

2026 CAMP KIDS-R-AWESOME

CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Start/End Date

June 1st – July 31st

Camp Operating Hours

Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm

Registration Fee

\$50.00 March 23rd-May 9th

\$75.00 May 11th-July 27th

This fee covers one camp shirt, equipment, supplies and crafts.

(Registration Fee is not required for drop-ins)

Camp Fee

\$150.00 Weekly

\$40.00 Daily Drop-In*

**Tuesdays/Thursdays only*

Age Range

5-11 years old*

**The camper must be 5 years of age by January of the camp year.*

(Example: If the camper is attending camp for the 2026 summer than that camper must be 5 years of age by January 2026.)

Location

Saginaw Recreation Center

633 West McLeroy Blvd.

Saginaw, TX 76179

Contacts

Cheyne McIlroy (Camp Director)

Meghan Adams (Assistant C. Director)

Vickie Weldon (Rec Manager)

Jason England (Assistant Rec Manager)

Welcome to Camp Kids-R-Awesome!

Dear Day Camp Parents,

We are excited to have your camper join us for our 20th great summer of fun and friends, with lots of laughter. Our staff is ready to provide the best program possible!

In this packet you will find all the information regarding Camp Kids-R-Awesome. Once you have read through the packet, please discuss the policies and procedures with your camper to be sure they understand what is expected of them at camp. Should you have any questions regarding these policies or standards of care, please feel free to contact the Day Camp Director or Recreation Center Manager and Assistant Manager.

The camper registration packet must be fully completed to attend this camp. Without this packet, we will not be able to register your child. Please complete this packet in a timely manner to ensure you secure a spot in our camp.

Once completed, the packet should be turned in to the Saginaw Recreation Center where you will finish the registration process and pay the required registration fee. There will be no registration fee for drop-in campers, the fee is already included in their daily drop-in fee.

Our Recreation Manager and Assistant Manager are available Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm to assist you with any questions. Please call us at 817-230-0350 for questions regarding camp or this packet.

We look forward to providing your child with the opportunity to make new friends and memories at our awesome summer camp this year!

TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP KIDS-R-AWESOME

Camp Kids-R-Awesome is a great day camp for kids ages 5 to 11. From gym games, swimming, crafts and numerous activities the fun never ends! Ms. Cheyne will be keeping parents and campers well informed of special events, themes, and celebrations! It will be an AWESOME summer!!

- ⇒ On Wednesday's, the campers will spend 1 hour at the Saginaw Library to participate in the Summer Reading Program. On Wednesday's, the Library's Summer Reading Special Program will take place here at the Recreation Center at 10 am.
- ⇒ Once a week our camp will walk to the library with their group. The specific day will be on your weekly calendar.
- ⇒ Our campers will visit the Saginaw Aquatic Center once a week, where our camp will have exclusive use of the pool before opening to the public. This is an added amenity for our camp and visitation to the aquatic center is not guaranteed. We will not have Swim days during week # 1 or week #9. Specific information for Swim Days will be included in your weekly calendar.

CAMPER GROUPINGS

Campers are grouped according to age, level of development and enrollment. It is possible for some groups to be modified due to enrollment numbers.

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| ⇒ 5 to 6 years | ⇒ 8 to 9 years |
| ⇒ 6 to 7 years | ⇒ 10 to 11 years |

WHAT DO I BRING TO CAMP?

- ⇒ Each camper should carry a backpack/bag with his/her name marked on the outside.
- ⇒ Each camper must bring a sack lunch each day.
- ⇒ All equipment will be provided by Camp Kids-R-Awesome unless noted on the weekly schedule. Please do not send Gameboys, trading cards, CD players, personal game equipment, etc.
- ⇒ Campers also need to bring drinks. REMINDER....Bring a Snack each day

LUNCH

Each camper will need to bring a sack lunch, drinks and snacks for the day. Please send items for lunch that do not need to be heated or need refrigeration. Hot / Cold packs are a good alternative if needed. Friday fun lunches can be an optional addition each week. Every week a new theme or meal is available. For \$5.00 we will provide your camper with a meal, drink and treat. Money is due the Wednesday before to make sure enough food is available.

DRESS CODE

Because of the amount of FUN we have at Camp Kids-R-Awesome, please send campers in their "play clothes". Some days can be messier than others (which is half the fun of camp)! Wear comfortable lightweight shorts and a shirt. Athletic shoes are required as sandals may cause injuries and are not good choices for active games and outdoor fun. Socks should be worn with shoes. On water play days please include swimsuit, towel, goggles (if needed), sunscreen, water bottle, shoes and hat. Please make sure that all items are CLEARLY marked with the camper's name. On swim days please have your camper wear their Camp Kids-R-Awesome shirt!

CHECK IN (7:00-9:00 A.M.) / CHECK OUT (3:00-6:00 P.M.)

Parent/Guardian MUST walk their children into camp every day to sign a check-in sheet and verify who will be picking their children up at the end of the day. After signing in children will report to the gymnasium. ONLY those adults designated on the Camp Kids-R-Awesome Registration form will be allowed to pick up campers. The check in process also allows parents to give any special instructions for the day. In the event of an emergency, parents must call the front desk with identification of an emergency pick-up person. Please include the person's name and driver's license number. Staff will verify any person who is unknown to them by photo ID. Under no circumstances is any child to be checked out by an unauthorized person or allowed to depart on his/her own. If you plan on picking up your child earlier than 3:00 p.m. on any day, you MUST inform the counselor IN WRITING at the morning check-in.

LATE PARENTS

We understand that occasionally things go wrong, if you realize you will be late picking up your child, please call the recreation center to alert staff. Parents who arrive after 6:15 p.m. will be charged a fee of \$5.00 for every fifteen minutes they are late. Late fees will be collected upon arrival and should be paid at the front counter. Consistent tardiness may result in termination of services.

PAYMENT POLICY

Please make payments on the Friday prior to the camper's registered week. Payments not received by 6:00 p.m. on Friday will result in a \$25.00 per day late fee until balance is paid in full. Payment must be made at the Recreation Center front desk. If you are in a rush, you may drop off a prefilled personal check at the front desk and pick up your receipt at the end of the day. **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE PAYMENTS to the COUNSELORS!**

A two (2) week notice shall be given to the recreation center concerning vacations, trips, other camps, etc. If two-week notice is given, campers will not be charged for time away. Campers will be allowed a one (1) week vacation without paying for spot. If your camper is out more than the one week given, the camper will be required to re-register if space is available. Your weekly tuition for camp is based on enrollment for the week, not attendance. The re-registration fee will be \$75.00. We strongly encourage you to communicate with us regarding any issues that may affect your child's attendance.

- ⇒ **Camp fees are \$150.00 weekly/\$40.00 daily** (The drop-in rate is allowed on Tuesdays and Thursdays only)
- ⇒ **The registration fee is \$50.00/After May 11th the fee is \$75.00** (This fee covers one camp shirt, supplies and crafts)
- ⇒ **There are no registration fees required for drop-ins** (Daily drop-in campers are still required to review the handbook and fill out all registration documents)
- ⇒ **Late Fee is \$25.00 per day, if payment is not received by 6:00 p.m. on Friday for the upcoming week.**
- ⇒ **Should the camper miss more than one week of camp without proper notice and fail to make payment, re-registration will be required for a fee of \$75.00, contingent upon space availability.**
- ⇒ **Remember your weekly tuition for camp is based on enrollment for the week, not attendance.**
- ⇒ **There will be no prorated days/weeks allowed.**

CAMPER BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Showing kids' respect is the foundation of a good discipline system. One way to achieve this is to involve the campers in setting the rules. Camp Kids-R-Awesome is structured so that kids are set up for success. With any large group, disagreements can arise. The Camp Director will communicate with the child's parent/guardian on behavioral issues or concerns.

In the event of a behavior problem, showing disrespect, playing unfairly, or acting in an unsafe manner the camper will be in "time out". Before leaving the "time out" area, the counselor will talk to the camper about their behavior, and have the camper explain why they were in "time out" and what they can do to correct the behavior.

If the problem continues the Camp Director will be notified immediately and the camper will write down the behavior that needs to change and how they will change it. If any of these issues continue, the parent/guardian will immediately be notified by the Camp Director. Any further offenses or consistent/continual behavior problems will result in the consideration of the camper's future in the Camp Kids-R-Awesome program.

Communication with parents is vital in dealing with behavioral issues. We ask that if parents have modifications that help their child in group situations, that you share the information with the Camp Director, so that Camp Kids-R-Awesome can be a positive experience for all involved.

We understand that some days are harder than others for campers due to several reasons. The Camp Director or Assistant Director will be communicating with you at pick-up time if it was a good day or a tough one; we encourage you to talk to your child about their day so that the next day can only be better.

If at anytime the Camp Director needs to be made aware of a situation that may not be occurring at camp, but that could affect the camper's behavior please communicate that information to help us make camp better for your child.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency involving a camper, immediate medical attention will be sought and parents will be contacted and summoned. Parental signature of the camp release form is required to allow for this immediate attention. It is important that parents notify camp staff of any change in contact phone numbers. Medication authorization form must be completed before medication can be dispensed to campers.

In the event your camper becomes ill (fever of 100° or higher, loss of bodily fluids, etc.) parents will be notified immediately, and the child will need to be picked up from camp as soon as possible. Please do not send your child to camp until they have been fever free for at least 24 hours. ALL medications should be given to the camp counselor and not included in the camper's bag or lunch. Please include specific instructions on administering any medications and put meds in a plastic bag with the camper's name on the outside. Also include any allergies on your child's registration form.

STANDARDS OF CARE

The City of Saginaw is not regulated by any licensing agency because it is a municipality. We have to complete a number of requirements in order to have an exemption from day care licensing. The Standards of Care (available upon request) explains all the rules and regulations. Camp Kids-R-Awesome only accepts children ages 5-11. Absolutely no exceptions can or will be made to this policy. If a child's age is questionable, a birth certificate may be required to verify the correct age.

Camp Administrators and the Recreation Staff will determine, in collaboration with Saginaw city officials whether and how to implement any covid restrictions for campers. Implementation will be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of our community. All covid guidelines are meant to supplement- **not replace**- any state or local health and safety laws, rules, and regulations with which camps must comply.