

# The Day Camp Digest

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Summer 2009

## Theme Weeks

- Wild West  
(June 29-July 3)
- Marine Biology  
(July 6-10)
- Get Creative!  
(July 13-17)
- Super Heroes  
(July 20-24)
- I Spy  
(July 27-July 31)
- Safari  
(August 3-7)
- Marine Biology  
(August 10-14)
- Pirate  
(August 17-21)
- Under the Sea  
(August 24-28)

## Orkila Day Camp has Two Levels Ages 6-8 in Level I; Ages 9-12 in Level II

Every day of Day Camp begins at 8:45 when you check in at the YMCA Camp Orkila main parking lot. Sign in and join your group for an action-filled theme-based day of camp fun.

Each Monday you'll get a schedule for the week. You'll know what to bring, what you'll be doing, and just how much fun you'll have.

Level I campers will have a field trip each Tuesday.

Level II campers will have a field trip each Thursday.

Pick up is at 4:45 daily.

Each child will be signed out only to individuals on the page for "Authorized Pick Up" in their health care packet.

**Level II campers** who sign up for Session C will have an optional overnight camp out on Friday, July 17. If you choose session F, you'll have an overnight camp out on Friday, August 7. These day campers and their families will be invited to a cookout dinner.

Kids will spend the night camping out under the stars with day camp staff. They'll attend a campfire,



play games and sing, and mom and dad can have the night off.

Pick up is at 9:00 on Saturday morning.

## Please don't bring:

- Games
- Valuables
- Electronics
- Money

This is all stuff that can get lost, causing angst for your camper.

## Day Camp Essentials

Please remember to bring the **essentials** to camp every day. Here's a check list for you.

- A backpack
- Sack lunch including a beverage and afternoon snack (lunch is at 12:30, so please be sure they have breakfast)
- A hat
- Sunscreen
- Swimming suit and towel (please label)
- Water bottle (that can be refilled)
- Everyone needs to wear pants on days we go to the climbing wall & giant swing. On pony ride days long pants & closed-toe shoes are required.
- Shoes that can get wet (flip flops or sandals) and also a pair of running around camp shoes (tennis shoes are great).
- Allergy medications, antibiotics, or other medical provisions to be turned in to the day camp staff at check in.
- A jacket or rain gear for cool or wet days.

# Swim lessons can be part of the Day Camp experience, or you can come just for lessons

Six levels of swim lessons are offered this year. Classes are 4 days a week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A session of swim lessons lasts 2 weeks.

Kids in Day Camp may miss a day of swim lessons due to a field trip. A make-up lessons will be offered.

Skills are tested the first day of lessons. Students are placed in the appropriate level.



LEVEL NAME	SKILL LEVEL
Polliwog	Introductory
Guppy	Beginning
Minnow	Intermediate
Fish	Swimmer
Flying Fish	Advanced
Shark	Advanced

## What's A Typical Week's Schedule Like?

Every week has a theme; every session will have some variables because of the theme, but here's a basic schedule families can use to plan their day camper's week. You'll get a schedule each Monday for the week.

### Morning

**Drop Off** 8:45-9:15 each day

Play games

Morning activity could include:

- Welcome & Tour
- Beach walk
- Field trip
- Life & Death in the Forest
- Boating
- Garden
- Climbing Wall
- Marine Center
- Story time
- Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Get Wet, Get Dirty

### Midday

11:30-1:00

Swim preparation

Lunch

Swim Lessons for some

Open swim

Water activities could include

- Pool
- Pond
- Beach
- Sprinklers

Snack and changing time

Late arrivals check in at noon.

### Afternoon

Afternoon activity could include

- Marine Center feeding
- Extra pool time
- Garden
- Pond
- Giant Swing
- Hiking
- Arts & Crafts
- Archery
- Field trip
- Treasure hunt
- Parade
- Boating
- And much, much more!

**Pick up** 4:45-5:00

## Call us if you'll be late or if you need information

Day Campers should arrive at 8:45. We have a little flexibility, but if you'll be later than 9, please call us on the Day Camp Hotline at (360) 376-2678 x600. Use that number to report late arrivals, illness, or to leave a general message for the Day Camp team.

**Late arrivals need to wait until 12:00 noon to join the group.**

Plan to park in the main parking. Walk with your child by way of the office and meet Day Camp at the swimming pool area.

Bring lunch and be prepared to join the water and afternoon activities as soon as you catch up with the group.

If you need more information, contact the office at (360) 376-2678.

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