



BEST Summer EVER

2023 Teen Camp

Entering Grades 6-8 • 8:15am-4pm

Ready for an adventure? Spend your summer on-the-go in this safe, fun, supervised teen camp! Activities include local and regional day trips, arts & crafts, sports & games, minigolf, pool visits, movies, farm days and more!

Fee includes transportation and admission for at least two weekly trips to popular destinations. Trip locations subject to change. Trips return to Baker Community Center by 4pm, unless otherwise notified.

Campers should be prepared to be outside for a majority of their day. Rain days will be spent inside Baker Community Center.

Every day, campers will need to wear tennis shoes and a camp t-shirt, available for purchase online.

Camp Communications/ePACT

Mass communications regarding trip, weather, etc. changes will be sent via ePACT's Emergency Messaging to all legal guardians' mobile numbers. Likewise, all communications will be emailed to legal guardians' email addresses exported from ePACT each week. Make sure all of your information is up to date.

Counselors rotate throughout the day. Make sure your child's information is up to date in ePACT for allergies, medications, swimmer status, picture, emergency contacts and authorized pickup persons.

Weekly Activities

The schedule will be emailed the Friday before each session begins. Each week, campers will engage in various pool visits, walking/field trips, minigolf and more! Schedule changes will be communicated through ePACT and eMail.

Lost and Found

Located inside Baker Community Center. Counselors will return any items they find that are labeled to campers before turning them into Lost and Found. The Park District is not responsible for any lost, broken or stolen items.

Transfers/Refunds

Refunds (minus a \$25 withdrawal fee) may only be granted before the final payment is collected.

Transfers or change requests must be made before your final payment is collected. Requests may be completed at Pottawatomie Community Center and will incur a \$5 processing fee, before final payment is collected.

Drop-off & Pick-up

Drop-off and pick-up will be directly in front of (or on the north side) of the Baker Community Center on Walnut Street. Signs and cones will be placed for guidance.

Counselors will be ready for Teen Camp participants to **arrive at 8:10am**. Teen Campers must be **dropped off by 8:35am**, otherwise you will need to walk your child into the building for sign in.

Teen campers may check themselves in/out of camp, but parents must sign and provide a waiver to do so. Part of the check-in process required each camper to speak with a counselor. Campers may not come and go on their own.

Campers will be **ready for pick-up by 3:50pm** at the same location used for drop-off. There is no Before or After Camp option for Teen Camp. STC Underground Teen Center is open on Tuesday-Thursday from 2:30-8pm and on Friday-Saturday from 2-9pm but closed on Mondays. Parents will need to pick up promptly by 4pm on Monday.

If you need to speak with a counselor, lead or coordinator at drop off or pick up, park in the lot adjacent (directly north) of the building and walk up to a staff member wearing a green shirt.

Patience is key! For the safety of your camper, counselors will be reviewing names and photos of authorized pick-up people until they become familiar with authorized pickup persons. **Authorized pickup persons should have photos uploaded to ePACT for an expedited experience.** Expect the pick-up process to take longer than the drop-off process.

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Skills to Practice for Success... *(before camp begins)*

Be Prepared

Make sure that your camper is prepared for camp each day and comes home with all of his/her personal belongings.

BRING

- Water bottle, sack lunch, snack, sunscreen, bug repellent, labeled swim gear and towel, quiet activity (book, cards, coloring, pop-its, etc.) for downtime.
- Campers may bring electronic devices to use during downtime, but counselors are not responsible for lost, broken or stolen items. And if devices become a distraction, counselors have permission to hold onto devices but will return them at the end of the day.
- Wear your camp t-shirt every day.
- Wear tennis shoes every day. Sandals and flip flops are not permitted.
- Campers will be allowed to bring money to purchase treats on certain days. These days will be communicated in the weekly email.

DO NOT BRING

- Valuables: Leave these at home.
- Any toys (action figures, gaming systems, etc.).

Communication

Each camper needs to be able to clearly communicate their needs to counselors. They need to be prepared to approach an adult when something is wrong.

Have your camper practice communicating their needs, if an injury occurs or if they need a break from a specific activity. They should also approach a counselor if there is a concern with friendships or disagreements with other campers.

Applying sunscreen and bug repellent

Campers should come to camp already wearing both sunscreen and bug repellent. Counselors will provide time for sunscreen and bug repellent to be reapplied. They may assist with spray applications of both, but campers are expected to be able to apply both sunscreen and bug repellent on their own.

Behavior Policy & Expectations

- Use appropriate language.
- Approach new things and new people with an open-mind.
- Make safe choices for yourself and others.
- Share in the positivity, talk to someone you trust if you aren't feeling well.
- Try new things (at least once per month).
- Take care of equipment while in use.
- Respect others.
- Be responsible for your actions.
- Keep space clean and clear of hazards.
- Strive to create a fun and welcoming environment for ALL.

A few last words...

Summer camp is very different and much more fast-paced than regular school — in fact, your camper will probably get worn out by all the fun they're having! Tell them to take this time to learn new things and try various activities. It's okay to get dirty and sweaty!

Experience summer like you never have before, like theater, exciting crafts or outdoor excursions. Explore new interests, and ask your camp counselors any questions you have. Remember, since you are packing old, grungy play clothes, it's okay to get dirty!

Remind them they will be meeting a lot of new people and making new friends every day, so encourage them to just be themselves – obey the rules, be respectful of others and have a great time!

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Need to contact a camp staff?

Email afleming@stcparks.org

Reference Summer FAQs

<https://www.stcparks.org/summer-camp-faq/>

Access ePACT & Emergency Info

<https://www.epactnetwork.com/>