Summer Camp **Virtual Open House Camp Skokie Central Park Camp Skokie Oakton Park Summer's End Type questions in the chat!**



Camp Skokie: Central Park & Oakton Park

- Age Range: 5-11 year olds
- Location: Central Park: 9350 Central Park Ave

Oakton Park: 4701 Oakton St

Rainsite Location: Central Park: Old Orchard Jr High

Oakton Park: Oakton Comm Ctr

- Camper to Staff Ratio: 8:1
- Supervisor Contact Information:

Central Park: Aryn Fletcher (abfletcher@skokieparks.org)

Oakton Park: Alyssa Mergler (<u>amergler@skokieparks.org</u>)





CAMP SKOKIE GOALS

- New experiences that keep campers engaged
- Consistent movement and interaction
- Building confidence and interpersonal connections

GENERAL DAILY SCHEDULE

- **Drop off between 9-9:30AM**
 - **o** Check in with counselors/group
- Outdoor sports/ pool
- Snack
- Crafts / small group games
- Lunch
- Playground/ outdoor large motor games
- Dismissal: pick up between 3:30-4PM





Getting to know you

Counselors lead a game where campers pass a ball, introduce themselves, and share something about themselves. An activity like this helps build a sense of community and belonging within a large camp.

What to bring to camp:

- Lunch and snack(s)
- Water bottle
- Hat/ sunscreen
- Swimwear
- Change of clothes



Camp Photos







Getting ready for a field trip. Counselors follow safety procedures as we load the bus. Mirror maze on our field trip to Museum of Science and Industry. **Playground fun- daily!**

Camp Communication



- Updates and reminders during camp will come through the app
 - Reminders sent the day before for swim days, field trips, theme days
- Updates for rain/ weather changes in real time
- Weekly photos

Camp Cell Phones

- Contact the camp cell phone, call or text
 - **o** to report camper absence
 - Speak with a camp director







Swimming and Pool Rules

District Wide Pool Policies:

- All campers, regardless of height, will be required to take the swimming test if they wish to have access to all areas of the pool.
- To pass the swimming test, the camper is required to swim the length of the pool without any breaks. The Skokie Park District's staff will determine 'pass' or 'fail' and will record it.
- Campers that do not take the swimming test or do not pass the swimming test will be issued a wristband. Campers issued a wristband should remain in shallow water. This is determined as water shallower than their own armpits.
- Campers that pass the swimming test can have access to all areas in the pool. This consists of water deeper than their own armpits, slides, and diving boards
- Swimming tests will be supervised by lifeguards and camp staff.
- Swimming tests will be available to campers every visit to the pool.
- Campers are welcome to retake the swim test as many times as they like to try.
- If the camper is in multiple camps, the camper will be required to take the test at each camp for which they are registered.
- Along with lifeguards, camp staff will be in and around the pool to provide extra supervision and monitor the wristbands.
- Campers will be asked to use the buddy system while swimming at the pool and using the locker room bathrooms. Buddies should have similar swim ability (update according to your own camp rules).



Summer's End Camp August 5-8 August 12-18

- End the summer with fun field trips!
- New this year-two weeks of Summer's End
- Campers will explore the community with daily field trips.
- Camp day is 9am-4pm, option for extended AM/PM
- Bring your own lunch and snacks
- Trips will be announced mid-May/ early June
- On-site activities include theme days, sports, crafts, and outdoor play.

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Questions?

- For more in-depth or camper specific questions, please contact:
 - Oakton Park: Alyssa Mergler amergler@skokieparks.org
 - Central Park: Aryn Fletcher abfletcher@skokieparks.org
 - Camp registration for residents begin Sunday, February 4th at noon
 - **For more information on camps visit:** https://www.skokieparks.org/summer-camps/
 - Interested in Fee Assistance? Contact Lisa Hanley, <u>Ihanley@skokieparks.org</u> or visit https://www.skokieparks.org/fee – assistance – program/
 - Thank you for joining us!

