



Wheatland Salem Christian Academy
Summer Themes for Academic Readiness

Summer 2017

S. T. A. R. Policies & Program Information

Summer Program

Each week we will focus on one theme that will blend academics and summer camp activities into a fun filled learning experience. We will utilize our outdoor areas as we offer traditional and non-traditional experiences in literacy, math, science and art. The preschool children will continue to develop their pre-reading, math, and fine motor skills as they explore the special activities planned for the classroom and fun in the sun. Our school age children will continue to practice, extend and enhance what they learned during the previous school year using a variety of traditional and non-traditional teaching activities designed just for summer fun.

Sessions and Fees

Monday – Thursday

9:00am – 12:00noon

Cost: \$95.00/week

Week 1 June 5 – 8, 2017 - ***Camping Fun***

Load up your backpack and enjoy the adventures of camping by going on a nature walk, making your own trail mix and setting up camp right in the classroom.

No Camp the week of June 12th – 15th

Week 2 June 19– 22, 2017 - ***Jungle Safari***

Grab your binoculars and come along on a safari adventure. Boys and girls will have a roaring good time as they dance the jungle hokey pokey, create a lion mask and search deep in the jungle for wild animals.

Week 3 June 26 – 29, 2017 - ***Travel the World***

With our WSCA passport the children will experience the cultures of China, Italy, Mexico and Hawaii through fun activities, crafts, games and cooking projects.

No Camp the week of July 3rd -6th

Week 4 July 10 – July 13, 2017 - ***Outer Space***

Are you ready for a week that's out of this world? Blast off into outer space and learn about astronauts, constellations and planets.

Week 5 July 17 – July 20, 2017 - ***At the Beach***

Grab your beach towel and have a “wave of a good time” during this fun-filled week. Everyone will enjoy playing in the sand, water and many more “beachy” activities.

Week 6 July 24 – July 27, 2017- ***Summer Science***

Calling all young scientists for a week of exploration! Join us as we experiment and learn about “what happens” when we investigate everyday science around us!

Children are to bring a water bottle as well as their own healthy peanut-free snack and drink (100% juice).

Registration and Enrollment

Enrollment is limited to children who will be 3 years old on or before their first day of camp through entering 1st grade in the fall, regardless of race, color, nationality, or religious background.

Registration will begin in March on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms must accompany payment in full to secure your child's placement and will be numbered as they are received. Confirmation letters will be sent home no later than April 1st and payment will be returned to wait-listed children / families.

NO refunds for withdrawal will be made after June 1st.

State licensing regulations require that each child have a medical examination, including a TB test, lead questionnaire, and all current immunizations (including the varicella vaccine). Therefore, all students must have a current State of Illinois health form on file before attending any camp session(s).

Parents/guardian must also sign a medical release form and a child history form in case of an illness or emergency. Two emergency contacts other than the parents/guardian must be provided on the registration.

Snack, Backpacks and Outdoor Play

Children should bring their own healthy peanut-free snack and drink (100% juice) in a labeled sack each day. A backpack is recommended to send home school information and artwork daily.

Children will be outdoors for play and learning experiences each day, weather permitting. For playground safety, shoes should be secured so the child can run and climb without twisting an ankle or losing their shoes. Gym shoes and other non-slip tie or buckle shoes are highly recommended. Sunscreen should be applied at home before coming to school. Hats are acceptable for outdoor activities and should be labeled with your child's name.

Health and Safety

Children who become ill while at school will be provided a place to lie down until someone can pick them up. The parents/guardian or emergency people authorized by the parents/guardian will be called to remove the child from the academy within a half hour. There must be two emergency people listed on the medical release form that are able to pick up the child from the academy should the parents/guardian be unavailable. For more serious instances, the paramedics will be called and the child may be taken to Edward Hospital. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to acquire a certified practitioner for a child exempt from medical care on religious grounds.

We are happy to have staff that is trained in first aid and CPR. We do not administer medications for any reason. In the case of anaphylactic allergies, an epi-pen is to accompany the child at all times while under the care of Wheatland Salem personnel and proper medical release.

If your child shows signs of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, or rash (unless verified by a physician to be non-contagious), please keep him/her home. Please notify the academy if your child contracts a communicable disease such as, but not limited to, chicken pox, pink eye or impetigo.

Arrival and Dismissal

Drop-off and pick-up of your child will be in the foyer outside the academy wing, and the parent/guardian must sign-in the child with their respective teacher. Each teacher will have a sign-in / sign-out sheet used for attendance. Each day please list a phone number you wish to be reached at in case of an emergency. Parents/guardian will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 if the child remains at school beyond 12:06pm. An additional late fee of \$10.00 will be charged for each 15 minutes beyond 12:21pm.

As required by DCFS, a strategic plan for locating the parent(s)/guardian of any child will begin at 12:06pm. The classroom teacher will bring the child to the school office to be cared for by the principal or one of her assistants. Immediate efforts will be made to contact the parent(s)/guardian at home and/or the phone number designated on the classroom sign-out sheet. If there is no answer, a message will be left and we will begin to call all of the various cell phone and work numbers listed on the child's registration form. In the event no parent/guardian is located by 12:15pm, the school will then begin calling the child's emergency contacts. This process will continue until 12:45pm at which time, at the discretion of the principal, the Naperville Police Department will be called to assist.

Children will be released from the facility only to the child's parents or guardian or to a person designated in writing by the parent(s) or guardian to receive the child. Persons not known to the staff shall be required to provide a driver's license (with a photo) or photo identification card issued by the Illinois Secretary of State to establish their identity prior to a child's release to them.

Discharge from the Program

Any child who, after attempts have been made to meet the child's individual needs, demonstrates inability to benefit from the type of program offered by the facility, or whose presence is detrimental to the group, shall be discharged from the facility. Any parent/guardian that finds it difficult to abide by the policies agreed to in this packet shall be required to remove their child from the program.

In all instances, when the school decides that it is in the best interest of the child to terminate enrollment, the child's and the family's needs shall be considered by planning with the parents/guardians to meet the child's needs when he/she leaves the facility, including referrals to other agencies or facilities.

Philosophy

The purpose and goal at WSCA is to create a positive Christian environment in which learning is fun and rewarding. We value the partnership we have with our families to nurture and challenge our children so they feel good about themselves and realize they are unique and special.

Contact Information

For the safety of the children and staff, the academy wing doors will be locked at all times. Calls regarding your child during camp hours should be made to the school office at 630-904-7035; messages will be checked periodically throughout the camp day. Non-emergency calls will be returned at the staff's earliest convenience.

Guidance and Discipline Policy

We believe each child initiates an act to accomplish a specific goal. Our goal is to teach children how to meet their personal needs in a socially acceptable manner by positive actions. Our Guidance and Discipline Policy is the on-going process of helping children to develop these skills so that they can manage their own behavior.

Guidance & Discipline Techniques Used by Our Staff

- ❖ Avoid problems by offering an organized, stimulating program
- ❖ Modeling of socially acceptable behavior and manners along with reinforcement of positive behavior and acknowledgment of good behavior
- ❖ Setting clear limits and offering choices
- ❖ Redirection to a more acceptable behavior
- ❖ Including the child in resolution of conflict
- ❖ The use of natural and logical consequences as outlined by S.T.E.P.
- ❖ Time-out or removal of child from the area, for short periods of time for all children over two years of age. (One minute per age of child.)

Prohibited Guidance & Discipline Techniques

- ❖ Physical punishment
- ❖ Screaming at child
- ❖ Ridiculing a child or the child's family
- ❖ Blaming, teasing, insulting, name calling or threatening the child with punishment
- ❖ Withholding food, affection, or positive attention

No child will be subjected to, under any circumstances, any form of corporal punishment, which includes hitting, spanking, swatting, beating, shaking, pinching and other measures intended to induce physical pain or fear. The childcare staff will never use abusive or profane language or deprive children of food, rest or use of restrooms. Children will not be punished for toilet accidents.

Parents/Guardian Role in the Guidance Process

- ❖ The teacher will verbally notify the child's parent/guardian if a pattern of unacceptable behavior is noted.
- ❖ The teacher will discuss with the parent(s) /guardian the child's behavior during formal and informal parent/teacher conferences.
- ❖ The principal may request a formal conference with the parent(s) /guardian when unacceptable or uncharacteristic behavior occurs.
- ❖ If deemed necessary, the parent may be asked to pick up the child from the center and/or remove the child for the next school day.

Child's Role in the Guidance Process

- ❖ Children will be made aware of the classroom rules or guidelines for acceptable behavior and will be periodically reminded of the guidelines, as needed.
- ❖ Older children will be involved in creating the class rules and guidelines.
- ❖ The children will have reasonable opportunity to resolve their own conflicts.