



Summer Camps 2026

EVANGELIZATION



Memories

“Summer camp is where ordinary days become lifelong memories.”



SUMMER CAMPS

Series of summer camps for incoming PreK through outgoing 5th graders!

Find Your Perfect Summer Camp Here!

Cost (per camp/per child):

- Parishioners: \$175
- Non-Parishioners: \$225

SPOTS ARE LIMITED REGISTER NOW!



- Before & After Care Available: \$60 per child for the entire week!
 - Before care: 7:45AM-9AM
 - After care: 3PM-5:30PM
- Scholarships: Available upon request

What to Bring:

- A packed lunch & reusable water bottle



Our camps are not for profit: they exist to provide a fun, safe space for students to grow in their relationship with Christ. Our financial goal is simply to break even. Donations are welcome for those who wish to support our mission and contribute to student scholarships.



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Learn More/Register

bjccs.org/summer-camps



Angelic Adventure June 1-5, 9AM-3PM

Join us for an action-packed week filled with exciting outdoor games, creative crafts, and inspiring activities that will spark your spirit! Dive into a journey of faith as dynamic speakers share their stories of discovering God's call to holiness. This year's theme is Hope, celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope with meaningful experiences and joyful fellowship. And for the grand finale—prepare for splash-tastic water games and an exhilarating ride down a giant water slide! Don't miss out on this unforgettable quest for fun, faith, and friendship.



Ave Maria June 8-12, 9AM-3PM

Ave Maria Camp is all about spreading the joy of the Gospel and diving deep into the meaning of the Rosary. From dynamic evangelization and engaging catechesis to uplifting Christian witness and joyful Eucharistic worship, every moment is packed with excitement and inspiration. Get ready to be empowered, enlightened, and energized as we journey together on a mission to ignite faith, foster vocations, and transform hearts. Don't miss out on this epic summer experience with Ave Maria Camp!



Science Quest June 15-19, 9AM-3PM

Embark on an exciting journey of discovery with Science Quest! Delve into the fascinating world of STEM activities while exploring the profound connections between science and God. Our engaging program features a plethora of hands-on STEM activities and thrilling games that will ignite your curiosity and creativity. Cap off the week with a special visit from Extreme Animals, where you'll marvel at the wonders of God's creation up close. On Friday, we celebrate our new found knowledge with a fun water slide to wrap up an unforgettable week of learning and laughter.



Athlete Summit Kamp June 22-26, 9AM-3PM

Get ready to elevate your game at the Athlete Summit Kamp (ASK)! This action-packed camp is designed to empower young athletes to hone their skills while embracing the values of sportsmanship. Modeling some of our curriculum after the Fellowship of Christian Athletes content, we're bringing you top-notch content to help you embody the spirit of Christ. Each day kicks off with dynamic skills training sessions followed by insightful lessons on sportsmanship, and daily tournaments. Join us for a week of growth, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences at ASK!



Culinary Camp July 6-10, 9AM-3PM

Culinary Camp, where young chefs will immerse themselves in the art of cooking while enjoying food, fun, and fellowship! Throughout the week, participants will not only master simple recipes but also delve into the fascinating science behind food preparation. Get ready for some friendly competition as campers showcase their culinary creativity with their own creations. Don't miss out on this flavorful journey!



Lake Camp July 13-17, 9AM-3PM

Embark on a summer adventure like no other at Lake Camp! Our mission is to make every moment unforgettable as children soak up the joys of summer amidst the beauty of nature. From swimming to mastering the art of whipping up delicious and easy snacks, every day is filled with excitement and discovery. Campers are dropped off at BJCCS, then transported to Our Lady of the Lake Lodge in Guthrie. Amidst breathtaking surroundings, children engage in captivating crafts, refreshing swims, and inspiring talks during lunch. Our dynamic speakers share insights into diverse cultural celebrations of the Catholic faith.



Fine Arts Camp July 20-24, 9AM-3PM

Embark on a vibrant journey of creativity and expression at our Fine Arts Camp! This immersive experience offers a dynamic blend of drama, visual arts, and music. From theatrical productions to painting sessions and musical performances, campers will explore their artistic talents. Whether they're honing their acting skills on stage, crafting masterpieces with paint brushes in hand, or composing melodies that stir the soul, every day promises new discoveries and endless opportunities for self-expression. Join us for a week filled with inspiration, imagination, and endless artistic adventures!

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WELCOME



For over 12 years I have been passionate about youth ministry and education. What truly made our camps wonderful is the presence of our veteran teachers, college leaders,

volunteers and supportive parents. Our cumulative experience helps create an atmosphere where every child feels seen, safe, and celebrated.

Someone once asked me why we put so much time and energy into preparing for summer camps, why all the late nights, logistics, and planning? For me, the answer is simple: childhood is brief, but it shapes us for life. Some of my most cherished memories come from summer camps, playing, learning, making friends, and being mentored by caring camp counselors.

We spend the majority of our lives as adults, carrying with us the memories and values formed in childhood. I want all kids to look back one day and remember their summers not just as a break from school, but as a time they were poured into, loved, and built up. Every bit of effort is worth it for that.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antonio Guzman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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OUR MISSION

Above all, our Summer Camps exists to support families by offering:

- Affordable childcare when school is not in session
- A joyful and wholesome summer experience
- A program rooted in the mission of the Church

We strive to help children:

- Grow in their faith
- Build lasting friendships
- Create meaningful summer memories

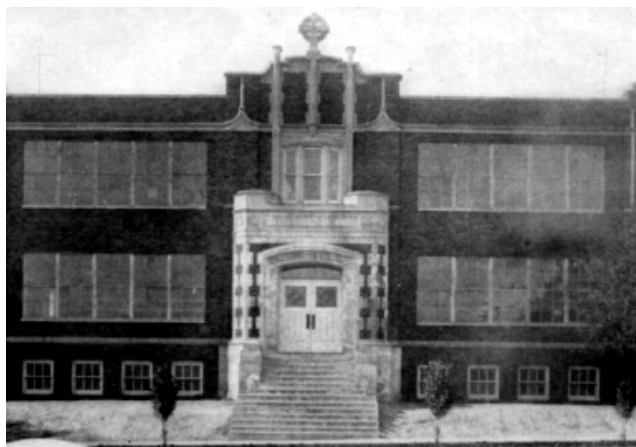


HISTORY & PURPOSE OF SUMMER CAMPS



The summer camps began in 2024 as part of the celebration of the centennial of the Cathedral's dedication. They also marked the beginning of a new evangelization ministry that brought life and energy to the Cathedral campus.

Recognizing the need for enriching, affordable summer programs in a familiar and safe environment, these camps were designed to meet the needs of families while remaining self-sustaining. The camps are intended to break even, ensuring they do not drain resources from the Cathedral or the School.



COLLEGE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



The summer camps also provide internship opportunities for college students, offering a hands-on introduction to the inner workings of an organization.

Interns gain experience in:

- Camp finances
- Collecting and organizing permission and liability forms
- Planning camp schedules
- Working as part of a team with experienced educators
- Operations including data entry, filing, and communications

This internship is designed to be a well-rounded, resume-building experience for college students.



TEACHER SUPPORT

The summer camps are supported by teachers, whose:

- Classroom management skills
- Creative thinking
- Passion for working with children

are invaluable to the program.

Their presence helps create a welcoming, structured, and nurturing environment for all campers.



FRIDAY: FUN

Each Friday, all camps have an element of fun, whether it's a water slide outdoors or a bouncy house set up in the gym when the weather becomes too hot. These activities are designed to give children a joyful break and help them fully enjoy the summer.

VOLUNTEERS



High School and Junior High volunteers are essential to creating a safe, fun, and meaningful summer camp experience while earning service hours and serving as positive role models for our campers. More information on pages 29-30.

ANGELIC CAMP



Angelic Camp is a faith-filled summer day camp designed to provide children with a safe, joyful, and enriching experience rooted in Catholic values. Through a balanced mix of prayer, structured activities, creative play, and outdoor games, campers are invited to grow in friendship, character, and faith. Each day is thoughtfully planned to support both fun and formation, allowing children to enjoy their summer while continuing to grow spiritually and socially.

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Faith formation is woven naturally into each day through:

- Daily prayer
- Stories of the saints
- Lessons that emphasize kindness, responsibility, and respect

Campers also participate in:

- Organized indoor and outdoor games
- Arts and crafts
- Supervised recreation
- Team-building activities

These experiences encourage creativity, cooperation, healthy physical activity, and positive relationships.



AVE MARIA CAMP



Ave Maria Camp takes a deep dive into Mary, the Mother of God, and the virtuous life that we are all called to live. Throughout the week, our campers will explore Mary's vital role in the Church, the joy of spreading the Gospel, and the meaning of the Rosary. Each day will include times set-aside for prayer, teachings from the Gospel about Mary, and fun-filled indoor and outdoor activities. Taught by experienced faith leaders in our Cathedral, campers will walk away from this week with a reinvigorated faith and a transformed heart ready to live-out an honorable life as exemplified by our Virgin Mother.

Faith formation is woven naturally into each day through:

- Daily prayer
- Eucharistic worship
- Study of the Rosary
- Exploration of the Gospel

Campers also participate in:

- Organized indoor and outdoor games
- Arts and crafts
- Supervised recreation
- Team-building activities

These experiences encourage students to answer God's call through prayer, goodwill to others, and the study of important faith figures.



SCIENCE QUEST



Science Quest Camp invites campers to explore faith and reason, understanding that they are not only compatible but necessary partners in the pursuit of truth. Campers will engage in science experiments and hands-on activities throughout the week, gaining knowledge of God and the inter-workings of His beautiful Creation.

Their hard work throughout the week will come to fruition with a special Friday celebration that includes Mass, interaction with **exotic animals**, and fun outdoor water games.



ATHLETE SUMMIT KAMP

Athletic Summit Kamp is designed for young athletes to level up their game while embodying virtues that foster sportsmanship. Through a balance of lessons and indoor and outdoor activities, campers will learn the value of a competitive spirit while keeping in mind the values of good sportsmanship to teammates and opponents.

Campers will start the day with dynamic skills training sessions and lessons on sportsmanship before diving into the action through team-based daily tournaments to put their skills to the test.



Campers will master their athletic craft and personify the true meaning of sportsmanship through:

- Daily drills to increase speed, dynamics, and endurance
- Lessons on real-life examples of perseverance's and kindness in athletics
- Crafts and Activities



CULINARY CAMP



Culinary Camp invites campers to try their hand in the kitchen as they serve up some simple but hands-on dishes. Throughout the week, campers will learn simple recipes, discover the science of cooking, and uncover the biblical roots of cooking via Passover and the Book of Exodus. Moreover, campers will enjoy other activities where they engaged with crafts, gym time, and food safety lessons. Ms. Mary Calderon will lead the way as head chef as she teaches campers exciting recipes that they can try at home.



Campers will hone their culinary ability and understand the basics of cooking through:

- Simple recipes that can easily be reapplied at home
- Lessons on cooking science
- Biblical examples of cooking and sharing meals
- Arts and crafts



LAKE CAMP

Lake Camp welcomes campers to discover their aquatic side at Our Lady of the Lake in Guthrie. Campers will enjoy quality time spent in the lake, work on crafts, and hear inspiring talks about the Catholic faith in a breathtaking atmosphere.



Campers will rotate through four activity stations:

1. Snack preparation
2. Water slide and outdoor games
3. Indoor crafts
4. Swimming in the lake

A certified lifeguard will be on duty during all lake swim times, along with two adult supervisors and several high school volunteers.

Transportation will be provided by bus, with departure from and return to the Cathedral.

FINE ARTS CAMP

Fine Arts Camp invites campers to develop their creative skills through the fine arts. Each day will focus on a different creative art, giving campers the opportunity to fully express their imaginative abilities. Campers will take to the stage for dramatic acting, sing and dance in music lessons, and visually express their artistic aptitude through various crafts and painting sessions.



All activities will take place on the Cathedral and school campus.

Throughout the week, students can expect to improve their creative and artistic skills through activities like:

- Stage acting
- Singing
- Playing music
- Arts and Crafts

For the last day of camp, campers can enjoy a Fun Friday with outdoor water games.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

**Location:**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help &
Bishop John Carroll Cathedral
School

Dates: Vary Depending on Camp
Times: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Before & After Care

For families needing extended
care:

Before Care: 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM
After Care: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Additional fees apply.

Please visit the website for full
details.



SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

All drop-off and pick-up will take place at (unless stated differently in introductory email):

Monsignor Connor Center
3300 N Lake Ave

As you face the Cathedral from its main entrance, the Connor Center is the building to the left.

First Day Procedures

- All families are asked to walk in with their child(ren) on the first day
- A member of the camp staff will be available to answer questions

Please note:

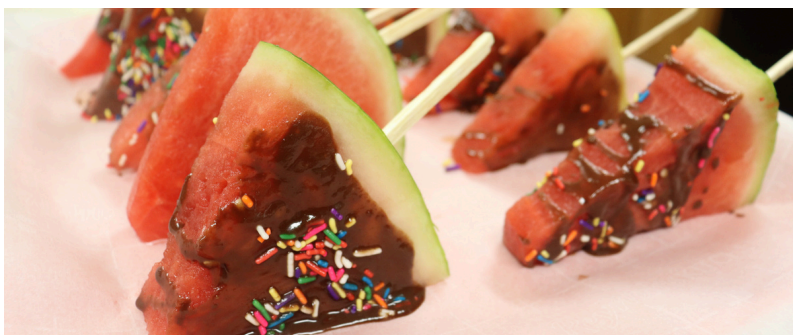
- During before care hours, teachers and college leaders are preparing classrooms, so families may not meet the full staff team at that time
- Pickup time is a great opportunity to meet the entire camp staff



ALLERGIES & REQUIRED FORMS

To keep all campers safe, it is essential that Form A is submitted for every child.

- Forms are kept on file
- Food allergies are carefully reviewed
- Snack and activity planning takes allergies into account



SAFETY, STRUCTURE & EXPECTATIONS

Safety, structure, and clear expectations are central to our Summer Camp.

Our goal is to create an environment where:

- Children feel safe and supported
- Parents can feel confident their child is well cared for
- Campers are able to thrive socially, emotionally, and spiritually.



WHAT TO BRING

Please send your child with:

- A packed lunch
- A reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen

The camp will provide:

- Snacks
- Lemonade
- Water

Friday Activities

On Friday, campers will:

- Attend Mass in the chapel or in the Cathedral.
- Participate in outdoor water games

Students are encouraged to:

- Wear dark-colored clothing
- Bring a towel
- Apply sunscreen
- Wear water shoes



IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ATTENDING

Our camps often fill quickly and may have a waiting list. If your child is no longer able to attend, please notify camp staff as soon as possible so the space may be offered to another family.

Families who have paid must notify us at least 15 days prior to the start of camp to receive a refund. Cancellations made fewer than 15 days before camp begins are non-refundable, as supplies have already been purchased and we may be unable to fill the vacated spot from the waiting list.

Please notify us as soon as possible if:

- Your child is unable to attend the camp
- Your child will miss a day
- Your child will arrive late or leaving early due to an appointment



SAFETY & SECURITY



For everyone's safety:

- All facilities (Connor Center, school, gym, and Mercy Center) will remain locked during the day

If you need to pick up your child early:

- There will be a phone number posted on the Connor Center doors and sent out in an email with camp information.



SAFETY & SECURITY²²

The Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City take the safety and well-being of children very seriously. The following procedures are in place to ensure a safe and secure environment during our camps.

Adults (18 years and older)

- All employees and volunteers age 18 and older are Safe Environment trained.
- A background check is completed for all adults prior to service.
- Each classroom will have at least one Safe Environment-trained adult who has met all Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

Youth Volunteers (Under 18)

- Youth under the age of 18 are welcome to assist with summer camps.
- All youth volunteers complete Safe and Sacred Teen Training.
- Youth volunteers are always supervised by a Safe Environment-trained adult.
- At least one trained adult will be present in the classroom at all times when youth volunteers are assisting.



SAFETY & SECURITY²³

Restroom Procedures

- Teenage volunteers may assist with escorting children to the restroom.
- Volunteers stand outside the restroom while the child is inside and walk the child back to the classroom.
- If it becomes necessary for a volunteer to enter the restroom with a child, two Safe Environment–trained adults must be present.
- Adults monitor restroom areas to ensure there is no one inside who could pose a risk to children.

Classroom & Supervision Guidelines

- During training, all team members receive Safe Environment instruction specific to classroom supervision.
- In rare situations such as illness, unexpected incidents, or last-minute staffing needs, the following guidelines must be followed:
 1. If a classroom door does not have a window, the door must remain open.
 2. If a door has a window, the window must remain unobstructed at all times.

For questions or concerns regarding Archdiocesan Safe Environment policies, please contact: Antonio Guzman (402) 615-3247 or antonio@cathedralokc.org.



BEHAVIOR POLICY

To ensure a safe, respectful, and fun environment, all campers are expected to follow these guidelines:

Respect

- Treat campers, staff, and volunteers with kindness
- Respect personal space, property, and the camp environment

Responsibility

- Follow instructions
- Stay with your group
- Participate in activities
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

Safety

- Use equipment properly
- Practice good hygiene, especially during food preparation
- Report accidents or concerns to a camp leader immediately

Kindness

- Encourage others
- Use appropriate language
- Include others in games and activities

Tell an Adult

If someone is bothering your child, please encourage them to tell an adult right away. We can only address issues if we are aware of them. Open communication helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Disciplinary Process

If a camper struggles to meet behavior expectations:

1. A verbal reminder will be given
2. Continued issues may result in a conversation with a parent or guardian
3. Serious or repeated behavior may lead to:
 - Early pickup
 - Dismissal from camp
 - Ineligibility for future camps



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

High School and Junior High volunteers play a vital role in making our summer camps a safe, joyful, and memorable experience for our campers. These young leaders earn service hours while serving children and helping create a positive summer environment rooted in care, fun, and mentorship.

High School Volunteers

High School students serve as camp leaders based on their interests, skills, and experience. Their responsibilities may include:

- Assisting teachers and staff
- Helping with classroom setup and cleanup
- Supervising children during activities
- Leading games and group activities
- Supporting younger volunteers

Junior High Volunteers

Junior High students serve as junior leaders under the guidance of:

- Teachers
- College interns
- High School leaders

Their role focuses on learning responsibility, teamwork, and leadership through mentorship and hands-on experience.



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Mentorship Focus

A central focus of our summer camps is mentorship. Our goal is that everyone involved, children, teens, and adults alike, is both served and formed through the experience.

Registration & Requirements

All volunteers must:
Communicate their availability with the
Camp Coordinator

Register online

- Volunteer Registration:
<https://bjccs.org/camp-volunteers>

Submit a completed Form A, submitted
by a parent or guardian

- Form A:
<https://cathedralokc.org/form-a>

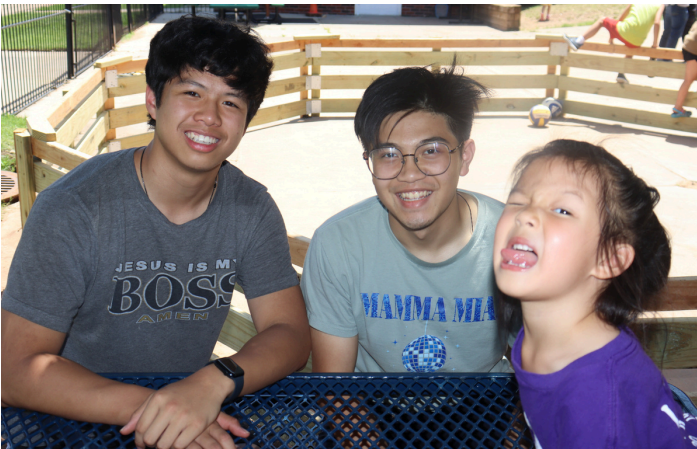
Volunteer Schedule & Location

Volunteers may begin as early as 7:30
a.m. (before care)

Volunteers may serve as late as 5:30 p.m.

Many volunteers choose to serve 8:00
a.m. – 3:00 p.m., when the majority of
camp activities take place

Volunteers typically report to the
Monsignor Connor Center. *If the
location changes, an email will be sent
with updated instructions*



FOLLOW US



We will post pictures and short recaps on social media of what happened during the week: We only post images of children whose parent have granted us permission to do so in our registration form. If you don't already follow us on social media, here are our page names and links.

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