

Purpose and Goals

The Duke Faculty Club Summer Camp is a fun recreational adventure for **rising first through seventh grade children**. Our goal is to provide a safe, exciting, active and enjoyable summer experience. By incorporating games, sports, swimming, tennis, arts and crafts, nature and creative activities, we aim to provide a new, interesting, and above all, FUN environment.

Staff

The DFC Summer Camp is administered by professional staff members of the Duke Faculty Club. The counselors and other staff members are highly motivated students who have previous experience working with children. The camp staff is trained in CPR and first aid and attends a pre-camp training which includes information on effective communication tools, age appropriate activities, disciplinary expectations, conflict resolution, motivational techniques, children with special needs, and on-site emergency procedures. Ongoing staff training occurs throughout the summer. To ensure quality programming and increase child safety, we maintain a low staff to child ratio.

Registration

Nine, one-week sessions are offered June through August. A registration form and 50% deposit must be turned in to the main office for each camper. The full balance must be paid no later than one week prior to the camp session. Please refer to the registration form for prices, payment schedules, and deadlines.

Cancellation and Refunds

A cancellation request must be made to the main office no later than one week prior to the session of your camper's enrollment in order to receive a refund or transfer to another session, space permitting. Refunds or transfers within the one week period will not be granted. There is a \$50.00 cancellation fee per session.

Summer Camp Specifics

On the first Monday afternoon of each session, you will obtain a Camp Newsletter explaining the session's theme, field trips, special activities and any other pertinent information. Though most activity will take place at the Duke Faculty Club grounds, campers will also utilize outdoor space on the Duke University campus. Activity schedules vary by day, time, and grade.

Extended Camp Hours

- Parents who wish to drop-off their campers as early as 8:00am and/or pick them up as late as 5:30pm can enroll in extended camp. Due to the varying frequency of children arriving or being picked up, these hours are not programmed. Campers will be able to participate in supervised individual or group activities at the LeBar building, the outdoor basketball courts, or the playground.

Morning Check-in

- Campers begin and end their day at the LeBar building at the Duke Faculty Club. Campers are checked into camp by staff that are located at the end of the parking lot (closest to the clubhouse). This provides parents with curbside drop off, so you do not have to park your car (unless you choose to). Campers not enrolled in extended camp are to be dropped off between 8:20am – 8:40am. Checking in your camper at any other time must be done at the DFC main office.
- Extended camp check-in is done inside the LeBar building

Evening Check-out

- A parent/guardian or authorized individuals whose names are written on the Camper Registration Form are the only people who will be able to sign-out a camper. Afternoon check-out will take place at the picnic shelter (or inside the LeBar building in inclement weather) between 3:20pm and 3:40pm. Signing your child out at any other time must be done at the DFC main office.

- Extended camp check-out is done inside the LeBar building.

What Campers Should Bring

- Campers should come to camp dressed for a full day of fun and games. We recommend play clothes and a pair of athletic shoes (no sandals or dress shoes).
- We will be swimming everyday. Please pack sunscreen, a bathing suit, and a towel. A water bottle is also encouraged. Please label items with your camper's name.
- Lunch is an important occasion at the DFC Summer Camp and can occur anywhere between 11:30am and 12:30pm. Campers are to bring their lunch every day. Snacks such as fresh fruit, fruit snacks, crackers, and granola bars are provided at mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
 - Since campers receive ample snacks and drinks throughout the day, we prefer that you not send money to camp with your child. Vending machines and the snack bar will not be an option for campers during camp hours.

What Not to Bring

- All campers' backpacks, lunches, and personal belongings are stored in an activity room. We ask that you not allow your child to bring anything of value to camp. Common items that children like to bring, but we would rather they did not, are hand held video games, music players, cell phones, sports equipment, trading card collections, water guns, and other toys. Since we have plenty of activities planned throughout the day, campers do not need to bring toys from home.

Themes

- The DFC Summer Camp offers your camper a variety of activities ranging from games, to sports, to arts. Each week, they will tackle these activities with a new perspective as we adapt the daily routine to reflect the theme of the week. This summer's themes are as follows:
 - **Session 1 (June 9-13): Summer Blast-Off**
 - Time to kick-off another great summer! Connect with old friends, new friends, games, sunshine, and all that make summer so much fun.
 - **Session 2 (June 16-20): Wacky Water Week**
 - When the summer gets hot, there is no better remedy than *splash-tacular* water fun! Water balloons, water slides, pool relays, making ices, and many other events guaranteed to leave you cool and wet.
 - **Session 3 (June 23-27): X-Treme Science**
 - Get slimed, messy, and amazed this week with fun hands-on science! A variety of science topics will be explored such as magnets, bubbling potions, crazy colors, chemistry, and lots more.
 - **FIELD TRIP:** *Museum of Life and Science*
 - **Session 4 (June 30-July 3/4): The Great Outdoors**
 - The DFC Summer Camp convenes with nature this week as we celebrate all things cool about the outdoors. We'll dig for bugs, go on nature hikes and scavenger hunts, and discover hidden treasures right in our own backyard.
 - **SPECIAL EVENT:** *Overnight camp out on Thursday, July 3rd at the DFC. Pick-up on Friday, July 4th by 9AM.*
 - **Session 5 (July 7-11): Holi-daze**
 - Can't wait for the holidays? Then get a jump on celebrating as we cram all the favorites into this mid-summer bash. Jalloween, St. Patty's Day, Valentines, Chinese New Years, Mardi Gras, 4th of July, and more!
 - **Session 6 (July 14-18): Summerfest**
 - We've got spirit, yes we do! Summerfest games are all about participation, cooperation, competition, fair play ... and silly fun! Color-coded teams will compete in obstacle courses, wacky competitions and "x"iting challenges that determine who will be the Summerfest champions!
 - **FIELD TRIP:** *Friday visit to UNC FARM for dual camp games and cookout*
 - **Session 7 (July 21-25): The Sounds of the DFC**
 - Are you the next DFC Summer Camp idol? Show off your talent through games, skits, team projects, and an end-of-the-week music video!

- **Session 8 (July 28-Aug 1): The Great Outdoors II**
 - The DFC Summer Camp continues to celebrate all things cool about the outdoors. We'll dig for more bugs, continue on nature hikes and scavenger hunts, and participate in teamwork adventure activities.
 - **FIELD TRIP:** *Sarah P. Duke Gardens*
- **Session 9 (Aug 4-8): Summer Send-Off**
 - It's time to finish the summer out in high style! Lots of swimming pool, games, special events, and all that makes summer camp so fun.
 - **SPECIAL EVENT:** *Friday cookout at DFC*

Games & Sports

- A variety of games are played each day at camp. Organized sports such as soccer, basketball, waffle ball, flag football, tennis, and kickball to informal activities such as tag, capture the flag, four square, and free play are scheduled everyday.

Swimming

- All campers will spend an hour at the pool each day.
- Thirty minute group swim lessons will be provided during this hour at an additional cost. There will be four lessons in a session (Monday – Thursday), with Friday as a make-up day for lessons cancelled due to inclement weather. Aside from the Friday make-up, no refunds or credits will be provided for missed lessons.

Field Trips/Special Events

- On occasion, the camp will participate in special events and/or off-grounds field trips. The specifics can be found under the weekly themes section. Please contact Eamonn Lanigan (Camp Director) for more specifics.

Nature Activities, Arts & Crafts, Dance, Drama & Singing

- Campers will participate in hands-on activities that revolve around nature at least once a week. The activities will be interactive and fun. Campers will also participate in arts & crafts at least once a week. The camp welcomes donations of common household items such as toilet paper & paper towel rolls, scrap pieces of fabric & yarn, and buttons to be used in arts and craft projects. At least once a week, campers will also participate in activities that will include dance, drama, or singing. The camp also welcomes donations of clothing, accessories, and materials that can be used for costumes or props.

T-shirts

- All campers will receive one camp t-shirt which will be distributed on the first Monday of their first session at camp. Additional camp t-shirts can be purchased. We ask that campers wear their camp t-shirt each week on the day their field trip is scheduled.

Camper's Safety

Inclement Weather

- On days of inclement weather, all activities will be moved indoors. Camp staff are trained on where to take the campers in case of inclement weather and are responsible for indoor activities.

Illness

- Please do not bring your child to camp if he/she has a fever or a communicable disease. If your child develops the above symptoms while at camp, we will notify you or your emergency contact immediately. Your child will remain in a designated quiet area until he/she is picked up.

Medications

- All prescription and nonprescription medication shall be administered to your child by the camp staff. Campers are not allowed to keep medication in their personal packs/bags or lunch bags. All medication is to be checked in with the staff each morning and checked out each evening, unless you want to leave it at camp. Listed below are the medication guidelines:
 - All medication shall be in the original container with the prescription label or direction label attached.
 - All medication shall be accompanied by a written note containing permission for the staff to administer the medication, dosage information, time and dates to be given to the child, parent's name, number and physician's number for reference.

Emergencies

- In the case of an emergency or accident involving your child, you will be notified immediately by a camp administrator. All members of the camp staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. On your camp registration form, we asked for medical conditions that the camp or emergency services personnel may need to know. Please notify us if there are any changes or additions to this information.