

## **2024 Xavier Catholic Schools Summer Care Program FAQ's**

**1. Where is Xavier Catholic Schools Summer Care located?**

Summer Care 2024 program will begin on Monday, June 10 and continues through Friday, August 16. We are open from 7:00am to 6:00pm - Monday through Friday at XE-Marquette St (St. Pius - lower level).

**2. What does Summer Care cost?**

Summer Care offers two sessions. Your child is able to attend a half day (up to 6 hours), or a full day session (6+ hours). A half-day session is \$26.50, and \$25 for each additional child. A full-day session is \$53, and \$50 for each additional child. We offer a weekly rate for Camp Invention attendees, at \$70. Fieldtrips are an additional cost. No registration fee or summer long commitment is required.

**3. Am I able to make changes to my schedule?**

Care schedules are required to be submitted the Thursday prior to the needed week. Additional days are welcomed in the current week if needed. Cancellations result in charges, including field trip fees, if proper notice is not given.

**4. What about meals?**

Each child is required to bring two healthy snacks, and a lunch each day. A water bottle labeled with the child's name is also required. We are looking forward to the end of Summer Care picnic!

**5. How do the rates for Summer Care compare to other local agencies?**

Our rate is competitive, if not lower or equal, with other local programs. Summer Care provides flexibility with weekly scheduling and payment. The program allows each child to use the program as much or little as necessary. The child's involvement reflects off the family's schedule demands. We offer full or half day rates, with an additional child discount.

**6. What if my schedule changes each week?**

The flexibility in our scheduling allows the option to choose how often care is needed each week. We require families to schedule, or make changes, by Thursday prior to care needed. We welcome additional days of the care week if needed. If changes are made in the current care week, charges will be applied, including field trip fees. We do not require a full summer commitment nor penalize for advanced schedule changes.

**7. What ages do you enroll? Who cares for my child?**

Xavier's Summer Care is available for those who are registered for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year for PreK3 - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschool friends need to be three years old, independent in the bathroom, and a registered student for the upcoming school year. Our Summer Care is staffed with XCS employees. Our commitment to Xavier Catholic Schools, Summer Care Program, and your children will always be our top priority.

**8. How many children can Summer Care take?**

In order to ensure safety of our staff and children, our Summer Care Program follows the guidelines for child to staff ratios. Our program welcomes four age groups: *The Caterpillars* (PK3 and 4K) 20 children maximum; *The Butterflies* (Kindergarten) 24 children maximum; *The Fireflies* (first & second graders) 34 children maximum; and *The Trailblazers* (third through sixth graders) 36 children maximum. We also enforce the state standards for child to staff ratio on all field trips. Adjustments to groups are made based on enrollment.

**9. My child is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Xavier Middle School, can she/he come to Summer Care? In addition, what keeps the older students excited about going to "day care"?**

Yes, students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Xavier Middle School are welcome in the Summer Care Program. Grouping our classrooms by grade level allows our staff to develop weekly themes and field trips, designed to best accommodate each grade level, which helps create a 'camp' atmosphere versus 'day care'. At the *Trailblazer* level, we welcome the students to give input to create an exciting experience.

**10. You mentioned fieldtrips, what else is offered during the day?**

In addition to our weekly theme and field trips, our program offers a wide variety of activities, projects, outdoor fun, and so much more. We are in constant discussion as a staff to ensure each child's needs and interests are met daily. In addition to our filled days, we offer a rest/relaxation time to re-energize for afternoon events.

**11. These all seem like great ideas, but are there other "specials"?**

In order to keep each child engaged, we continuously discuss and plan to keep each day as exciting as the last. In the past, we have had puppet shows, outdoor bike safety education, props for exploration and imagination fun, and group games. We encourage and welcome families and friends who have talent(s) to share with our group.

**12. This sounds wonderful, how do I sign up?**

Once you are ready to register for XCS Summer Care, visit [www.xaviercatholicschools.org/student-life/care-programs](http://www.xaviercatholicschools.org/student-life/care-programs) to get the registration packet.

**13. Whom can I contact if I have more questions?**

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