Friday Email** and/or post notices on our closed group Facebook page as to the events of the following week including any special guests that may be visiting on Wednesdays that are not scheduled.

### **How do you deal with allergies, specifically food allergies?**

Every counselor receives a list of all of the campers who are attending camp during the summer that lists every camper's allergy as well as the action needed for the camper's specific allergy (ie: Epi-Pen, Benadryl, Inhaler). All Epi-Pens and medication that are left here are kept in a locked cabinet. Parents are asked to bring an Epi-Pen in for their child which will be kept with that child and the child's counselor at all times. All eating surfaces are wiped clean with an antibacterial cleaner before and after meals and ALL campers are required to wash their hands.

**\*Health and History Medical Forms are due by June 1st 2023.**

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