

**Camp Erie 2020  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**What are the weekly themes and field trips for this summer?**

- The weekly themes and field trips are as follows:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Weekly Theme</b>	<b>Fantastic Fun Friday Theme</b>
1	Heroes & Villains: Can't We All Just Get Along?	Dress as Your Favorite Super Hero or Super Villain
2	Mission Impossible!	Spy/Secret Agent
3	Fantastic Campers and Where to Find Them	Harry Potter Dress-down
4	Survivor: Camp Erie	Beach Island Dress-down
5	Fry Cook Games	Pajama Day
6	Stars and Stripes	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Dress-down
7	Go for Gold!	Favorite Sports Team/Olympian
8	Jumanji!	Safari Dress-down
9	Color Warz	Wear Your Favorite Color
10	ColoRADO	Favorite Colorado shirt/jersey

- Please note that themes are subject to change. Field trip and assembly information will be available by our Parent Meeting on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our Camp Erie website for the most up-to-date information.

**What's New with Camp this Summer?**

- Brand new weekly themes, assemblies, and field trips!
- Camp Erie exclusive swimming lessons.
  - Please contact David Peters - General Interest Programs Coordinator for additional information.

**Are there any other options for camp other than full-summer registration?**

- Unfortunately, Camp Erie has reached capacity (per state licensing requirements) each of the past five summers and we have not been able to provide for all families in need of full and part-time care. We made the difficult decision to only offer full-summer registration based on feedback received and the belief that it provides for the greatest need of full-time care. We also believe this creates the best camp experience for each child as they get to know each other and their counselors very well without the introduction new children each week.
- Understanding there are many families in your situation that only need part-time care, we have worked very hard to improve and increase part-time camp options. These include many single day, single week, full and half-day camps in arts & crafts, enrichment, climbing, dance, sports, and STEM activities.

### **How much does camp cost? Are there payment plans available for my camper?**

- For Erie residents Camp will cost \$1750/camper; non-residents Camp will cost \$2013/camper. Payment plans will be available for parents upon request at Guest Services. A \$175 non-refundable deposit will be due at time of registration.

### **What are the payment plan dates?**

- A \$175 non-refundable deposit will be due at time of registration. From there, the remaining payment plan dates are as follows: May 18, May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13.

### **What is Camp Erie's tax identification number?**

- Camp Erie's tax identification number is 84-0198350.

### **When can I register?**

- Erie residents may register for Camp on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00am.
- Non-residents may register for Camp on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00am.

### **How can I register for Camp Erie?**

- You can register online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) or in person at Guest Service at the Erie Community Center. To better serve our Camp Erie participants, at this time, over the phone registrations will not be accepted.

### **What does my camper need to bring to camp every day?**

- You should have your camper bring a healthy, nutritious lunch, two snacks, a water bottle, sunscreen, a towel, swimsuit, and an extra pair of clothes in the event of a spill or accident. Additionally, please make sure that all of your belongings are clearly marked and labeled.

### **What is Camp Erie's refund policy?**

- 100% refund if requested prior to the registration deadline minus the \$175 non-refundable deposit. Refunds requested after the registration deadline are not guaranteed but will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. All refunds are subject to a \$5 processing fee (excludes household credits). The registration deadline for summer camp is **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Refunds will not be given for missed days, vacations, sickness, or any other unplanned emergencies.
- Refund request forms are available at Guest Service at the Erie Community Center. Refunds will be processed based on the date of submittal of the completed form.

### **Will I be able to apply for a refund if my camper is sick for a week or on a family vacation?**

- Unfortunately, we do not offer single day/week refunds for camps. However, we have adjusted our prices to reflect that campers may miss a few days due to illness, emergencies, and preplanned family vacations.

### **Are there sibling discounts or returning camper discounts available for families?**

- At this point, we do not currently offer sibling discounts or returning camper discounts for families.

### **Will the campers be divided into groups by age?**

- Yes! Campers will be broken up into groups by their age. This allows for all campers to participate and activities along with similarly aged peers. Camp is broken up into the following age groups: Miners (5-7 years), Pioneers (8-9 years), Explorers (10-11 years), Voyagers (11-12) and Trailblazers (13-14 years).
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### **Are there separate locations for each of the age groups?**

- Absolutely! Campers ages 5-7 will be located at Aspen Ridge Preparatory School (705 Austin Avenue). Campers ages 8-14 will be at the Erie Community Center (450 Powers Street).

### **How does swim-time work?**

- Campers will be given the opportunity to swim Wednesdays and Fridays every week during the summer. For the safety of your camper and the safety of other Community Center members, all campers will be required to take a swim test with one of our certified aquatics personnel. Based off of your campers swimming capabilities, they will be given one of three wrist bands that corresponds with their swimming ability. Please note that for safety reasons, at no time will campers be allowed access to the hot tub.
  - o **Red** - Full access to the zero depth entry pool and play area.
  - o **Yellow** - Full access to any area of the pool where their feet can safely touch; depending on the height of your camper, this may include the lazy river and slide.
  - o **Green** - Full access to the pool and pool amenities including: the deep end, pool swing, lazy river, and slide.
- If you, or your camper are dissatisfied with their assigned swim wristband, they are eligible to retake the swim test during their next swim time. Please note that retaking the swim test may cut into your campers swim time and no guarantee can be made that they will be assigned a different swim bracelet color.

### **Can my camper use floaties or a swim vest?**

- Unfortunately, floaties and swim vests will not be allowed. Erie Community Center pool rules require children who use floaties or swim vests to be within arm's reach of an adult or in this case, Camp staff member, at all times. To ensure the safety of all campers, we will not allow campers to use these items. Campers who would need floaties or a swim vest will be limited to the zero depth pool.

### Where do the campers get dropped off and picked up each day?

- Camp begins at 9:30am and ends at 4:30pm each day. Before and after care is also available at no additional cost. Before care will begin at 7:00am, and after care will end at 6:00pm.
- Sign-In and Sign-Out Locations:  
**At Aspen Ridge Preparatory School:** Upper School Cafeteria  
**At the Erie Community Center:** Briggs Room

*\*Only those indicated as an Authorized Pick-Up person on forms will be allowed to sign-out the campers. Please be sure to bring a valid photo ID for drop off and pick up\**

### What are the qualifications and trainings for the summer camp counselors?

- We follow the guidelines set by the Colorado Child Care Licensing Standards for camp staff screening and training. Camp staff are at least 16 years of age with most being 18+. All camp staff are CPR, First Aid and AED certified and receive certification in Universal Precautions. Additionally, the camp staff are also thoroughly background checked. Prior to the start of Camp Erie, camp staff attend 20 hours of mandatory training on various topics including: camp policies, facilitating games, behavior management, and learning how to work successfully with children.

### What are my options if Camp Erie fills up?

- If Camp Erie fills up there are a few options listed below:
  - o You may put your camper on our Camp Erie 2020 waitlist. While there is no 100% guarantee that we will be able to get your child enrolled in Camp, it doesn't hurt to place your child on the waitlist as some participants drop out of Camp prior to our **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** registration deadline. If your child is selected off the waitlist, you will be contacted by the Recreation Coordinator – General Interest Programs. At that point, you will have **24 hours** following notification to complete the registration process before the next participant on the waitlist is contacted.
  - o You may enroll your camper in our other part-time or full-time summer camps. To check availability please register online at [www.erieco.gov](http://www.erieco.gov) or in person at Guest Service at the Erie Community Center.
  - o You may enroll your camper in other local summer camps. Please visit our Camp Erie website for additional links and information.

### Additional Questions?

Please contact David Peters-Recreation Coordinator General Interest Programs at 303-926-2797 or email [dpeters@erieco.gov](mailto:dpeters@erieco.gov)

