

Xavier Catholic Schools Summer Care Program FAQ's

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

Summer Care is located in the lower level of the Marquette St. Campus; Monday through Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Summer Care begins the **first Monday** after school is dismissed for Summer break (**June 10, 2019**) and is offered to Friday, August 16, 2019. We are closed July 4th and 5th.

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

Summer Care rates are \$40 per full day, \$35 per each additional child; or \$20 per half day, \$18 per each additional child. There is no registration fee and fieldtrips are additional. There is no summer long commitment. Pay per service. A weekly rate to accommodate for attending Camp Invention is available.

3. **What if I need to make changes to my Care schedule?**

Families Care schedules must be submitted by Thursday the week before care is needed. You can add days during the current week; however, cancellations will be charged accordingly including field trip/bus fees.

4. **What about meals?**

Summer Care provides two healthy snacks and on occasion special treats on hot days. Each family is responsible to send their children with a healthy packed lunch and equally healthy beverage.

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

Our daily rate is competitive to many of the Summer Camp Programs our area offers; in fact our rates are below or equal to several agencies regular daily rates. XCS Summer Care allows for flexible weekly scheduling and payment. This means you choose the day(s) you need in a week and if that need is different the next week you can schedule what your busy schedule demands. We offer a full day rate and a half day rate with additional child discount.

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

Our flexible scheduling allows for families to choose the days of care needed each week. We do not require a full summer commitment nor penalize for advanced schedule changes. We do require families to schedule for the upcoming week the Thursday prior to care needed. We also allow for days to be added once the week has begun. This is great for families who would like a day a week to get extra errands done or to give their child a day of enrichment and social time with friends of Xavier Catholic Schools.

Any changes made during the week of care will be charged; including any field trip/bus fees even if the child doesn't attend the event. Our admission and bus fees & staffing are determined by the number of children we have attending each day; please see this policy in the Parent Handbook.

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

We offer Summer Care to current and newly registered families of Xavier Catholic Schools PreK3 to students entering 6th grade. We also offer Summer Care to all families who are registered for the next school year at a Xavier Elementary Campus and Xavier Middle School 6th grade. Our Summer Care is staffed by Xavier Catholic School employees; familiar, caring, loving, and trained people you and your children know and respect. Their commitment to Xavier Catholic Schools, to the Summer Care Program, and to your children is second to none.

8. How many children can Summer Care take?

Our Summer Care Program does follow guidelines for child to staff ratios to ensure the safety of all involved. Our program offers three age groups: *The Caterpillars* (3years to Kindergarten) 20 children maximum with two teachers; *The Fireflies* (first & second graders) 34 children maximum with two teachers; and *The Trailblazers* (third through 6th graders) 36 children maximum with two teachers. The state rule for child to staff ratio for fieldtrips and walks to the park and swimming are also enforced. Adjustments to groups are made depending on enrollment.

9. My child is entering 6th grade at Xavier Middle School, can she/he come to Summer Care? And what is done to keep the older students excited about going to “day care”?

Yes, students entering 6th grade at Xavier Middle School can join our Summer Care Program. Grouping our classrooms by grade level allows each teacher to plan activities that are age appropriate and geared toward the attention, interests, and abilities of the children. All staff help to develop weekly themes and fieldtrips; yet, each classroom plan and prep their own ideas to match the theme. At the *Trailblazer* level, the children also have input and get to experience more “big kid” activities. This design allows the older children to feel they are participating in a “camp” versus being sent to “day care”.

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

This truly varies depending on the age group a child is joining. As mentioned, we work from a weekly theme and fieldtrip; however, the teachers plan projects, experiments, neighborhood walks, swimming excursions, outside play, gym activities, cooking, and other fun and exciting enrichments based on the abilities and interests of each child in their classroom. We offer a rest/quiet time to re-energize for afternoon events.

11. Seems like great ideas, but are there other “specials”?

Each year we search for ideas to keep the experience new and fresh. In the past we have had a 4 week martial arts demonstration and participation event; a puppet show; a med-evil castle prop for exploration and imagination fun; an outdoor bike safety practice and education event; and introduce the children to group games, board games, and activities that were once the rage before technology ruled our play time. We are interested and welcoming of families & friends who may have a talent 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 to get the registration packet.

13. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

Please contact Theresa Gouin, Care Program Coordinator, at tgouin@xaviercatholicschools.org or (920) 427-0787.