General Information and FAQ

Enrollment in CCES Summer Encounters is open to children from all schools in rising grades K4 through 12. Registrants for K4 programs must be four years old by June 1, 2020, and be fully potty-trained.

Location

Our camps take place at Christ Church Episcopal School’s Lower, Middle, and Upper School facilities. Drop-off and pick-up are from the Lower School at 245 Cavalier Drive. Before camp begins, you will receive numerous emails such as a confirmation of enrollment with receipts for payment, and a reminder the week before camp begins with instructions regarding car line for each camp.

Registration and Payments

Registration begins February 17, 2020. Registration is only online and you must register each child. To register online, please visit www.cces.org and click on the Summer Camp tab.

Online payment must be made with a credit card. If you have a credit card on file and additions are made to your registration, new fees will automatically be charged to this card. Full payment or at least 50% of camp fee total is due at the time of registration and includes a one-time, nonrefundable registration fee of $30/child. Your child will not be enrolled in any program until a completed registration form, registration fee, and payment are received. If you have a balance after initial registration, you may log in to make payments at any time and in any increments before May 1. All balances must be paid in full by May 1. On May 1, any remaining balances will be charged to the card on file. If you need assistance creating a payment plan, please contact Sarah Bell at 299-1522 x1269.

Information specific to each individual camp will be emailed to parents the week before the camp begins, along with generic camp information, such as details about car line and snack.

Last year multiple camps filled in March, so please register early to guarantee your spot.

Changes and Refunds

If a camp must be cancelled due to lack of enrollment, a full refund will be provided for the price of the camp. Withdrawals prior to June 1 will be assessed a $25 processing fee in addition to the $30 nonrefundable registration fee; these withdrawals must be received in writing (an email is sufficient). There will be no refunds for withdrawals after June 1. A $25 processing fee will be assessed for changes made in the schedule. We do not prorate the cost of any week-long programs.

Extended Stay Hours

Summer Encounters offers supervised and enjoyable early care and late stay options for children. Early Stay (7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.) and/or Late Stay (4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) can be added to select weeks for $40/each. Either option may be added daily, as needed, for $8/day. Each session will have fun activities, to include: board games, art projects, movies, scooters, crafts, etc. Campers may bring a snack for the late stay session. Sessions may be added to registrations online at initial registration or any time later. Daily additions can be added by contacting Sarah Bell at bells@cces.org or 299-1522 x1269.

Lunch Stay and Snacks

Our lunch time runs from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. each day. Campers who have scheduled a full day of programs (an all-day camp or two half-day camps in the same week) will be taken to our supervised lunch hour, at no charge. If your child is only registered for a half-day camp and you would like your camper to stay for our supervised lunch hour, please add this option for $30/week when you register. All campers should bring their lunch from home.

We have two snack periods each day at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Your child may purchase snacks from our Camp Canteen or bring snacks from home. Canteen snacks include pretzels, chips, granola bars, fruit, etc. Snacks registration can be added at any time online. Snacks are $5/week for half-day camps and $10/week for full-day camps. Snack may be purchased daily for $1 each. Water is always available to campers during snack and lunch, at no charge.
Car Line Procedures
There are four car lines per day: morning drop-off from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m., morning pick-up from 12 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., afternoon drop-off from 12:45 p.m. to 1 p.m., and afternoon pick-up from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Parents must park and walk their child in for drop-off and pick-up of early and late stay. Please stay in your car during car line. Staff will help buckle your child. Campers should get in and out of the car on the passenger side of the vehicle. There is no passing in car line. If your child will be going home with someone other than those listed on your registration form, you must send a signed note or email to Sarah Bell on that particular day indicating who will be picking up your child.

What to Bring and Wear
All participants receive one 2020 Summer Encounters t-shirt. If a camp goes off campus for a field trip, campers must wear their Summer Encounters t-shirt. Campers enrolled in a field trip camp will be issued two t-shirts for ease of washing. Please make sure that your child wears shoes appropriate for scheduled activities, uses lots of sunscreen, and brings a water bottle. Dress code is informal, but campers must use good judgment in their choice of clothing. Please send your child in clothes that can get dirty or messy. No clothing may display logos suggesting sexual, alcohol, or drug-related themes or any offensive language. Please clearly mark the name of your child on everything that he or she brings to Summer Encounters.

Electronics
Campers may bring personal electronics to camp (ie cell phone, iPad) to be used at the discretion of the teacher and Summer Encounters director staff. Families should make good decisions about what electronics campers bring, as CCES is not responsible for any broken, lost, or shared items. No camper will be permitted to join the CCES Wifi network.

Camp Size
At CCES Summer Encounters, we strive for a 1:12 teacher to camper ratio. Camps fill on a first-come, first-served basis. After a camp reaches its enrollment capacity, a waiting list will be started. To add to the waiting list, please visit our online registration system or call the Summer Encounters office at 299.1522 x1269. Please register early.

Lost and Found
Items left by campers will be placed in a lost-and-found bin located in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center.

Field Trips
Some camps will travel by school mini-bus on field trips. Camp field trip details will be sent home the week of camp and campers must wear their camp t-shirt when off campus. If a camp will leave campus for a field trip, it is noted under the camp description in the brochure.

Basic Campus Rules
No alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, firearms, knives, lighters, fireworks, or explosive materials of any kind are allowed on CCES property at any time. Bringing these prohibited items will result in a child’s immediate dismissal from the program, and no refund will be given. Campus traffic rules comply with state regulations and rules of courtesy. Drivers are expected to observe the campus speed limit of 15 MPH, along with all stop signs and crossing areas. Violation of traffic rules may result in the vehicle and the operator being banned from driving on campus.

Behavioral Problems
If there is a situation regarding a child’s misbehavior, the teacher or counselor of that camp will take the child aside and remind him or her of proper behavior. If the problem persists, the Summer Encounters Director will speak directly to the camper in order to resolve the problem and will also call the parent or guardian. If the problem continues after speaking with the parent or guardian, the child will be removed from the program and no refund will be given.