

SUMMER CAMP 2016



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Registration

When is the last day to sign up with the early bird rate?

April 1. Early bird registration is open two weeks before in addition to the Registration night on April 1.

What is the early bird rate?

\$85/week*or \$20/day (NOTE: there is no camp on holidays) *\$80/week with holiday
It requires a completed registration form and a \$20 deposit per child per week, in order to hold the spots.

Is there camp on a holiday?

No there is no camp on a holiday.

Are there subsidies or payment plans?

There sure are! Please see Brigitta or Caroline for this specific assistance.

Which weeks fill up the fastest?

Last year week 1, 2, and 4 filled up first.

Last year weeks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 were filled up by the time camp started.

Last year weeks 1-6 were filled by the end of the first week of camp.

*Additional spots were made available when campers withdrew or did not attend

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Program

What happens when my child is at camp?

Each morning's structure allows for free time and exploration of games, crafts and activities in the room with leaders and other campers. Every morning, campers meet in their team corners to talk about their day and connect 1-1 with other members in their team through engaging questions, ice breaker activities and active team building games in the gym. There is a snack, a downtime activity and an independent craft before lunch.

After lunch, campers have some free time outside, on nice days we make use of the splash pad. After lunch is a combination of team games and individual activities that relate to the days theme. This could be anything from giant games of capture the flag, water races, talent shows, medieval fares, Mexican fiestas and epic crafts. Make sure to ask your camper what adventures happened at camp that day. it's always something different.

Will my child get bored if I sign them up for more than one week?

The afternoon activities always relate to the theme of the day and are never used more than once in a summer for the sake of our campers who are there more than one day. Our morning activities, though always the same structure, are also planned to only be used once during the summer, unless requested to be played again by the campers.

Does my child have to wear a costume on dress up days? Will they be left out?

They do not, but dressing up is always fun! Most of the costumes are of the DIY type and this information goes home in an email and onto our facebook page the week before camp to give you time to plan if you want.

When are the trip days?

Trip days are planned in May and they are not on the same day every week. This is because some of our campers routinely come on the same day so it would be disappointing for a camper who only comes on Thursdays, if they didn't get to go on any trips. We change it up and rotate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, depending on what works for camp.

What are the trips?

We try to do our big trips locally. Museums and parks tend to be the most affordable for our camp.

We go to Riverside park every week for a picnic and try to get to Victor Davis for a swim time at least every other week. **Please note that with the changes in transit, this might not be a viable option this summer*

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What are the theme days?

Theme days go home in an email the week before camp and are posted on our facebook page. This year they will most likely be Hawaii, Egypt, Medieval, Wild West, Star Wars, Fairy Tale, Pirate, Ninja, Superhero, Slumber Party, Rock Star (Camp's Got Talent) and Crazy Hair Day.

What happens during the week I sign my child up for camp?

Every week we have a big day trip. This could be Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. We also go to Riverside Park, have a scavenger photo hunt, and will sometimes go swimming at Victor Davis. **Please not that because of changes in city transit, this might not be a viable option this summer.*

There is also one or two dress up days every week.

In the past we have done a Helpfulness Challenge where campers are encouraged to do helpful things at home to acquire signatures to do enough helpful things and pick a leader.

There is also a movie every week as well as a slideshow on Friday of all the pictures from the week (this amounts to a total of 0.05% of their time with us being screen time during the week).

Is there before or after care?

At the moment there is not. We are going to be taking a poll during registration to see if this is something that a large number of people would like. If there is enough of a need to balance out the cost, we may add this additional program in May when we have a better idea of how many people would benefit from this.

What is the child-staff ratio?

There are four staff at NRNG camp: 3 camp leaders and 1 supervisor. When completely full, campers are divided into three groups that can range between 9-12 campers for 1 camp leader. Each of these groups though has between 1 and 3 youth who have completed the Leader In Training course and are working on their leadership or mentorship with their peers. While these LITs are not counted in the ratio we use to determine our cap, they are an active part of camp life, making the staff to camper ratio 1:4.

Does my child have to have school experience to be at camp?

Yes they need to have school experience. Our campers can be as old as 12 and because we go swimming and use the splash pad, campers need to be able to go to the bathroom and change independently. Familiarity with structure is also an asset.

If you would like to discuss your individual situation, please see Brigitta personally. (nrngprogrammer@outlook.com)

Why do you need to watch a movie when my child is at camp?

Having an hour and a half for staff to prep the room for the next week, clean up and get their supplies in order for the following week is key in making sure that they do not go over their hours and are still prepared to run an incredible and organized day with your campers. This 90 minutes of screen time amounts to being 0.05% of their time at camp in a week.