

ALL ABOARD



LET
JESUS
LEAD THE WAY



Day Camp 2025
June 9-August 15

Love Beyond

The past couple of years have been some of the hardest we've faced as a nation. As we continue to struggle through the pandemic, civil unrest, and natural disasters that uproot families, we find courage and strength in love. We want to show families that love exists beyond the most difficult situations.

All Aboard!

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 Trains excite and fascinate. They transport goods as well as entertain and move people.

This summer, we'll explore the Scriptures together. We'll look at how God has moved in the past and how we can be a part of his ongoing story. And, hopefully, we'll learn what it means to "ride with Jesus" as his followers.

Developmental Assets

Our camp curriculum is designed to reinforce character traits parents are already teaching at home. We work hard to promote parents as the child's authority on life skills, morals, and spiritual growth. We do not intend to replace a parent's role in a child's life, but rather work alongside parents in raising kids in the knowledge of biblical values.

Each week's theme will focus on a specific character trait found in the Bible that will transfer into their everyday life. Field trips, guest speakers, and even games will be used to reinforce those teachings. Parents will be given a weekly update on what we are learning and some possible ways they can approach those subjects at home.

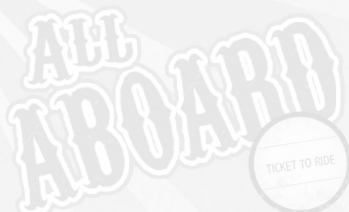
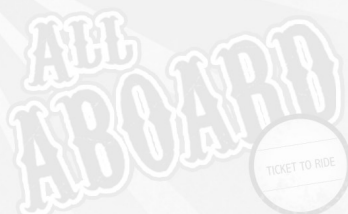


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The Salvation Army

Meeting Human Needs without Discrimination

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Cedar Rapids Corps has been active in Linn County since 1888. Primary program/service areas include: Corps Ministry, Family Support, Seasonal/Holiday Activities, Youth Outreach, Senior Services, Housing Support, Food Assistance and Emergency Disaster Services.

For more information, visit our website:

www.sacedarrapids.org

Summer Day Camp

The Salvation Army day camp typically serves 40 campers each week. Students will have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. Our ten-week program provides fun, affordable, well supervised summer care in a stimulating learning environment. **For families to qualify, at least one parent/guardian must be employed and/or enrolled in formal education equivalent to at least part-time.**



Summer Day Camp Weekly Theme's

Week 1: June 9	God the Deliverer
Week 2: June 16	God Shows His Greatness to Pharoah
Week 3: June 23	God Shows His Power to Save
Week 4: June 30	God Gives the Ten Commandments (Part 1)
Week 5: July 7	God Give the Ten Commandments (Part 2)
Week 6: July 14	Jesus the Promised Messiah
Week 7: July 21	Jesus the Passover Sacrifice
Week 8: July 28	Jesus the Suffering Savior
Week 9: August 4	Jesus the Perfect Substitute
Week 10: Aug. 11	Jesus the Risen Lord



Hours of Operation

Camp operates Monday - Friday, June 9th - August 15th. **Please note we will be closed June 19 and July 4.** Fees will remain the same for these weeks.

Campers may be dropped off at camp as early as 7:30 AM and picked up no later than 5:30 PM. **Due to daily scheduled activities, all campers must arrive no later than 9 AM.** On occasion, an earlier arrival may be necessary due to a planned field trip. Parents/guardians will be given advance notice of this as needed.

It is very important for our program to stay on schedule. **Any camper who arrives after the day camp leaves the corps, is not allowed to stay unattended nor are they the responsibility of The Salvation Army.**

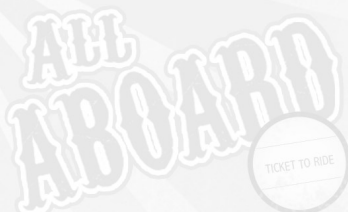
All campers must be picked up by 5:30 PM. In the event that parents/guardians are late, a **late fee of \$1 per minute will be assessed per camper past 5:30 PM.** Late fees MUST be paid by the end of the week in which they occur.

Admission Forms/Documentation

Day camp registration may be completed online this year at saceddarrapids.org. Paper copies will be provided upon request.

The forms required:

- ◆ Day camp registration form
- ◆ Confirmation of parents/guardians employment or education
- ◆ Emergency medical consent form

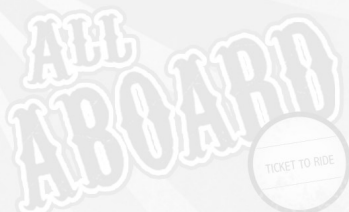


- ◆ Emergency contact information (**must have a working phone number on file**)
- ◆ Communicable disease form
- ◆ Medication release form
- ◆ Field trip consent form
- ◆ Swimming consent form
- ◆ Camper pick-up permission form
- ◆ Parent handbook and program policies signature page
- ◆ Financial aid application (if seeking assistance)
- ◆ Weekly camper registration form (**please note that campers are required to register for a minimum of 7 weeks**)

The Camp Director reserves the right to request additional information. Information submitted will be collected, printed, and prepared for signature at the time of registration fee payment.

Day Camp Fees

- ◆ A **\$10** registration fee will be assessed for **each camper enrolled** in camp and is **due at the time of registration**. For families with three or more enrolled campers, the fee will be capped at **\$20 per family**. **It is non-refundable.**
- ◆ The weekly fees begin at \$25 per camper, but a scholarships are available. **Payment for the first week is due by June 6th. You are responsible to pay for the weeks for which you register - you will be charged if you register for a week and then don't attend. Any changes will need to be submitted before June 1st.** No part-time or daily rates are offered. No discounts/credits are given for missed days.



- ♦ Weekly fees are **paid in advance** and are **due by 9 a.m. on Friday for the next week of camp**. It is very important to stay current. **A late fee of \$10.00** will be assessed if payment is not received by the following Monday morning.
- ♦ **Your camper could be sent home or terminated for non-payment.** The Monday following a non-payment Friday will result in your camper being sent home. Lack of payment by Monday may result in termination. **If you are having difficulty paying fees, it is very important for you to communicate with the business manager.**
- ♦ If Day Camp fees become delinquent, a letter of warning will be sent to the parents/guardians. Failure to respond to and work out corrective action **will result in termination.** **You will be charged any fees that The Salvation Army incurs for a check return for insufficient funds. You will also be required to pay by cash or money order thereafter.**
- ♦ All campers must be picked up by 5:30 PM. In the event that parents/guardians are late, **a late fee of \$1 per minute will be assessed per camper to be paid by Friday morning of the same week by 9:00 AM.** The late policy and penalties are enforced. Late fees **MUST** be paid by the Friday morning in the week which they occur.



Cancellations

In the rare event that camp must be cancelled (i.e. weather concerns or another emergency situation), notification will be made via Procure, email and/or text messages and a sign posted at the facility entrance.

Attendance

While we understand that vacations and other family activities are a part of summer break, **we require that all participating families register their campers for a minimum of 7 weeks of camp in order to enroll in our program**

You will need to sign-up, by week, at the time of registration. Regular attendance by registered camper is very important. We typically have a waiting list for our program. We also plan and pay for field trips in advance. Failure to attend registered weeks could result in requiring reimbursement for tickets or other scheduled activities.

Your camper could be terminated for non-attendance and your spot offered to another camper.



Termination

In addition to **disciplinary issues as noted on page 12**, a camper may also be terminated for the following reasons:

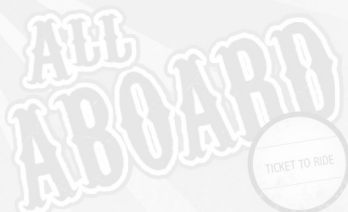
1. Failure to meet admission requirements/non-attendance.
2. Purposely providing false information in application materials.
3. Repeated pick-up tardiness by parents/guardians.
4. Non-payment of camp fees.
5. A camper's needs cannot be met appropriately and a referral to another program is deemed necessary.

The Camp Director will initiate the termination process by first meeting with the parents/guardians. Reasons for termination will be documented and placed in the camper's file. The parents/guardians may appeal the termination decision through the "Grievance Procedure" as outlined on page 12.

Refunds will not be issued for termination.

Financial Assistance

If your family needs financial assistance to participate in summer day camp, we are here to help. Reduced rates are available that consider household size, income and other factors. Completion of a financial aid form is required for consideration. Visit with the Camp Director for more information.



Additional Policies

Smoking is prohibited in all areas at The Salvation Army.

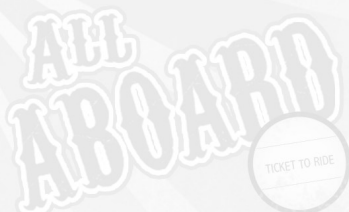
Parents/Guardians are required to escort their camper to the entrance and complete check in before leaving. When picking up campers, please wait outside and call the day camp cell phone at (319) 533-2334. A staff will then escort your child to you and sign them out.

We must be notified in advance of any changes in who will be picking up campers. A name must be given by parents/guardians and photo ID must be provided by that person at the time of pick-up. If your camper plans to walk or ride a bike to camp, please discuss this in advance with the Camp Director and fill out the appropriate form.

Parents/guardians are strongly discouraged from letting campers bring toys or personal items. The Salvation Army is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Any money brought to camp is the responsibility of the camper.

Electronic Devices (cellphones, laptops, MP3 players, tablets, etc.) are the sole responsibility of the camper. The Salvation Army is not responsible for any damage, loss, or theft.

Our camp will have a full schedule and students will be busy. We believe that camp is best experienced without the distractions of electronics. **Please note that all electronics will be collected at the beginning of the day and placed in a secure location until the end of the day to help facilitate this experience and relationship-building time.**



Grievance Procedure

A parent/guardian may express grievances or appeal decisions relating to services provided in the following manner:

The first point of contact is the Camp Director. The Director will review the issue and attempt to reach a resolution that satisfies the parties involved.

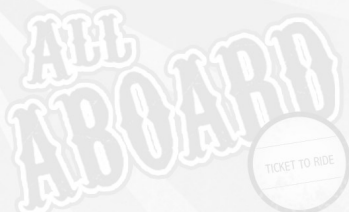
If the parent/guardian is not satisfied through the Camp Director, the second point of contact is The Salvation Army Officer. The officer shall review the situation and any documentation on the matter. The Officer may support the recommendations of the Program Director, offer a different course of action, or suggest that services be sought elsewhere.

Discipline

Physical punishment and abusive language are not permitted. Staff will be firm, fair and consistent in using corrective measures that encourage positive behavior. If a camper is consistently not following camp rules and not listening to staff, parents/guardians will be notified to discuss a corrective plan. This discussion will also include consequences in the event that the problem behavior does not improve.

The Camp Director reserves the right to suspend a camper from camp for one to two days **with no financial refund**. If problem behavior persists upon returning to camp, the Director reserves the right to terminate a camper from camp for the remainder of the program with **no financial refund**.

Serious incidents of misbehavior will result in immediate suspension or termination. In such cases, the Director reserves the right to bypass corrective action planning with the camper and family. Some examples include behavior that puts the camp-



er, staff or others in danger, theft, threats, destruction of property and/or other illegal activity.

In general, the following policy will be followed:

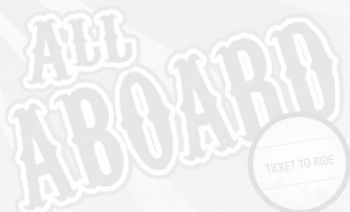
1. The student will be reminded of the rule/instruction and asked to follow it.
2. If the student continues the unwanted behavior, the student will receive further discipline, including but not limited to: being asked to move to a different location, not being able to participate in a planned field trip, or other discipline deemed appropriate by the staff.
3. If a student continues the behavior, the parent/guardian will be called, the student must be picked up and further action, including suspension, may be taken.

Zero-Tolerance Bullying Policy

We want this camp experience to be positive for all students involved. Therefore, our camp will have a zero-tolerance policy on bullying. Any child found to be bullying another student will be subject to our disciplinary policies and may be asked to leave the camp without refund. Encourage your child to share privately with a counselor if they feel they are being bullied.

Incident/Mandatory Reporting

Any time an injury occurs during day camp hours, staff are required to document the incident and report it to parents/guardians. Documentation is maintained in the camper's file and a copy is also provided to the parents/guardians. Iowa law requires that all childcare workers report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect. We encourage parents/guardians to inform staff of accidents and injuries that occur outside of the center during non-camp hours.



Health & Medications

If a camper needs medication dispensed during camp hours, a medication release form must be completed and signed by the parents/guardians. All release forms are kept on file at the facility. Medication must be in the original container.

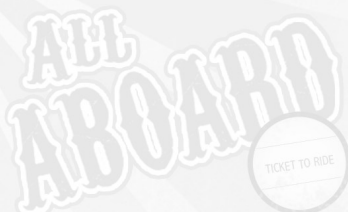
Medications are stored in a locked file or are refrigerated as needed. All medication administered is recorded. All emergency information must be kept current. If a parent/guardian states "take medication as needed," the parent/guardian must list signs and symptoms to look for so staff will know when to dispense medication.

DO NOT SEND A SICK CAMPER TO CAMP. Parents/guardians must contact the day camp phone as soon as possible, and no later than 8:45 AM, in the event of an absence.

It is important for families to have back-up care plans in case of illness. A camper should remain at home or will be sent home if he/she:

1. Has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater - must be fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications before returning to camp.
2. Is coughing uncontrollably/excessively or vomiting.
3. Has a serious or contagious illness.
4. Has head lice. Hair/clothing must be treated with an effective shampoo or soap and all nits removed prior to returning.
 - We will have periodic lice checks throughout the summer to minimize any possible spread. Lice kits may also be provided upon request.

No discounts/credits/refunds will be given for missed time/days due to illness or injury. A doctor's consent for the camper



to return to camp may be requested. Parents/guardians will be contacted by camp staff if an illness or injury occurs to determine course of action or treatment as needed. In the event of an emergency, notification prior to treatment may not be possible. Parents/guardians are responsible for medical expenses. Communicable diseases must be disclosed to staff and notice will be immediately posted at the facility. We follow CDC guidance for communicable diseases and illnesses, including Covid-19.

Field Trips

Many field trips will be provided over the 10-week camp program. These trips will be both fun and educational and will include new places and experiences for the campers

Information/special instructions regarding trips will be handed out to campers in advance so parents/guardians can prepare and plan ahead as needed. Parents/guardians may wish to send spending money with campers for field trips. Please note that staff is not responsible for campers' money, and may not hold money for a camper.

Splash Pads/ Pools

Campers will have the opportunity to go various area splash pads and pools as part of their camp experience. Parents will be notified of days when swim gear is necessary. Students are responsible for their own swim suits, towels, goggles, etc.

Transportation

Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Transportation will be provided for all campers once they reach our facility. Many of our activities take place at locations throughout the community. We also go on field trips involving longer distances to surrounding cities.



Our drivers must pass background checks and meet requirements of The Salvation Army in order to operate our vehicles to transport campers.

With enrollment in our camp, parents/guardians must acknowledge that they understand we will be transporting campers offsite and that they grant permission for us to do so. These offsite activities and special field trips are an important part of our curriculum.

Meals and Food

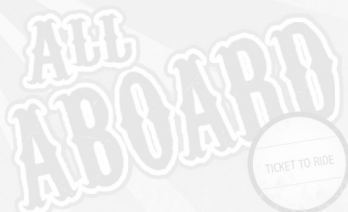
Over the course of the summer, we will provide a continental-style breakfast (yogurt, cereal, fruit, etc.) and a lunch, as well as a small snack. These are included in the weekly cost of the camp. Please let us know of any food allergies upon registration.

In addition, we will do our best to provide a basic menu ahead of time for families. If you know your child will not eat certain foods/meals, you may feel free to send a lunch as well that does not require heating. Please also note that the menu may change due to supply complications, changes in donations, and other unexpected occurrences.

Becoming Part of God's Story

"You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all." 2 Corinthians 3:2 (ESV)

While our camp centers around the students, we want you to know that we recognize the importance of parents and guardians in their lives. In addition to our weekly information sheets, we will work to provide clear communication and assistance for entire families. If you have questions about the camp, feel free to contact the camp director.



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