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DPR Summer Camp 2025 Parent Handbook



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The DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has been providing camps and camp activities for the District's youth for many years. On average, over 8,000 children utilize DPR's camps annually. It is essential that the youth have an enjoyable camp experience, and it is crucial that the policies and procedures established by DPR are clear and well-understood. It is our top priority to create and maintain a safe environment for all our camp participants, both youth and staff. Please review DPR's Policies and Procedures for important information regarding the 2025 Summer Camp Season. These policies and procedures are applicable to all programs offered by DPR.

IMPORTANT CAMP DATES FOR 2025

Family Info Session (virtual)

Took place on May 29th at 6:00PM

Session recording is available at DPRsummercamp.com

2025 Camp Dates

Session 1 - June 23rd – July 3rd (*Holiday Observed, July 4th*)

Session 2 - July 7th – July 18th

Session 3 - July 21st – August 1st

Session 4 - August 4th – August 15th (Any camp located in a DCPS location will NOT have a Session 4)

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE

Before- and After-Care registration will be available to any registered camper for a nominal fee. If you have secured a space in a DPR summer camp, you are guaranteed a space in Before and After Care once the fee has been paid.

TIME AND ATTENDANCE

- Our camps start at **9:00 am** and operate on a schedule. Please make sure that your child has transportation to and from camp and arrives on time.
- Repeated absences (without prior arrangements with the Camp Facilitator) may result in your child being dismissed from the program. Please communicate with the Camp Facilitator to avoid any misunderstandings.

DROP-OFF/ PICK UP

- All children must be signed in and out of camp daily by a parent or designated adult.
- Children may not leave DPR property with anyone other than the parent/guardian or designated adult on the registration form.
- Anyone designated to pick up a child must be listed on the registration form and must be at least 18 years old.
- If your child will walk (unaccompanied by an adult / walking alone) to and from camp, you will need to complete a consent form. Please request a form from your Camp Facilitator. **They must be at least 12 years old to walk unaccompanied.**
- Camp starts promptly at **9 am and ends promptly at 5 pm**. Before-care is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and after-care is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Children cannot be dropped off before 8:50 a.m. if they *are not* enrolled in before-care. Children must be picked up by 5:00 p.m. if they *are not* enrolled in after-care.
- Children cannot be dropped off before 7:50 a.m. if they *are* enrolled in before-care. Children enrolled in after-care **must be picked up** by 6:00 p.m. If your child has not been picked up by 6:15 p.m., the proper authorities will be contacted.
- **Parents/guardians picking up a child after the designated time will receive a verbal warning for the first offense, and the second offense will warrant late fees. Parents will be charged \$10 for every 15-minute portion per child, based on the program's pick-up times.**
- **Late fees will be due within three business days.** Invoices will be sent via email, and fees can be paid via your WebTrac account.
- Continued disregard for the pick-up time or failure to pay late pick-up fees can be cause for your child's termination from the program.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Sessions can be purchased all at once or individually. However, camp fees are due in full for all selected sessions at the time of registration.
- Payments must be made online using a credit, debit, or gift card with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover logo.
- Payment plans are not offered for DPR Summer Camps.
- Qualifying families will receive either a 50% or 75% discount, depending on income level.

DPR REFUND POLICY

- Refund requests for all sessions must be received **no later than** May 16th, 2025, through our online request form. Refunds will be subject to a 10% reduction at the time of issuance. Please adhere to the following deadlines for refund requests. All requests must be received by 5 pm.
- DPR retains a 10% processing fee on **ALL** refunds.
- **If your child is dismissed from the program for any reason (chronic misbehavior, violence, late pick-ups, repeated absences, etc.), you will NOT be entitled to a refund.**
- To request a refund, please visit dpr.dc.gov and complete the 2025 Refund Request Form.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- DPR limits parental involvement, i.e., chaperoning field trips, etc.

FOOD

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided at all camps via the Free Summer Meals Program. If your child does not want to eat the meals that are provided, please send the camper's lunch in a marked container. Because of the length of the day, snacks are encouraged (see guidelines below).
- **Please note: *We will not be able to refrigerate or microwave campers' lunches.***
- Because we encourage healthy eating habits, we do not allow the following food and drinks at camps:
 - Red juices or any sort of soda
 - Chips, cookies, candy, sunflower seeds, or any sugary snacks
 - ABSOLUTELY NO PEANUT PRODUCTS (due to the number of campers with nut allergies)

***If your child arrives at camp with any of these items,
the item(s) will be held for them until the end of the day.***

MEDICATION AND ILLNESS

- DPR is not permitted to and cannot administer medications except for prescribed EpiPens. If your child needs medication, please administer it before camp.
- If your child needs to bring an EpiPen or inhaler with them, please notify the staff at your site. **The EpiPen and/or inhaler must be taken home each day and cannot remain at the site overnight.**
- Parents shall indicate in writing any factors that put a camper at risk for a severe allergic reaction or breathing emergency, and whether the camper carries an EpiPen or inhaler.
- Campers should not bring any prescription medication or over-the-counter medication to camp, including but not limited to allergy pills, pain relief, or cough syrup. Medication is strictly prohibited.
- Reasonable modifications to DPR programs must be requested in writing at least two weeks before the camp begins. This may include a parent or other approved adult coming to the site to administer medication if necessary.
- Please do not send your child to camp if he/she is sick. If your child will be absent from camp because they are sick, please inform the Camp Facilitator that your child will not be at camp that day.
- If your child becomes ill at camp, we will isolate your child in the designated isolation room and notify you to pick up your child immediately. The camp staff must consider the well-being of every child. If your child is sent home with a communicable disease (something that is contagious), he/she may not return to camp without a written note/permission from their doctor. A doctor's note will be required for conditions such as pink eye, fever, diarrhea, unexplained rashes, ringworm, etc.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES and INJURIES

- All DPR staff are trained in the proper emergency evacuation procedures in the event of a fire, severe storm, or other emergencies.
- It is VITAL that the Camp Facilitator is made aware, in writing, of any changes in home or emergency telephone numbers, or if there is a change in the child's health information.
- DPR staff will take all necessary precautions to prevent any health risk to campers. In the event of an injury, certified staff will administer basic first aid, and the parent will be notified of the incident at the end of the day, unless the injury requires immediate notification. DPR deems the following injuries as requiring immediate notification:
 - Head Injuries or Lacerations
 - Suspected sprains or breaks

CAMPER SAFETY

- DPR strives to create the safest environment possible for your child. For the Little Explorers Camps, a 1:4 to 1:5 adult-to-child ratio is maintained. For Boost Camps and all other camps catering to youth aged 6 to 13, the staff-to-participant ratios will range from 1:12 to 1:15, depending upon the specific activities of each camp. With additional help from summer youth employees, camp staff will be able to keep constant watch over each child as they play and enjoy an enriching summer camp experience.
- DPR constantly monitors summer weather reports, especially the heat index. If a heat advisory is in effect, your child will spend very limited amounts of time outside, if any.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- All personal items (clothing, shoes, towels, bags, water bottles, etc.) must be marked with the child's full name in permanent marker.
- **PLEASE DO NOT** send your child to camp with the following items: Collectible cards, money, expensive jewelry, or any other valuable items.
- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES.** Electronic devices such as iPads, mobile phones, portable gaming consoles, and similar items are prohibited. These items will be confiscated and returned at the conclusion of the day.

DPR assumes no responsibility for any lost or stolen belongings.

DRESS CODE

- Tennis shoes/sneakers must be worn every day. Athletic wear and/or loose clothing should always be worn.
- The following clothing items are not permitted at camp:
 - Short shorts
 - Skirts or dresses (that are not tennis skirts; please wear shorts underneath)
 - Shirts with slang, profanity, or negative messages or images
 - Halter tops
 - Open-toe shoes, sandals, flip flops, Crocs, or wedges
 - Bandanas or stocking caps

POTTY TRAINING POLICY

- Children who are participating in any DPR camp, including Little Explorers, must be **FULLY** potty-trained.
- No child will be able to attend camp if still wearing diapers or pull-ups.

TRIPS

- Parents will be asked to sign **one** permission slip at the start of the camp session. This permission slip will cover all trips that will take place during that session.
- The dates and destinations for all trips will be given to you by the Camp Facilitator and/or the site staff at the start of camp.
- Please ensure that your child is prepared for the trip (proper attire, lunch, sunscreen, comfortable shoes, etc.).
- If, for any reason, your child cannot participate in the trip, please keep him/her at home. If your child arrives late at camp and misses the bus for the trip, you may need to come and pick them up, as there likely will not be enough staff at the site to supervise your child properly.

SWIMMING

- Your child will go swimming at least once a week. Your child will only swim multiple times a day if they are enrolled in the “Aqua Day” Camp. All camp staff are required to get into the water with campers and maintain close proximity to help ensure camper safety. The Camp Facilitator should inform you of swimming trips well in advance so you can send your child with the proper belongings.
- All children **MUST** bring a swimsuit and towel on swim days, even if they do not intend to swim. They will not be allowed onto the pool deck without the proper attire, which will make it difficult to maintain adequate supervision over all campers. We also recommend sending your child sunblock and footwear to travel to the pool. Water shoes are allowed on deck but not in the water.
- All children must adhere to the pool rules. Any child breaking the rules will risk being excluded from future pool trips.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

Camp is a fun leisure experience for children and teens. DPR’s expectations are direct and clear: respect for self, respect for others, and respect for the environment. We will encourage campers always to be responsible and mindful of their words and actions towards both camp staff and one another. All DPR staff are trained in the best practices for positive behavior management.

If misbehavior does occur, we will use the following system to determine the most logical consequence:

Tier 1	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misbehavior in a Rec center or park, such as running or yelling when it is inappropriate • Littering in a Rec center or park • Violation of the dress code • Using unkind words • Disobedience 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal cue to remind about the rules • Pick up debris (for littering) • Contact parent <p><i>Repeated misbehaviors could lead to a Tier 2 consequence.</i></p>
Tier 2	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated Disobedience • Misuse/Abuse of resources • Repeated Foul language • Disrespect towards staff and/or other adults • Bullying and/or threats • Physical violence (first instance) Leaving DPR property or the supervision of staff when on a trip (first instance) 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion from activities and/or trips • Suspension • Behavior management plan (created with the child and parent) • Transfer to another site
Tier 3	
<p>Misbehavior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing weapons onto DPR property • Theft • Excessive Absenteeism (more than 3 consecutive absences without notification) • Violation of Behavior Plan 	<p>Logical consequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate dismissal from the program

DPR reserves the right to dismiss any child who violates DPR site and/or camp rules or whose conduct is disruptive and prevents camp staff from providing a complete, consistent, and enjoyable camp experience for the other participants. **Children dismissed from the program are not eligible for a refund.**

DPR BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT

The Behavior Agreement is to help you understand the importance of behaving during camp. DPR provides and expects only the very best from our campers, and proper behavior is important for the safety and well-being of you, the camper, as well as the other campers and staff. All children attending DPR summer camps and programs are expected to follow the rules and behave in a manner that is acceptable and respectful. Since you are having trouble following these expectations, we are sitting down together to agree on what is expected of you in order to remain in the program. Your parent (or guardian) is here to work with us and help you meet these expectations.

Site _____ Camp _____

Camper's Name _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

DPR Staff _____

Describe Unacceptable Behavior _____

In order to continue participating in this program, we (parent and child) agree to:

- Follow the rules of the program.
- Treat the staff, volunteers, and other campers with respect.
- _____
- _____
- _____

Progress Report

The Camp Facilitator will provide feedback by phone or in person in 1 2 3 days (circle one) to indicate progress and/or the next step.

I understand that I will be suspended or expelled from camp if I fail to follow this agreement and act in an appropriate manner.

Camper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DPR Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

AQUA DAY CAMP (Ages 6-10) (Ages 11-13)

Curriculum

Discovery Camp uses a theme-based curriculum to help children get to know themselves and the world around them. Children will participate in daily morning meetings, arts and crafts activities, explorations, Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR), games, sports, and choice activities.

Camp Locations

Please visit DPRsummercamp.com for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 AM	Breakfast/Free Play
10 AM	Morning Meeting
10:30 AM	Games/Sports
11:00 AM	Swim Time
12 NOON	Lunch/Free Play
1 PM	Out of water swim exercise
1:45 PM	Arts and Crafts
2:00 PM	Swim Time
3:15 PM	Choice Activity
4:30 PM	Closing Circle
5 PM	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 4
- Books (optional) Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well.
- Sunblock—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities.

BOOST CAMP (Ages 11-13)

Curriculum

In these camps, dedicated professionals will guide your child through a camp experience that features balanced child development, relationship building with their peers, and a challenging, yet fun learning environment.

Camp Locations

Please visit DPRsummercamp.com for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

The schedule for each Boost Camp session may differ because of the various camp offerings available. You will receive the camp schedule at the beginning of the session.

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 4
- Books (optional) Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer.
- Sunblock—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities.

DISCOVERY CAMP (Ages 6-10)

Curriculum

Discovery Camp uses a theme-based curriculum to help children get to know themselves and the world around them. Children will participate in daily morning meetings, arts and crafts activities, explorations, Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR), games, sports, and choice activities.

Camp Locations

Please visit DPRsummercamp.com for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 AM	Breakfast/Free Play
10 AM	Morning Meeting
10:30 AM	Games/Sports
11:15 AM	Exploration
12 NOON	Lunch/Free Play
1 PM	D.E.A.R.
1:45 PM	Arts and Crafts
2:30 PM	Games/Sports
3:15 PM	Choice activity
4:30 PM	Closing Circle
5 PM	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 4
- Books (optional) Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well.
- Sunblock—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in outdoor camp activities.
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

LITTLE EXPLORERS CAMP (Ages 3-5)

Curriculum

Little Explorers Camp uses a theme-based curriculum, taught by experienced early childhood development staff, with a staff to child ratio of 1:4 to 1:5. Children will participate in daily morning meetings, arts and crafts activities, explorations, Drop-Everything-And-Read (DEAR), games, sports, and choice activities.

Camp Locations

Please visit DPRsummercamp.com for camp locations.

Sample Daily Schedule

9 AM	Breakfast / Free Play
10 AM	Morning Meeting
10:30 AM	Arts and Crafts
11 AM	Games / Sports
11:30 AM	Exploration
12 NOON	Lunch / Free Play
1 PM	Story Time
1:15 PM	Rest / Meditation / D.E.A.R.
2:30 PM	Science / Math investigation
3 PM	Games / Sports
3:30 PM	Bathroom / Water / Snack Break
3:45 PM	Closing Circle
4 PM	Choice Time
5 PM	Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see guidelines on page 4
- Books (optional) Each day your child will have the opportunity to read or to be read to. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer. Many camps will be taking walking field trips to their local libraries to get books as well.
- Sunblock—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities.
- Extra set of clothes
- Small Blanket—Little Explorers will have rest time each day.
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

SPORTS CAMPS (ages 8-13)

Curriculum

Sport Camps will be aligned to DPR's mantra of "Going for Gold." Each day participants will participate in a variety of activities that will encourage and support movement, personal growth, and environmental stewardship. Participants will be taught basic to advanced sport-specific skills.

Camp Locations

Please visit DPRsummercamp.com for camp locations.

Types of Sports Camps

- Nothing But Net! (Basketball)
- Tennis

Sample Daily Schedule

9 AM	Breakfast
10 AM	Greeting/Morning Meeting/Character Education
10:45 AM	Core Sport (I.e. basketball or tennis)
11 AM -12 Noon	Lunch
1 PM	Character Education activity (film clip + discussion)
1:45 PM	Core Sport
2:45 PM	Break
3 PM	D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
3:45 PM	Core Sport
4:45 PM	Wrap-up/Dismissal

Items to Bring

We encourage you to send the following items to camp with your child:

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Afternoon Snack—Please see the guidelines on page 4
- **Please send your child to camp in sneakers every day.**
- Books (optional) Each day your child will have the opportunity to read. Please send along any books you would like your child to read this summer.
- Sunblock—Weather permitting, your child will spend a good portion of his/her day outside playing games and participating in other camp activities.
- Extra set of clothes
- Swimsuit and Towel (on swim days)

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CAMPS (various ages)

All children with special needs must be assessed by a Recreation Therapist. In addition to the assessment, the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) must be supplied.

Camp Adventure (Joy Evans Therapeutic Recreation Center, Fort Stevens & Hillcrest) (ages 6 - 16)

Camp Adventure is a summer camp program designed for children with and without disabilities. The program offers a variety of experiences that include swimming, arts and crafts, group games and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Discovery Inclusion Camp (ages 6 – 10)

Discovery Inclusion Camp is the summer camp experience for children with special needs, ages 6-10, enrolled in DPR Discovery Camp programs at Sherwood and Turkey Thicket. With the assistance of an Inclusion Camp Counselor, children with special needs will have the opportunity to become mainstreamed into an urban camping experience with other children, in an inclusive setting. All campers will experience a variety of fun-filled activities including swimming, arts and crafts, basketball and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Let's Play Together: Little Explorers (@ Rosedale and TR Center) (ages 3 – 5)

Let's Play Together: Little Explorers is the summer camp experience for children with special needs, ages 3-5. With the assistance of an Inclusion Camp Counselor, children with special needs will have the opportunity to become mainstreamed into an urban camping experience with other children, in an inclusive setting. All campers will experience a variety of fun-filled activities including swimming, arts and crafts and so much more. *An assessment is required.*

Sample Daily Schedule

9 am	Breakfast/Free Play
10 am	Harambee/Morning Circle
10:30 am	Structured Activities Group A, B & C
12 noon	Lunch /Free Play
1 pm	Rest & Relaxation/Quiet Time
2 pm	Structured Activity A, B & C
3 pm	Snack Time/Free Play
4:30 pm	Closing Circle
5 pm	End of the Day

Items to Bring

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Backpack with a complete change of clothing (everything should be clearly marked with the child's name.)
- Blanket for Rest & Relaxation
- Swimsuit and towel
- Sunscreen

What to Wear:

- Comfortable and light-colored clothing
- Closed-toe shoes
- Light jacket or sweatshirt

DPR Summer Camps Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How does the DPR Camp Lottery work?

A: Customers have over two weeks to make their camp selections. After the lottery registration window has closed, the registration system will randomly select participants from those who have registered.

The DPR summer camp lottery opened on Friday, February 14, 2025, at noon and closed on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Customers will register for up to 4 choices of camp type and locations per child per camp session. There are four camp sessions.

Registration for the Lottery DOES NOT ensure your camp slot.

After the lottery closes, DPR rosters for each camp will be randomly selected from those who are registered for the lottery. This random selection of camp slots is made entirely and exclusively through our Recreational Management Software System.

Customers will receive their lottery results starting on March 4, 2025, at which time customers will receive an “enrollment offer” via email if they have been selected. In the email, there will be a link to sign on to your DPR account and view the enrollment offers for all children in your household. Customers will then “Accept” or “Reject” the offers for camp placement(s). When a customer accepts an offer for placement, payment is due, the child is enrolled into the camp, and a receipt for that enrollment is emailed to the customer. Each camp slot and session offered will need to be accepted. If a camp slot is “Rejected,” the intended slot will be offered to those on the waitlist that were not originally offered a slot, and the camp slot is no longer available to this original customer. **All initial enrollments and payments are due by March 16, 2025.**

Those not selected for a camp slot will receive a receipt indicating either “Canceled Non-Winner” or “Waitlist” as a result of lottery process for their selected camp. The receipt STATUS will indicate Enrollment Offered, Waitlist, or Canceled Non-Winner.

Q: Will I have a better chance of getting a slot if I submit earlier?

A: No. All Lottery registrations have the same chance of being chosen for enrollment. The Lottery will be open for two weeks. This will ensure ultimate equity and fairness in our process. You do NOT need to rush and sign up as soon as it opens, but we recommend you do NOT wait until the last minute to account for any questions or errors.

Q: What are the daily times for camp?

A: All camps operate from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Before and after care is available to all camp families (except Boost Camp), and registration occurs AFTER the summer camp lottery process is complete. Before care begins at 8:00 AM. After care ends at 6:00 PM.

Q: Will DPR offer a way to link siblings camp registrations together?

A: Yes. DPR will employ a system to facilitate siblings attending camp. In the registration process, customers can "Link" sibling registrations within each age bracket so one child will only be accepted if the other is also accepted. The lottery is broken into two age brackets, ages 3-10 and 11-13. Siblings CANNOT be linked if they are not in the same age bracket. Parents can choose to "Link" their children's choices together, or they can choose to NOT link their children, and those children can be separately enrolled in the lottery if having siblings together in camp is not necessary.

Siblings MUST be in the same DPR Household Account. [DPR Accounts](#) are accounts for your entire family.

Q: Do I pay for my camp option when I register for the lottery or when camps have been selected?

A: There is no cost to enroll in the lottery. If chosen in the selection process, participants will be notified via email to visit their DPR Account to accept their enrollment offer and then pay for their enrollment. All accounts will be updated and ready for payment by March 4, 2025. **All initial enrollments and payments are due by March 16, 2025.**

Q: How are the participants selected for each camp?

A: The selection process is entirely random and automated within DPR's Recreational Management Software System. As each customer enrolls in the lottery, they are assigned a random number by the registration system. After lottery enrollment has closed, DPR will then initiate the automated process of randomly selecting from the numbers assigned at enrollment.

Q: Which camps are most popular? Should I avoid applying for the most sought-after camps?

A: Going back many years, all DPR Summer Camps are in high demand, including signature camps, specialty camps, and boost camps. DPR is offering flexibility by allowing families to make up to four camp choices per child per session to give families the best chance for success.

Q: How can I be sure this will be a random selection?

A: This is a fully digital, automated process. The process will be initiated by DPR staff, and the random selection takes place within our Recreational Management Software System.

Q: Does DPR maintain a waitlist for camps?

A: Yes, DPR will maintain a waitlist for camps. After the initial run of the lottery is complete and customers who received summer camp offers have accepted and paid for their selections (by March 16, 2025), any available camp slots will be offered to those on the waitlists for each camp and location.

Through this automated process, customers will be notified via email if they are chosen from the waitlist. The email will contain a link to their DPR account, where they can sign in and "Accept" or "Reject" their waitlist offer. If the offer is accepted, the system will require payment to complete enrollment. If the offer is rejected, that camp slot will immediately be offered to the next person on the waitlist for that camp.

When customers move off the waitlist and are offered a camp slot, they will receive a notification email immediately. CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE 72 HOURS FROM THE EXACT TIME OF THE AUTOMATED EMAIL TO ACCEPT A WAITLIST OFFER. To view your spot on the waitlist, please [CLICK HERE](#). It is critical that patrons monitor their emails at this time should they be offered a camp slot. Email communication

for camp offers and waitlist updates will come from the email address dcdpr@rectrac.com. Make sure your email in your DPR account is updated and correct so that notifications will come to your inbox. After the waitlist is exhausted for any particular camp, available slots will immediately become available online for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q: Which camps have Before and After care?

A: All Little Explorers and Discovery camps offer [before and aftercare](#). Boost camps do not offer before and after care. Children **MUST** be enrolled in a camp to attend before and aftercare. Before care begins at 8:00 a.m., and aftercare ends at 6:00 p.m. Before and aftercare requires an additional fee AND an additional registration through the DPR registration system. Before and after care registration occurs **AFTER** the lottery process has been completed.

Q: If a camp session shows in the system as full, can I still enroll?

A: No, once a camp session is full, we cannot over-enroll. Please continue to check our website to see if space becomes available if families withdraw.

Q: Can I only register and pay for one week in a session?

A: No, you must pay for a full two-week session regardless of how many days or weeks you plan to have your child(ren) attend. For example, if you register for a two-week Little Explorers session but your child(ren) can only attend for one week, you must pay the full fee to register. We do not prorate our fees.

Q: What is DPR's refund policy for summer camp?

A: Refund requests are processed within 21 business days after we receive the [Refund Request Form](#) from individuals requesting a refund. Credit/debit card refunds are usually credited back to the card issued within 14 business days after we process your request form. There is a 10% non-refundable processing fee for all camp registrations.

Q: When is the last day to cancel a session?

A: You can cancel at any time; however, to receive a refund (minus the 10% processing fee), a [Refund Request Form](#) must be submitted by May 16, 2025.

Q: Does DPR offer reduced rates based on income?

A: Yes, [information on reduced rates and a link to the form can be found here](#). In order to have enough time for DPR to process all the applications and to be eligible to receive a reduced rate for summer camp, you must submit the reduced rates application by February 24, 2025.

Q: I have not filed taxes for this year yet. Can I still apply for a reduced rate?

A: Yes, you can submit your tax forms from the previous year.

Q: My child(ren) will reside with grandparents(s)/relatives in DC during the summer. Would I qualify for a reduced rate?

A: No, the child must be a permanent DC resident to qualify for a reduced rate. Children who live outside of DC will be charged the non-resident rate and do not qualify to receive a reduced rate. If any slots are still available, non-residents can register for summer camp at a TBD date in the future.

Q: I want to apply for the reduced rate, but I am not employed. Can I still apply?

A: Yes, you can apply if you can provide proof of income/assistance. We will accept the following government assistance as your income: TANF Statement, Unemployment Statement, Social Security Benefit Statement, Disability Benefit Statement, Child Support Statement.

Q: I share joint custody of my child(ren). Do both parents have to reside in DC to qualify for the reduced rate?

A: You can qualify for a reduced rate if the child(ren) and one parent are DC residents. Please provide documentation to prove residency and income, as mentioned above.

Q: Can I still enter into the lottery while my reduced rate application is pending?

A: Yes, you can still enter into the lottery while your application is being reviewed. If approved, your reduced rate status will be automatically applied to any spots you win in the lottery when it is spun in March.