



CAMP IREDELL ADVENTURES

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Thank you for your interest in our Camp Iredell Adventures summer day camp program!

The following information is intended as a guide for parents, and also includes camp guidelines and procedures. **Please read this information carefully! Payment information and policies are included!**

For any child registered in our program(s), we want to make sure that your child is in the right environment for them. All children are different, and if we (or you as a parent) feel that our program is not a good fit (developmentally, emotionally, physically, etc.) we can discuss their continued participation as needed. Our goal is to provide fun, appropriate, and affordable programs for all involved.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions, special circumstances, feedback, suggestions, etc.

2023: The Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire can be completed beginning Monday, March 27. Registration for weekly sessions opens Monday, April 3 (8am online, 8am Office/Rec Center).

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GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Iredell Adventures (CIA) is an exciting day camp offered for 6-8 weeks during the summer. The program is designed to incorporate a wide variety of fun, educational, and adventure-based activities, and includes regular off-site field trips.

This program travels frequently (usually 5 days a week, weather permitting) in order to provide the campers with exposure to and enjoyment in an assortment of activities. Activities may include, but are not limited to: swimming, hiking, rafting/canoeing, challenge courses/climbing, movies, bowling, environmental activities, games, guest speakers, and other field trips such as science centers, sporting events, theme parks, etc.

Camp Iredell Adventures is open to children age 11 through age 13 (approximate grades 5 - 8).

CAMP DATES

Each session of camp operates Monday-Friday, with the exception of holidays.

2023 Dates*

There will be no camp the week of July 3rd – 7th.

Week 1: June 19 - 23

Week 2: June 26 - 30

NO CAMP JULY 3 - 7

Week 3: July 10 - 14

Week 4: July 17 - 21

Week 5: July 24 - 28

Week 6: July 31 - August 4

**Dates subject to change. Dates can be effected by potential changes with the Iredell-Statesville Schools calendar or other circumstances.*

CAMP TIMES

Please respect these time schedules. There may be days where the group will leave the site later in the morning and/or return earlier in the afternoon than normally scheduled, but please *do not expect this on a regular basis*.

Morning Drop-Off: 7:30am-8:30am

- CIA will open for campers beginning at **7:30am**. Note: *CI staff are not responsible for CIA participants.*
- We are not responsible for children who are dropped off early and/or prior to staff arrival.
 - Please do not bring children early, or parents will be asked to wait outside with their child until camp opens. *Please be sure that staff sees your child entering the building, and that your child is checked in with the staff (see “Check-In” section).*
- **The camp van departs the site at 8:30am** on most travel days. *Loading may begin prior to 8:30am. Be sure to have your child at camp prior to the 8:30am departure time (8:15 is recommended).*
- **Camp will not wait for your child to arrive, and they may miss the van if they are late.**

Daily Activities: 8:30am-4:30pm (See the “During The Day” section for activity information)

Afternoon Pick-Up: 4:30pm-5:30pm

- The camp van is scheduled to return to the sites by **4:30pm**.

- **All campers must be picked up by 5:30pm.**
- **A late fee will be charged for pick-ups that are after 5:30pm.** *Recurring late pick-ups may result in registration cancellation, in addition to fees. See the “Payment Information” section for additional details.*

Some trips may require earlier drop-off and/or later pick-up due to distance/travel time (ex: Rafting, Carowinds, Emerald Pointe Water Park, NC Zoo). Notification for modified drop-off/pick-up times will be provided on the weekly schedule.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP SITES

You may choose one of two locations during registration, which will be used as the designated drop-off/pick-up site for your child for the camp session (For CIA, you will select the week that you want, then you will be able to select your location by answering an included question). *Site information such as directions, and site maps, are available on the camp website, in the “Directions & Maps” section.*

Mooresville Site: Brawley IB School (Gym), 132 Swift Arrow Drive, Mooresville 28117

Statesville Site: East Elementary School (Gym), 400 East Elementary Rd, Statesville NC 28677

CIA has a maximum of 20 campers per session (both locations combined).

Please note that CIA may not operate out of both sites during a session if there are not registered campers at both locations. If there are no campers registered at one of the sites by the regular registration deadline (not the “late” deadline), we may adjust accordingly and operate out of one location during the upcoming session (reallocating staff, vehicles, supplies, etc.). Late registrants are not guaranteed that their preferred location will be available.

Camp will provide activity options at the school sites during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, such as board games, movies, coloring sheets, and sports equipment (ex: basketballs). Because the CIA campers are older than the Camp Iredell campers, and are sharing the same space for drop-off/pick-up, please remind your CIA camper to be careful around younger children who will be playing near/with them, and to also set a positive behavioral example.

We have two 15-passenger vans that we use for off-site travel with Camp Iredell Adventures. Our camp maximum is based on our vehicle capacity (to include campers, staff, & supplies), in addition to any space considerations or budget parameters for staffing, activities, etc. For travel, the two vans will shuttle between sites as needed to pick up all campers, then travel together to the various activity locations (schedules for each site are the same on travel days, regardless of which site your child is at).

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

All registered campers are listed on a roster at the school site. If your child is not listed on the roster for that location, they will not be permitted to stay at camp (Non-registered children are not the responsibility of ICPRD staff). *It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to be aware of the sessions your child is registered/not registered for.*

You will be required to contact the Recreation Office to settle any registration issues.

Camp staff/sites are not permitted to accept payments, and they do not have access to the registration system.

Morning Check-In: 7:30am-8:30am

- Upon arrival, staff will check-in your child on the roster/list. Parents are not required to sign or check-off anything in the morning, as staff will monitor the list.
- **Please be sure that staff sees your child entering the building, and that your child is checked in with the staff.**

- ***We are now requesting that parents/guardians escort their children into camp for their first day each week, in order to confirm that their child is listed on the weekly roster. We have had some issues with non-registered children being dropped off at camp, and the parents are gone before their child checks in with staff.***

Afternoon Check-Out: 4:30pm-5:30pm

- There will be a designated outdoor area for drop-off and pick-up at the facility.
- Due to current physical distancing guidelines, and to limit potential exposure, we ask that parents please remain in their vehicle during the drop-off and pick-up process.
- Staff will follow distancing guidelines (and/or have a mask) while approaching the driver/parent and child, to process the check-in.
- Staff will maintain the check-in and check-out sheets daily.
- In order to limit contact, physical signatures will not be required from parents.
- Please notify the staff/office in advance (in writing/email) of any changes to the release/pick-up permissions list.
- ***For the protection of your child, parents/guardians (or authorized designees at least 16 years old) will need to sign their child out of camp each afternoon (please have ID available if requested).***
- ***For everyone's safety, please do not try to pick-up your children in the parking lot or directly from the van.***
- ***Please do not block or park in the areas where the camp buses & vans park.***

Other Arrivals/Departures: If you need to bring your child to camp after the site departure, or pick them up from camp before they return to the site(s) (for doctor/dentist appointments, etc.), you will need to be prepared to travel to meet the camp at their activity site. Please be aware that some activity locations may be in excess of 30 minutes from your child's particular drop-off location. If you are able, we recommend scheduling appointments on Tuesday mornings when camp is at the movies (usually at the Statesville Theater).

Please note that camp will not wait on parents, alter the camp schedule, or meet parents outside of locations listed on the schedule (unless in an emergency situation).

- Inform the camp staff in advance (at least 1 day if possible) of any necessary drop-offs or pick-ups outside of normal drop-off/pick-up times, with a reminder the day of.
- Contact the Recreation Office *prior to traveling* to meeting camp, so that you can confirm the location of the camp, and their arrival/departure/duration at the location.

DURING THE DAY

Camp will travel each day (schedule/weather permitting), by van(s), to various activity sites. These sites could be parks, pools, outdoor centers, movie theaters, bowling alleys, science centers, athletic/activity centers, local businesses (tours), etc.

The schedule changes daily, although the activities scheduled each week can be fairly similar. For example, camp usually swims twice a week/session, but rotates between several different pools throughout the summer. Most weeks, camp will go to a movie (usually Tuesdays). We try to include at least one "adventure-based" activity or trip each week. This could be activities such as hiking, archery, rafting, canoeing, climbing, etc; or visits to places with unique features or offerings, such as race tracks, scenic/state parks, nature centers, caverns, etc.

Each week of camp also has a "featured trip". This trip is typically on Wednesday, and campers will wear their camp shirt on this trip (noted in the weekly schedule). *A camp shirt will be provided during your child's first week of attendance.* Examples of previous "featured trips": theme parks (Carowinds, Emerald Pointe Water Park), outdoor centers (rafting, climbing, etc.), baseball games (Kannapolis/Hickory/Charlotte), science centers

(Discovery Place, SciWorks, Catawba Science Center), or other educational, historical, or fun places (Transportation Museum, Dan Nicholas Park, Zootastic, etc.).

Camp Iredell and Camp Iredell Adventures operate on different schedules, however they may visit some places together (Carowinds, Emerald Pointe, baseball games, etc.) due to limited date choices and/or group pricing limits.

***Travel days and scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather or other circumstances.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

Weekly schedules will list the outline for each upcoming week of camp, including camper locations, special needs, and important reminders (see sample below). You can find them online (posted by the Wednesday prior to each session start) on the Camp Iredell “Dates, Prices, and Schedules” page on the ICPRD website at www.co.iredell.nc.us/339 . Paper copies will be available at the sites by each Thursday before the session start.

Schedules are determined in advance, but are not posted for distribution until a few days before the session is set to begin. This is because last-minute changes (due to weather forecasts or other unforeseen circumstances) can occur, and we want to make sure parents have the most accurate schedule possible.

Contact the Recreation Office if you need schedule information prior to the distribution.

In the event of inclement/extreme weather (ex- rain/storms, high temperatures for extended periods, etc) or other unforeseen events that may occur during the day, the schedule may be modified at that time to adjust for those circumstances. *Please call the Recreation Office if you have questions during the day. Refunds will not be given in the event of a schedule change/cancelled activity.*

Sample Weekly Schedule (NOT a schedule for 2023):

CAMP IREDELL ADVENTURES, WEEK I (JUNE 17-21)				
TIME FRAMES MAY BE ADJUSTED BASED ON ACTIVITY/WEATHER/ETC.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statesville Close-toed Shoes!	Statesville Wear Swimsuit!	Grandfather Mountain Wear Camp Shirt & Hiking Shoes!	Statesville Wear Swimsuit!	Hickory and Newton Socks and Shoes!
9:30 - 3:00 Outdoor Education Center at Jennings Park Ropes Course: Team Challenges Low & High Course Elements	9:30 - 11:00 Mooresville Movie: Despicable Me 2 11:30 - 12:15 Lunch @ Bellingham Park 12:30-3:00 Swim @ Mooresville Pool	10:45 - 2:30 (Check in 10:45) Grandfather Mountain Wildlife Habitats Lunch Mile High Bridge Hike 2:30 - 4:45 Travel back to schools	10:00 - 12:00 Soccer Complex Games Disc Golf Lunch 12:00-3:00 Swim @ Statesville Pool	10:00 - 12:30 Glenn Hilton Park Games Disc Golf Lunch 1:00-3:00 Bowling & Mini Golf @ Pin Station
4:30pm - 5:30pm Pick Up	4:30pm - 5:30pm Pick Up	4:45pm - 5:30pm Pick Up	4:30pm - 5:30pm Pick Up	4:30pm - 5:30pm Pick Up

Note: Bring a WATER BOTTLE, lunch, swimsuit, towel, tennis shoes, & socks everyday!
Monday: Wear closed toed shoes for climbing (NO flip flops) No short shorts (Harnesses will rub)
Wednesday: Please wear appropriate shoes and socks for hiking @ Grandfather Mtn! (No Flip Flops)

CAMP GUIDELINES & POLICIES

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Ages for Camp Iredell are age 5-11. Camp Iredell Adventures ages are 11-13.

Our policy is that children need to be within the appropriate age range at the time they start camp (due to the high demand and limited availability). As long as they are the appropriate age at the beginning of camp, they are eligible to continue to attend for the remainder of the summer. Eleven (11) year olds can be in either program, or alternate between programs if desired.

For any child registered in our program(s), we want to make sure that your child is in the right environment for them. Please make sure that this program is appropriate for your child. All children are different, and if we (or you as a parent) feel that our program is not a good fit (developmentally, emotionally, physically, etc.) we can discuss their continued participation as needed. We have up to a 1:10 ratio with our staff and campers, and unfortunately we do not have the resources to offer a lower ratio for those who may require more specialized care.

Age 11-13: 11 year olds can be in either program, Camp Iredell or Camp Iredell Adventures, or alternate between the two.

If a child turns 12 prior to the start of camp, they would not be eligible for Camp Iredell, but would still be eligible for Camp Iredell Adventures. If a child does not turn 12 until after the start of camp (summer birthday), they would still be eligible to attend Camp Iredell for the remaining weeks they are registered. They could also attend Camp Iredell Adventures if desired, or alternate between the two.

If a child is 13, they can attend Camp Iredell Adventures (not Camp Iredell) as long as they do not turn 14 before camp begins. Children age 14 and older are not eligible to attend the CI & CIA programs.

Due to extremely limited openings in these programs, children outside of the age ranges will not be considered.

With our online registration system, if your child ages out during/between the sessions, you may need to contact the office to continue the registration process for sessions past the DOB.

If you have questions concerning your child's eligibility (age, level of readiness/functioning, etc.), please contact our office.

WHAT TO BRING

Please label all items brought to camp!

Your child will be responsible for keeping up with their belongings. There will be a "Lost & Found" area at camp for any displaced items. Please let staff know as soon as possible if your child is missing an item.

Camp Iredell is not responsible for any personal item(s) brought to camp (including damage and/or loss).

Be sure that your child wears appropriate attire and/or footwear to camp.

- **Backpack/Bag:** To hold your child's belongings. Please make sure your child is able to carry it to/from the bus, pool, etc. as needed.
- **Water Bottle:** Water is available throughout the day (via fountains or water coolers). Bring a bottle to refill as needed. Insulated bottles with closing lids are best, so that water will stay cooler longer, and not spill. *Please NO glass bottles.*
- **Lunch:** Bring a lunch & drink each day (in a lunch box/cooler, paper bag, etc.). We do not have a way to keep lunches cold or to heat food. We typically eat lunch around 11/11:30am. For some trips, lunch may be provided (Carowinds, Emerald Pointe, etc.), and this will be notated on the weekly schedule.

- **Close-toed Shoes & Socks:** Close-toed shoes (sneakers, sport sandals) are recommended EVERY day. Even if your child is not wearing close-toed shoes, please pack them in their bag, along with a pair of socks. Schedule changes can happen, and some activities require socks or close-toed shoes (kickball, bowling, indoor play gyms, etc.). Many kids prefer sport sandals with a closed-toe, in which case parents would only need to pack a pair of socks. Flip-flops or other sandals may be ok for swim times, but are not recommended for running activities.
- **Swimsuit & Towel:** Please bring a towel and swimsuit EVERY day, even if not scheduled to use them. Many kids like using their towels to sit on (gym, grass, bus), and camp could have impromptu water events on hot days (relay races, sprinklers, water balloons, etc.), that your child may prefer to change for. On swim days, please have your child arrive at camp with their swimsuit on under their clothes. Children will be able to change out of their swimsuits after swim time, if they choose.
- **Camp Shirt (Wednesdays):** Each child will receive one complimentary camp shirt. Campers need to wear their camp shirt for the featured trip of the week, which is usually on Wednesday (noted on the schedule). If your child loses their camp shirt, please have them wear a shirt of the same color when needed.
- **Money & Pouch with Clip/Pin (Optional):** Children are not required to bring money to camp. However, many parents send money so that their child can make purchases at gift shops, snack bars, arcades, etc. *when this option is available.* If you choose to send money, it will be the camper's responsibility to keep up with it. Lost money will not be reimbursed. It is recommended that parents put money into a labeled money pouch/wallet, preferably one that can be attached to/in a bag (or if at the pool, to their shoe or towel). Please be aware: most children will spend all of the money they have available, so please choose your amount wisely. Also, in the event that there are issues at camp (such as disruptive behavior, leaving trash, etc.), these optional purchases may not be available.
- **Snack Foods (Optional):** A snack & water are provided by camp in the afternoon, usually around 3pm. If your child needs additional snacks, or they need/prefer a snack that we do not offer, you may pack a/another snack. Because our camp travels, the snacks we provide are pre-packaged items, such as crackers, chips/pretzels, fruit snacks, cookies, etc.
- **Sunscreen (Optional):** Sunscreen (SPF 50 or higher) is provided by camp, however, if your child requires a particular kind of sunscreen (due to allergies, etc.), they may bring sunscreen with them. See the "Sunscreen" section on page 8 for more information.
- **Face Covering (Subject to Change):** Subject to change based on local, state, or federal guidance. Guidelines for when/if to wear a mask will be provided to parents, as applicable and available. If required or recommended, this may be a fabric mask or disposable.

Please do NOT bring toys or electronics (cell phones, tablets, game systems, etc.) to camp. These items are problematic and distracting in a camp setting. For *some long distance trips (CIA only)*, these items may be permitted during travel as long as there are no issues. However, these items are not allowed to be used at the school sites or activity sites. Staff discretion will apply in these cases. If your child would like to bring a book to camp, that is acceptable as long as there are no issues. If children bring other items to camp, they will be asked to put them away, and to leave the item at home. If they continue to bring these items, they may be brought to the Recreation office by the camp staff to be picked up by the parents.

Camp will provide activity options at the school sites during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, such as board games, movies, coloring sheets, and sports equipment (ex: basketballs). Campers are responsible for keeping up with the items they use, and for returning them to the appropriate place when they are finished.

Weapons, items intended to cause harm, and/or illegal drugs are not permitted at camp. Persons with these items will be asked to leave (participants will be suspended), and law enforcement may be involved. Additionally, school properties have their own restrictions and consequences for weapons and drugs.

TRANSPORTATION

We use county-owned 15-passenger vans for travel (activity buses for larger groups- i.e. Camp Iredell).

The camp van is scheduled to leave the site at 8:30am each morning, and return to the site by 4:30pm.

Travel Guidelines:

- **Loading:** All campers are to line up quietly and orderly with their belongings in a designated area. After which, the campers may walk to the van and choose their seats. We may assign seats if necessary, due to safety, behavior/discipline concerns, etc.
- **On Board:** For everyone's safety, campers will need to remain in their seats while the van is in motion (no standing, laying in the floor, turning backwards, changing seats, etc.). **Seatbelts must be worn at all times while the van is in motion.** Loud talking/noises or throwing objects (in or out of the vehicle) will not be allowed. Due to potential safety concerns, eating and drinking in a moving vehicle are not allowed. A trash bag is provided, and we ask that all trash is picked up each afternoon.
- **Unloading:** Campers are to gather all their belongings, and exit the vehicle in an orderly manner. The campers are expected to remain with the group while departing the van and follow the camp staff's directions. We ask that all campers remain with the group until they have returned to the camp room. **For everyone's safety, please do not try to pick-up your children in the parking lot or directly from the vehicle.**

SWIMMING

Camp Iredell Adventures typically swims two times a week, weather permitting. Camp rotates between several pools in & around Iredell County.

When swimming in pools there will be lifeguards on duty, as well as our camp staff (for general supervision). Pool areas/boundaries will be determined by the camp staff (or venue staff), and may vary based on venue. Camp Iredell Adventures does not conduct a formal test to determine swimming ability, as most campers in this age range are usually proficient swimmers. If your child is not a proficient swimmer, please let the staff know so they can make accommodations as needed. Life jackets can be provided if necessary. *We do not provide instructional swim courses.*

Some water-based activities such as rafting or canoeing may require life jackets, which will be provided if needed. Shallow-water activities such as creek studies, may not require life jackets.

SUNSCREEN

Sunscreen (SPF 50 or higher) is provided by camp. Sunscreen is typically applied when the group will be outside in non-shaded areas (open parks, etc.), and especially before swim time. Sunscreen may be reapplied as needed throughout the day. We recommend that those with fair skin come to camp with sunscreen on (can be reapplied during group sunscreen time), and they may also need to wear a lightweight shirt over their swimsuit while in the pool. If your child requires a particular kind of sunscreen (due to allergies, etc.), they may bring it with them to camp. Please notify the staff if your child requires a specific sunscreen, or if they need more frequent application.

In order to make sure each camper has sunscreen applied properly, campers are not allowed to put sunscreen on themselves or others unless *under supervision* by a counselor. Participants in Camp Iredell Adventures will usually self-apply sunscreen, but may get assistance from fellow campers or staff (per parental permission in the pre-registration course) for hard to reach/see areas such as the face, neck, shoulders, and back.

ILLNESS & MEDICATIONS

Please DO NOT send children to camp who are sick, symptomatic, or “not feeling well”. This can refer to a variety of symptoms or illnesses, including fevers, colds, viruses, or any other condition that may be contagious or transferable at any point (including lice, pink eye, etc.). Even if not contagious, this is a very active program, and kids who do not feel well are better left at home to recuperate. Children with fevers should stay out of camp until there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines and they have felt well for at least 24 hours. Parents of “sick” children will be called to pick up your child from camp immediately (or from the Recreation Office if necessary). Once your child has recovered, they may return to camp. A Doctor’s note may be required to return in some cases.

Refunds are not provided for absences from camp. Please contact the program supervisor as soon as possible in the event of extenuating circumstances, extended illness, family emergency, etc. Registrations may be able to be cancelled with proper/advance notification (documentation may be required).

Medications: Program staff may administer first aid and topical medications as needed. Our camp program does not provide or administer ingestible over-the-counter medications (for headaches, upset stomach, etc.), unless in an emergency (such as an allergic reaction). If your child has an ingestible medication that they need to take while they are at camp, the parent will need to complete a **Medication Administration Consent Form** and submit it to the Program Director. The parent will need to provide the medication to the camp staff, which will be stored in the first aid kit. When the medication needs to be administered, the staff will access it from the first aid kit, and allow the camper to self-administer the medication.

Covid-19 Guidelines:

- **Our camp programs will follow recommended and/or required guidelines for Covid-19 as it pertains to camps and/or group settings with youth, at the time of the program.**
- **This may include guidance from local, state, or federal authorities, and could include (but not limited to) protocols related to: mask wearing, physical distancing, group size limitations, sanitizing guidelines, health/temperature screenings or questionnaires, etc.**
- Failure to abide by, or disregard of, any protocols in place in our camp programs may result in dismissal (refunds not provided for dismissals). Parents may choose to withdraw their child from the program if there are issues or concerns with the protocols, however our standard cancellation policy will apply.
- Participants who have symptoms, exposures, and/or positive test results will be sent home from the program. Return time period will be dependent on the circumstances as well as the current recommendations and guidance from health authorities.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

The following guidelines are designed for the purpose of group and individual behavior management, in order to provide a secure, educational, inclusive, and fun environment for those involved in our programs.

Behavior Management Guidelines

Youth Programs

General Rules & Expectations:

1. **Respect all people (yourself, staff, other participants, the public) and their property.** Be kind & encouraging, no yelling, no hitting/physical harm, no name-calling, do not use others belongings without permission, do not pick on others, etc. Disruptive behavior, aggression/insults/threats towards others (verbal/physical/social), or bullying (intentional, imbalanced & repeated behavior) are not acceptable.
2. **Respect the environment and facilities.** Leave it clean and in order (We are all part of the group;

- please help clean even if you did not make the mess). Do not touch animals or destroy habitats.
3. **If someone is not following a camp rule, please let a staff person know.** Even with attentive supervision, it can be difficult to catch all misbehaviors or issues. Staff cannot address a situation if they are not aware of it! Campers are not permitted to discipline each other.
 4. **Listen while group leaders are talking, and follow instructions.**
 5. **Always have a camp “buddy”, and know where they are.**
 6. **Stay with the group.** Do not go anywhere alone and always ask for permission to go anywhere with a buddy.
 7. **Follow additional rules pertaining to swimming, travel (van or bus), facilities, toys, money, etc.** These are usually posted at the drop-off sites, and also discussed on the first day of camp. Please ask staff if there are questions.
 8. **No inappropriate/foul/derogatory language or topics of conversation.**
 9. **No inappropriate clothing/dress** (ex: very short/tight shorts, offensive references, inadequate swimwear, etc.).

Responses & Consequences:

Level 1: Given warning/ Asked to stop behavior.

Level 2: Time Out (Number of minutes roughly equivalent to age) and/or removal from activity.

Level 3: Phone call to parent, or child writes letter to parent.

* Possible removal from camp (length can vary).

Level 4: Parent/Staff discussion.

*Possible removal from camp (length can vary).

Level 5: *Permanent suspension from Camp.

- Our goal is to keep misbehaviors documented by camp staff, and to keep parents informed of how their child is doing. We also appreciate communication from parents (concerns, feedback, questions, etc.).
- In the event of a severe misbehavior (ex: fighting) and/or persistent misbehaviors, the **steps in this system may be accelerated, repeated, and/or omitted in order to address the offense properly.**
- In some instances, a parent may be required to come to camp to pick up their child, prior to regular pick up time at the school site. If a parent is unavailable at that time, the child may be transported to the Recreation office, and the parent must pick them up by 5pm (when our office closes).

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION FROM THE PROGRAM(S).

***THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF FEES DUE TO CAMP SUSPENSION.**

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFORMATION

2023: The Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire opens Monday, March 27. Registration for weekly sessions opens Monday, April 3 (8am online, 8am at the Office/Recreation Center).

All registrations must be processed through our online registration system (CivicRec), either by the participant/parent online or by the office staff (over the phone or in-person). *Camp staff do not have access to the registration system, and are not permitted to accept payments.*

Due to demand and limited availability, early registration is recommended. Openings are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Waitlists are available and recommended for sessions that are full. Parents will be contacted via email or phone when/if an opening becomes available. See the “Online Registration Guide” section on page 13 for specifics on how to register.

Registration from mobile devices is not recommended.

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment must be received in order to process a registration. Spaces cannot be reserved without either a \$30 deposit, or the full payment, at the time of registration.

Payment Types:

- **Credit/Debit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, AMEX):** Online, over the phone, or at the Rec Center
- **Check or Cash:** At the Rec Center only. Checks payable to "ICPRD" (please confirm amount due before writing check). Cash payments need to be for the exact amount, we cannot make change.

In-person registrations processed at the Iredell County Recreation Center: 704-878-3103

- Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm
- Mailing Address: PO Box 788, Statesville, NC 28687
- Recreation Center Address: 122 Grannis Lane, Statesville NC 28677

STANDARD REGISTRATIONS

Weekly camp rates can vary based on the number of days in the session and/or the specific activities that will be included in a session. *We are unable to offer daily rates or refunds for days not attended.* Fees may be added for payment plans, late payments, late pick-ups, etc.

Camp Iredell Adventures session fees average \$190 per week. Rates for sessions that are less than 5 days can be lower, while rates for sessions that include certain trips (Carowinds, Emerald Pointe, etc.), can be higher.

Enrollments: It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete the online registration process, and to remember/be aware of the sessions you choose. You may confirm enrollments via your online account/receipts, or by contacting the ICPRD Office.

Registration & Payment Deadline: Standard rates apply until the Monday prior to each session. Late fees begin on the Tuesday prior to the session start.

Payment Options:

You can choose between two payment options when registering: full payment, or the payment plan. You may alternate between the options with each session. With either payment option, \$30 of the session fee is non-refundable and non-transferrable (deposit). WE DO NOT OFFER FULL REFUNDS, regardless of registration or cancellation date, or payment amount/type. Please be sure you are registering for the correct program, site, dates, etc.

1. Full Payment

- **Pay the entire weekly rate (100%) during initial registration, for the week/session you choose.** There are no additional fees (late fees, payment plan fees, etc.).
- **\$30 of the full payment is retained as the non-refundable deposit,** upon cancellation. The remainder paid (past the \$30 deposit) can be refunded in the event of a withdrawal/cancellation by the deadline (1 week prior).

2. Payment Plan

- **Pay a \$30 deposit (per week). A \$5 payment plan fee is added to the weekly rate.**
- **This allows you to pay the remaining balance at a later time (due 1 week prior to start date).**
- The \$5 payment plan fee will apply to each week that uses the payment plan option.
- You must at least pay \$30 of your amount due during your initial registration (or any time you add a new session).

- **The \$30 payment is non-refundable and non-transferrable**, and is used as a deposit to hold your selected sessions.
- **Remaining balances for weekly fee amounts are due in full the Monday prior to each session start. You may make partial payments to your online account as needed prior to the deadline. Balances not paid in full by the deadline are subject to additional fees and/or cancellation.**

Example: The Week 5 session costs \$190. It starts on July 15. Registration & payment deadline is July 8.

1. **Full Payment:** You pay \$190 when you register (by July 8).
2. **Payment Plan:** There is a \$5 payment plan fee added. The cost is now \$195. You are required to pay \$30 when you register. The remaining \$165 is due by July 8.

LATE PAYMENTS & REGISTRATIONS

Remaining balances for weekly fees are due **in full** the Monday prior to each session start (1 week in advance). **Balances not paid in full by the deadlines are subject to additional fees and/or cancellation.**

Campers may not attend a session unless the full payment has been received (in advance). *It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make sure payments are received on time.*

- **Late Payments: a late fee of \$10 per child will be added to the remaining balance beginning on the Tuesday prior to each session.** *If there is a waiting list, your child's spot may be forfeited if remaining payments are not received prior to Tuesday. Refunds will not be provided.*
- **Any remaining payment (including late fee) must be received by 10am on Friday, or your child's registration may be cancelled.** If your registration is cancelled, you will need to contact the ICPRD Office to request *consideration* for re-enrollment. You will not receive credit for a previous deposit/payments that were tied to a cancelled enrollment. If approved, you must pay the entire weekly fee and late fee in full. We reserve the right to deny and/or limit requests for re-enrollment after the deadline.
- **Late Registrations: Enrollments received between the Tuesday-Friday prior to the session start are considered late. Late registrations will have a \$10 fee added to the standard rate, and must be paid in full at time of enrollment.** *Subject to availability.*
- **Late registration will CLOSE at 10am the Friday before each session start.** Requests to register after this deadline may be denied, even if the session is not "full" (*due to staffing arrangements, supplies, site availability, budget/trip confirmations, etc.*).
- **You will be required to contact the Recreation Office to settle any registration issues. Camp staff/sites are not permitted to accept payments, and they do not have access to the registration system.**
- **Do not go to the camp locations if your child is not registered.** If your child is not listed on the weekly roster, your child will not be permitted to stay at camp (Non-registered children are not the responsibility of ICPRD staff).

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Cancellation requests must be received to the Recreation Office no later than 1 week before the session start (the Monday prior to the week in question). Customers can not process a cancellation through the online system; you must contact our office.

- **Weekly deposit amounts (\$30) and/or payment plan fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable, regardless of the cancellation date or payment option.**
- **If a session has been paid in full, the refund/credit amount will be weekly fee amount, minus the \$30 deposit, if the cancellation is requested prior to the deadline.** Cancellation requests received after the Monday prior to each session are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

- **If only a weekly deposit (\$30) has been placed on a session, then the deposit is forfeited upon cancellation.**
- **Refunds are not given for absences or missed days of camp.**
- In the event that there are *extenuating circumstances* that prevent your child from attending camp, and you have already paid and/or need to cancel after the deadline, please contact our office as soon as possible. This could be situations such as illness or injury requiring hospitalization, death in the immediate family, loss of employment, etc. Verification and/or documentation may be required, and these situations do not guarantee that we will be able to provide a refund or partial refund. Prior/immediate notification of absences due to these circumstances is preferred. Delayed requests (after the dates/session) may not be considered. Notification is required to the Program Director in our office, not to the camp staff.

LATE PICK-UP

Our pick-up sites close at 5:30pm (unless noted on the schedule for a particular trip). Please be sure to have your child picked-up from camp prior to closing.

Although we understand that occasional traffic incidents or other unforeseen circumstances may cause a parent/guardian to arrive after 5:30pm, in the past we have had some who are repeatedly/frequently late. The department cannot assume responsibility for children outside of camp operation hours. Please be considerate of our staff and respect operation hours.

Late pick-up fees are as follows:

- **Up to 10 minutes late = \$5.00 per incident, per child**
- **10-20 minutes late = \$10.00 per incident, per child**
- **20-30 minutes late = \$15.00 per incident, per child**
- **30+ minutes late = \$20.00 per incident, per child**

Parents/guardians will be informed of the late pick-up violation at the time of incident and be required to sign a form of acknowledgment. **Late pick-up payment will be due to the Parks & Recreation office within 10 days, and/or the child's registration may be cancelled until payment is received.** Camp will keep a record of these incidents. If there are repeated violations, we will have the option to remove your child from camp and/or cancel future sessions.

Reminder: Camp staff are NOT permitted to accept payments or process registrations.

ONLINE REGISTRATION GUIDE (ABBREVIATED)

We use CivicRec as our registration system, available online or in-person at the Iredell County Recreation Center.

Registration from mobile devices is not recommended. Be sure to get a confirmation/receipt for all registrations.

STEP 1: CREATE (OR LOG IN TO) AN CIVICREC ACCOUNT & ADD FAMILY MEMBERS

Create your online CivicRec account, or log in to your existing CivicRec account. *You may use your email address, or your login information for Facebook or Google, to create an account.*

Do NOT create a new account if you have previously created an account in this system. If you do not know/remember your login information, you may contact our office at 704-878-3103, or you may select the "Forgot Password" option. *Duplicate accounts may create issues with registrations, billing, receipts, etc.*

You may access the CivicRec Registration system via the following:

Directly at: <https://secure.rec1.com/NC/iredell-county-nc/catalog>

From the Iredell County Parks & Recreation website: IredellParksandRec.com

Click the blue “Online Registration” button in the right-side column.

Be sure to add family members to your account, so that they can be registered for programs or events.

STEP 2: COMPLETE PRE-ENROLLMENT QUESTIONNAIRE (PEQ)

Pre-Enrollment Questionnaires (PEQs) open Mon, March 6th. Weekly camp sessions open Mon, March 27 2023.

A “Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire” is a group of questions that need to be answered about your child (ex: allergies, shirt size, pick-up designees, etc.). Because many customers select multiple sessions of camp when they register online, we have this course in place so that all of these questions are in one place, instead of attached to each session. **The PEQ may be completed separately or before a session registration, OR at the same time as a session registration. If you do not select the PEQ before adding a camp session to your cart, the PEQ will be automatically added to your cart for you. You will need to answer the prompt questions before you can submit your payment and finalize your registration. Note: If you are only adding to a waitlist (and not paying for a session), the PEQ will not automatically add to your cart. You will be required to complete the PEQ before your child can be moved from the waitlist into a session opening.**

The Pre-Enrollment Questionnaires (PEQs) are found in the “Youth Activities” tab on the ICPRD CivicRec catalog, under the “Summer Camps” section. There is one PEQ for Camp Iredell (ages 5-11) and another for Camp Iredell Adventures (ages 11-13). Be sure to select the correct course for your child.

STEP 3: REGISTER FOR CAMP SESSIONS

Weekly camp sessions open Monday, April 3, 2023, at 8am online and at 8am in our office. The Pre-Enrollment Questionnaire (PEQ) will be available starting Monday, March 6.

There are 6 weeks of camp for Camp Iredell Adventures in 2023. You may choose any/all sessions that you would like your child to attend. Spaces are first-come, first-serve. Early registration is recommended. Waitlists are available, and encouraged, for sessions that are full, and parents will be contacted via email when/if an opening becomes available. Be sure to complete the waitlist correctly to reserve your child’s place (“add to waitlist” and complete transaction).

For Camp Iredell Adventures (ages 11-13), you will select the week that you want from the activity listing, then you will be able to select your drop-off/pick-up location by answering an included question. *Camp Iredell Adventures sessions can have up to 20 kids per session (both locations are combined).* Camp Iredell (ages 5-11) however has 3 listings on our registration site for each session, one listing for each drop-off location they use. Please choose the correct location when registering. **Transfer requests to move registrations from one site to another may not be possible, or may incur additional fees, loss of deposit, waitlisted, etc.** (CIA sessions only have 1 listing per session. Site determined in the questions in the listing.)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

EVACUATION PLAN

In the event that a Camp Iredell activity site is or becomes unsafe, due to circumstances such as severe weather, fire, etc., the camp staff may gather all campers, meet at the camp vehicle (bus/van), transport the group away from the location (if possible and appropriate), and/or take shelter elsewhere. The decision to evacuate campers will be made by the camp staff on duty. Upon evacuation, the campers will be transported to an alternate activity site, or one or both of the two school sites. In the afternoon, the children can be picked up at their regular school locations. In the event that it is necessary to evacuate the bus/van, all persons should gather in an appropriate location away from the bus until other transportation is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, questions, or for assistance with registration:

Call Iredell County Parks & Recreation at (704) 878-3103.

Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Contact: **Brittany McNeill**, Recreation Program Specialist, Email: brittany.mcneill@co.iredell.nc.us

Desk: 704-832-2326

To contact camp during the day:

Call Iredell County Parks & Recreation at (704) 878-3103, or the contacts listed above (Brittany McNeill)

Our office will contact the camp staff for you. Staff may contact you directly if needed. We do not distribute the camp cell phone numbers to parents, due to the potential for a high volume of non-emergency calls.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS:

Call:

(First) Brittany McNeill, Recreation Program Specialist, cell phone 704-902-9680

(Second) Brandon Free, Sports, Events and Facility Manager, cell phone 704-881-4036

Late pick-ups (within reason), registration issues, & absences **are NOT considered emergencies.**

Please do not call outside of camp times if possible, 7:30am-5:30pm during camp days.