



Program Information

Camp Harbor offers a diversified program that will engage your child in a safe environment. Our Preschool through 8th grade program runs for 7 weeks, and we offer a variety of flexible scheduling options.

Full Day Day sessions, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mini Day sessions, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Trailblazer Program (grades 3-8), 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Workshops: 5 day sessions, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. or 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Our Counselor in Training program, for 9th and 10th graders, runs for 7 weeks beginning July 6th week.

Each day campers participate in a wide variety of activities designed to inspire and stimulate their curiosity and learning, including: music, arts & crafts, nature, athletics, weekly contests and challenges, and swimming (both instructional and recreational). Some activities are constant throughout the summer, while others change each week. Much of the program is planned to coordinate with the theme of the week. Our staff is well trained to make sure that each camper and workshop participant gets the most out of each activity.

All campers are grouped according to the grade they will be entering in September. Camp groups are co-educational until second grade. Each group has a home base that serves as a gathering place to begin and end the day.

Our Workshop and Trailblazer programs are exciting options for students interested in fine-tuning a particular skill or experimenting with a new one. These specialized programs are offered as supplements to the Camp Harbor Program, or can be taken on their own.

Camp Staff

The Head Teacher for each camp group is a certified teacher. The group counselors are enthusiastic high school and college students, many of whom were campers here themselves, went through our CIT (Counselor-in-Training) program or are majoring in education. Special activities (soccer, baseball, swimming, arts & crafts, etc.) are taught by local professionals experienced in working with children. All Academic Workshops are taught by certified teachers, some of whom are on the staff at Harbor Country Day School. Specialty and art workshops are taught by adult professionals.

Workshop Program

This is an exciting option for students interested in fine-tuning a particular skill or experimenting with a new one. Class size for all workshops is small and limited according to the nature of the subject. Workshops are held for one hour before camp (8:00-9:00 a.m.) and/or one hour after camp (3:30-4:30 p.m.). Each week, new morning and afternoon workshops run. Campers will learn, discover and create just for the fun of it! A highly qualified staff of dedicated teachers has assembled to challenge and meet the needs of each student. Please consult the Master Workshop Schedule for a complete listing of workshops, their dates and course descriptions.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Program

The CIT Program (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) is offered to campers entering grades 9 and 10 in September. It is an exciting option for teens interested in working as camp counselors in the years ahead. Campers in the CIT Program are required to enroll in Red Cross Babysitter, CPR, and First Aid workshops on site; there is no additional charge for these workshops. When not in a workshop, CITs will assist the counselors in their assigned camp group. All participants will meet daily with the CIT Coordinator to discuss their camp experiences and future strategies for working with children. In addition to job specific training, CITs also learn about general job related skills. All second year CITs leave with a resume and a scheduled interview for next summer. Upon the program conclusion, they will have the opportunity to plan and run their very own activity for the camp!

In addition to job training, CITs will participate in weekly challenges and contests with their peers to sharpen team-building skills. Some of these challenges will take place during field trips off campus to various locations on the island.

Interested boys and girls should enjoy working with children, and be prepared to take responsibility for the campers in their care. CITs are under the direct supervision of the group teachers and activity instructors.

Trailblazer Program

This half day program (9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) is for campers entering grades 3-8 and may include computers, art and science. All classes are taught by certified teachers, and include a recreational swim and snack. Each week a new trailblazer class is offered. A full course listing with corresponding dates can be found in the Master Workshop Schedule booklet. Enrollment is limited.

Before /Aftercare Program

An early Morning Program is available at no extra charge each morning from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. The After Camp Program is available each day following camp until 6 p.m. Campers are provided with a snack and participate in organized activities supervised by a team of counselors. There is a charge of \$9/hour per child for this program. Participating families will be billed at the end of each week.

Swimming

Our heated pool is staffed with certified lifeguards and water safety instructors. The camp group counselors stay at the pool with their campers to further increase pool supervision. All camp groups are scheduled for an instructional and recreational swim each day. Beginning with the first grade campers, all children are expected to participate in Red Cross swimming instruction. It is a very important part of the Camp Harbor experience. Swimming abilities will be assessed, and campers will be placed in instructional groups according to their skills. Use of the pool is optional for Preschool and Kindergarten campers. Parents should indicate on the registration form whether or not they wish their child to participate in the swimming program.

Our swim instructors will be offering private swim lessons after camp from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in this for your camper, please contact the camp office, and the Aquatics Director will get back to you with details in late June.

Sports

A variety of sports is offered each week, on a rotating schedule, to campers in a noncompetitive environment. Respect, responsibility, and fairness are key components to this program promoting healthy sports development. Our staff is comprised of certified physical education teachers, community/high school coaches, and professional/college/high school players.

6th – 8th Grade Trips

Each week the sixth, seventh and eighth grade campers will travel off campus to enjoy a full or half day with peers. Past trips have included bowling, mini golf, go carts, Short Beach, laser tag, ice skating, canoeing, and Medieval Times. All trip expenses are included with the tuition, but a permission slip must be on file in the office in order for a camper to participate. Please check the 6th through 8th grade camp calendar for scheduled trip dates and destinations.

Design Your Own Afternoon

Campers in grades 4-8 can design many of their own afternoons at Camp Harbor from a list of weekly activities. Activities may include drama, team sports, arts & crafts, chess and more. This exciting program promotes an atmosphere of independence in which the camper is given the opportunity to decide what new interests to explore, and what new friends to make! The greatest challenge will be to figure out what to do first!

On days that campers may design their own afternoon, campers sign up for two afternoon activities, which begin at 1:00 p.m. and run for 45 minutes each. The campers will also be required to participate in an afternoon recreational swim. The activities will be supervised by counselors and teachers from their camp groups, in addition to some special guests to be scheduled throughout the summer.