



INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS



JAGUAR

SUMMER

DAY

CAMP

**2026
PARENT
&
GUARDIAN
GUIDE**

Welcome to Camp!



Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome your camper to the 2026 Jaguar Summer Day Camp program! Summer camp is a truly special time for children—a season filled with fun, growth, and meaningful experiences. Camp provides many benefits, including:

- Developing friendships
- Feeling a sense of belonging
- Trying new things in a safe and supportive environment
- Building social and emotional skills
- Spending time outdoors and staying active

Each day, campers will participate in a wide variety of engaging activities. Our goal is for the time they spend away from home to be fun, enriching, and memorable—helping to create positive experiences that last a lifetime.

We look forward to partnering with you and your family this summer and hope your camper is excited to come to camp each day. Our supervisors and counselors have many exciting activities planned and are committed to creating a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive camp experience for all.

Thank you for choosing Jaguar Summer Day Camp. We're looking forward to a fantastic summer together!

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COMMUNICATION

Stay connected this summer.

We want to make sure you stay up-to-date with your child's participation this summer. Learn how we plan to communicate with you this summer.

Procare App

We're excited to continue using Procare this summer! We will use it daily to check campers in/out, and verify headcounts throughout the day. It is also a tool that will be used to provide regular communication throughout the week about your child's experience. This could include photos, videos, and important updates, such as a change in schedule or weather related updates. You can send messages to us as well through the app.

Camp leadership will communicate any minor injuries that require a band-aid or an ice pack through the app. More serious injuries or illness will result in a phone call to the parent/guardian.

Parents of registered participants will receive an email invitation with instructions for sign-up with Procare. If your camper has previously attended our camp in the last three years, you are already in our system and will not receive an email.

Each parent is assigned a 4-digit PIN through the app. We will distribute parking tags for each family to display the PIN when arriving at camp. This will help drop-off/pick-up move more quickly each day.

Email & Phone

You can always reach us by email: jagcamps@iu.edu or give us a call during camp hours 317.278.2100 (main) 317.389.1401 (cell)

Our camp supervisors won't have much time to read and reply to emails during the camp day while children are present. Please allow them time to respond. If you need to reach us quickly, please call the camp cell phone.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Listed below are items your child will need for camp each day.

Please LABEL ALL ITEMS that come to camp with your camper's full name to help reduce lost and found items.

- A healthy, non-perishable lunch with drink (no glass). Refrigerators and microwaves are not available for campers' lunches. Please use ice packs if needed. Two packaged snacks (Teddy Grahams, Goldfish, fruit snacks, etc.) are provided daily by Jaguar Summer Day Camp. If your camper has food allergies or dietary restrictions, we recommend sending snacks with them each day.
- Leak-proof, unbreakable, refillable water bottle
- Comfortable play clothes that are okay to get messy. A spare outfit is also a good idea just in case.
- On rainy days, wear or bring a raincoat or poncho.
- On cold days, wear or bring a sweatshirt or jacket.
- Socks and sneakers. Footwear must have a closed toe and provide ankle support. Exception: Crocs or flip flops may be worn to and from swim lessons.
- Bathing suit, towel, (goggles and swim cap if preferred), and a plastic bag for wet items. Campers will participate in swim lessons Monday through Thursday.
- Spray sunscreen and insect repellent! Campers are outside for a majority of the day. Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent prior to arriving at camp. We ask that each family to donate two bottles of spray sunscreen (SPF 50) to Jaguar Summer Day Camp. Counselors will reapply spray sunscreen to campers throughout the day. If your child requires a special sunscreen, please let us know. Note: Counselors will only apply spray sunscreen to campers. We cannot assist with applying lotion sunscreen.
- Backpack large enough to hold all items. Jaguar Summer Day Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Staff may need to access camper belongings during the day to assist with locating items.
- Optional - A book in a Ziploc bag. Reading time is part of our daily schedule. While we will have some books available for group read or to borrow, if your child has a book they're enjoying, send it in their bag.

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

We ask that you check your child's backpack each day prior to leaving for camp to ensure only appropriate items are included. We are not responsible for any lost, stolen, damaged, or traded items. Staff may confiscate an inappropriate item and return during pick-up.

- Electronic devices including cell phones, smart watches, tablets, and computers. Camp is a device-free zone. Devices will be confiscated from the camper. It is the family's responsibility to retrieve it during pick-up.
- We prohibit drugs, alcohol, guns, knives, weapons (real or fake), or other items relating to aggression on campus.
- Candy and gum
- Personal equipment (e.g., bats, mitts, hockey sticks, etc.) Jaguar Summer Day Camp provides all of the necessary equipment for activities.
- Money - unless it has been previously requested for a special event or field trip
- Trading cards
- Pets

REQUESTING MODIFICATIONS

Inclusion

As a traditional day camp, Jaguar Summer Day Camp is not a specialized or therapeutic program. However, we are committed to being an inclusive camp, and are happy to make reasonable modifications that we can support on a case-by-case basis.

We ask that you please share as much information as possible about your child so that we can ensure that our program is a good fit. Helpful information might include a school IEP or 504 plan, reports from a psychologist, psychiatrist, and/or speech, occupational, physical, and behavioral therapists.

These reports and plans are highly confidential and will only be shared with the leadership team. The more we know, the better prepared we will be to make camp a successful experience for your child.

CAMPER GROUP REQUESTS

We will try our best to accommodate any camper pairings as requested. If your camper has family or friends who are the same age at camp and would like them to be in the same group, let us know via email. Please note this is not a guarantee and we will not pair campers who are in different age groups.

Please contact jagcamps@iu.edu 317.278.2100 to request a modification.

DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Read below for our drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Drop-off and pick-up will take place at the IU Natatorium, 901 W. New York St., at the main University Blvd. doors. Please look for our signs.

Similar to a school, we utilize curbside drop-off/pick-up for campers. For the safety of our campers, Jaguar Summer Day Camp requires that all children are signed in by an adult and turned over to camp staff before the parent leaves. A staff member will greet you and your camper when you pull up to the curb.

Please bring photo identification with you each day. It is our responsibility to ensure a safe and secure environment for our campers, and we will check ID every day during pick-up. Jaguar Summer Day Camp will only release children to adults listed in the camper's authorized pick-up list that was created during registration. Please ask the Camp Coordinator if you need to make any changes to this list.

In the unfortunate event of a difficult/dangerous custody situation where a court order is in place, please contact Jaguar Summer Day Camp to set up guidelines regarding the release of your child. You must have a copy of any court documents regarding the restriction of release of children in our care. Parents are responsible for resolving any issues that may arise from their child's participation in our programs. Jaguar Summer Day Camp will not get involved in disputes between parents. A child may be removed from the program until parents are able to resolve their differences. For consistency, any requests for program information must be included in a court order.

Jaguar Summer Day Camp staff will encourage any adult who appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs to call an emergency contact or Uber/Lyft to take them and their child home. If an adult chooses to leave the program site, staff will document the license plate number and call the police.



DROP-OFF & PICK-UP

Before Care: 7:30-9:00am

We are happy to assist with your before and after care needs. There is no charge for this service. Staff will be ready promptly at 7:30am. Please do not drop-off your child before that time. Programming starts promptly at 9:00am, so please have your child at camp by 8:45am.

After Care: 3:30-5:30pm

After care is available until 5:30pm for families who need a later pick-up.

Late Drop-off/Early Pick-up

To accommodate camp drop-off after 9:00am or pick-up prior to 3:30pm, please call 317.389.1401 or send a message through the Procure app to make arrangements.

Late Pick-up

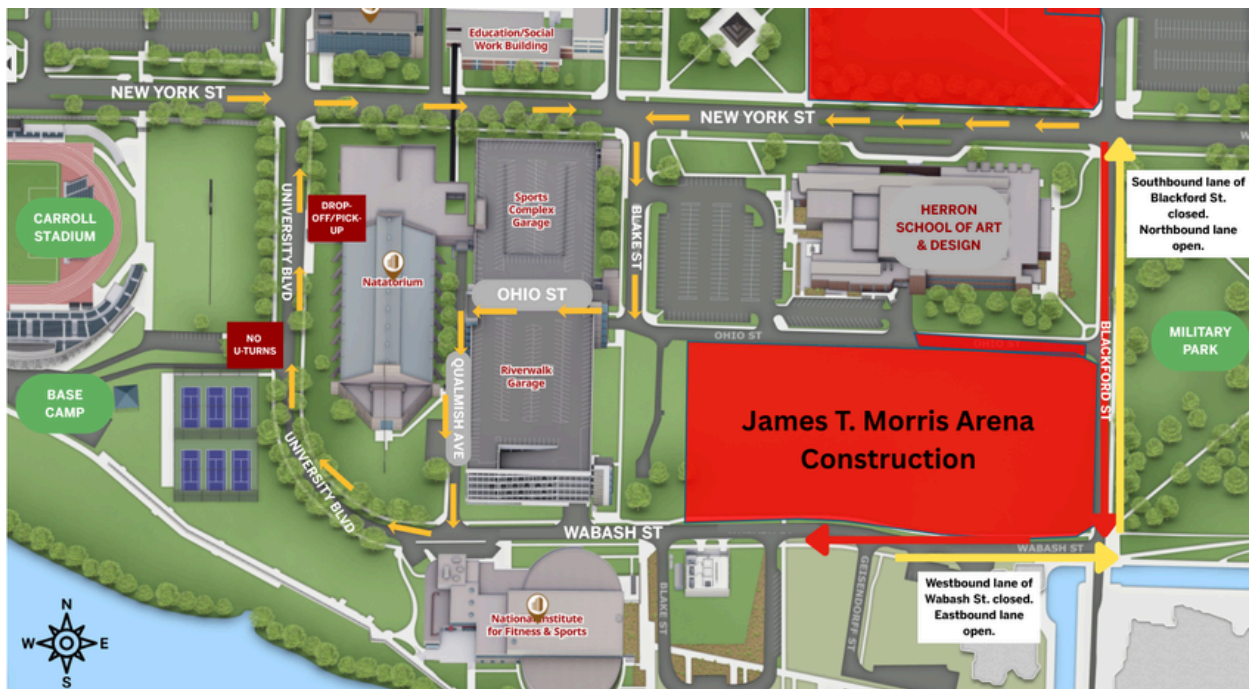
Parents/guardians are encouraged to be on time for pick-up at the end of the day. Pick-up time is no later than 5:30pm. You will be charged a late fee of \$1 per minute per camper. If no authorized adult can be contacted by 6:00pm, our staff will contact IU Indianapolis Campus Police.

Absences

If your child will be absent, please send a message through the Procure app or call 317.389.1401.

Traffic Flow

Please refer to the map below for the traffic pattern for drop-off/pick-up. Due to the construction of the James T. Morris Arena, some roads are closed in certain directions. Cars must travel northbound on University Blvd. for drop-off. Do not travel southbound and turn around at the drop-off point or the tennis courts.



SAFETY FIRST

Camper safety is our #1 priority at Jaguar Summer Day Camp. Below are some of the ways we maintain a safety mindset.

Supervisor Staff

Our summer camp supervisor staff consists of licensed teachers and elementary education majors who worked for Jaguar Summer Day Camp last summer. These individuals have a wealth of experience and knowledge working with children. They're passionate about our mission at camp to build great people!

Camp Counselors

Our counselor staff is as diverse as the campers themselves. They were selected based on their experience, talents, creativity, and their love of working with children. Each staff member has been screened with a criminal background check. Staff receive many hours of intense training that cover our camp policies and procedures, CPR/First Aid, how to interact with children, behavior management strategies, how to detect and report child abuse, and more. They also play games, make crafts, sing songs, and learn skits to provide campers with high quality and fun activities.

Small Groups

Small groups gives your camper the opportunity to build relationships with other campers their age as well as their counselor. At times groups will join together for an activity, but they spend the majority of time with their small group. We follow the American Camp Association guidelines for counselor-to-camper ratios.
5-6 (1:6); 7-8 (1:8); 9-10 (1:10); 11-12 (1:10)

Restroom Needs

Campers will take regularly scheduled restroom breaks in groups of 3 or more. No child is ever in a 1:1 situation with a counselor or another camper. Restrooms will be inspected for safety by camp staff prior to campers entering the facility. It is camp policy that all children can take care of their own restroom needs.

SAFETY FIRST

Illness

If your child becomes ill during camp, our staff will contact you to pick them up. A sick child needs to remain home for their health and safety and the sake of other campers. Children may return to camp when they are symptom and fever-free for 24 hours without medication. If your child has a confirmed case of a communicable disease, they must be kept at home.

Medication

Jaguar Summer Day Camp may dispense PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ONLY. Any medication a camper needs during the day must be in its original container with the child's name, and will be administered per physician's instructions on the label. We require a parent/guardian to complete a [Medication Dispensation Form](#).

Emergency medications (Epi-pen, inhaler, etc.) will be carried by your child's camp counselor during the day. With parent/guardian permission, older campers may self-carry emergency medication.

If a child refuses to take medication, we will contact you for further instructions.

Please note that Jaguar Summer Day Camp does not provide over-the-counter (Tylenol, ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc.) medication. If your child requires these medications, ask your pharmacist to provide it in a prescription bottle with proper dosing instructions.

Hot Weather & Water Breaks

Outdoor play is an integral part of our program. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. On days with excessive heat, we will limit our time outdoors and staff will monitor campers for signs of heat-related illness. Campers will have frequent breaks indoors or in shady areas to cool off.

Make sure your child has a refillable water bottle every day. Counselors will offer regular, scheduled water breaks daily, and increase as needed on hot days.

SWIM LESSONS

All About Lessons

During our day camp, your child will be in the water Monday through Thursday for 45 minutes. During that time, they will work on skills ranging from water safety to stroke development. Our lessons staff has undergone extensive training using SwimAmerica and in-person shadowing to ensure that your swimmer will receive the most from their lesson.

Another way that our camp strives to ensure maximization of each lesson, your child will be paired with other swimmers of similar ability. Our vigilant supervisors will work with the instructors to keep your swimmer in the group best fit for their development.

There is a 1:5 instructor-to-camper ratio in the water for our beginning levels, and a 1:7 instructor-to-camper ratio for our more advanced swimmers. Lifeguards are always present to vigilantly scan the pool during swim lessons. Camp counselors will remain in the pool area during lessons to supervise.

Jaguar Camp participants swim in the morning, while Enrichment Camp participants have their lessons in the afternoon. We occasionally have some Jaguar Camp participants swim in the afternoon depending on our weekly enrollment. Campers only swim once per day Monday through Thursday.

If you have a 5-6 age camper enrolled in Jaguar Camp, please feel free to send them dressed for swimming.

Camp	Age	Swim Time
Jaguar Camp	5 & 6	9:30-10:15 AM
Jaguar Camp	9-12	10:15-11:00 AM
Jaguar Camp	7 & 8	11:00-11:45 AM
Enrichment Camp	5 & 6	1:00-1:45 PM
Enrichment Camp	7 & 8	1:45-2:30 PM
Enrichment Camp	9-12	1:45-2:30 PM

SWIM LESSON LEVELS

5 & 6 Skills

Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper entry & exit • Water adaptation • Water immersion - eyes open • Bobbing • Front float - assisted • Back float - assisted • Kicking on the wall
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumping bobs • Unassisted floating • Kick on back • Kick on stomach • Dolphin kicking • Front to back roll
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backwards bobs • Side-glide-kick • Sculling • Front crawl - no breath • Side breath - bilateral intro. • Jump bobs back to wall
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freestyle drills • Backstroke drills • Breaststroke kick • Butterfly kick • Dives • Treading

7 & 8 Skills

Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumping bobs • Unassisted floating • Kick on back • Kick on stomach • Dolphin kicking • Front to back roll
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backwards bobs • Side-glide-kick • Sculling • Front crawl - no breath • Side breath - bilateral introduction • Jump bobs back to wall
Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freestyle drills • Backstroke drills • Breaststroke kick • Butterfly kick • Dives • Treading
Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended freestyle swimming • Extended backstroke swimming • Breaststroke drills • Butterfly drills • Flip turns • Reach & throw - don't go!

9-12 Skills

<p>Level 1</p> <p>This group is for 9-12 swimmers who are nervous in the water & not ready for the deep end. They may know what freestyle & backstroke look like, but still lack some fundamentals such as floating, proper kick, or side breath technique.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Side-glide-kick • Bilateral side breath on wall • Freestyle drills • Backstroke drills • Butterfly kick • Breaststroke kick • Dives • Treading
<p>Level 2</p> <p>This group is for swimmers that understand freestyle & backstroke fundamentals and are ready to begin work on breaststroke & butterfly drills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freestyle swim • Backstroke swim • Butterfly drills • Breaststroke drills • Dives • Flip turns • Treading

FUN FRIDAYS

Field Trips & Special Guests

Each week of camp, we will have either a special guest or field trip. Our camp's location on campus and proximity to some locations allow us to walk to a couple of the field trips. Buses will be used for the others.

Campers are expected to wear their provided pink camp t-shirt on field trip days for ease of visibility. Counselors will conduct regular headcounts to ensure each child is accounted for. Expectations for proper behavior will be discussed with campers prior to leaving for the field trip.

If a camper cannot continue with an out-of-camp activity, the parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child. Field trips are weather permitting and subject to change. No partial refunds will be given in the event of a cancelled field trip.

June 5th	First Responders Day	July 2nd (Thurs)	Movie Day
June 12th	Bowling	July 10th	Adrenaline Family Adventure Park
June 18th (Thurs.)	Field Day	July 17th	Children's Museum
June 26th	Indianapolis Zoo	July 24th	Camp Carnival



BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Essential Eligibility Criteria for Participation in Jaguar Summer Day Camp

- Campers are expected to contribute to a safe camp environment, using respectful language and appropriate physical behavior
- Campers are expected to function in a group setting in a positive and cooperative manner that displays tolerance and respect for self and others
- Campers are expected to follow instructions from counselors and refrain from behaviors that pose a risk to self or others
- Campers are expected to maintain a positive attitude when participating activities with their group

Camper Expectations (Please share with your child!)

- Be safe at all times
- Be respectful of yourself, your counselors, and your fellow campers
- Stay with your counselors and listen to them at all times (Remember: your counselors' #1 goal is to keep you safe)
- Tell your counselors right away if you are upset about something or if you need help—they are here for you
- Be patient, tolerant, and include others
- Treat others with kindness, just as you would like to be treated
- Leave all electronics at home (This includes cell phones and "smart" watches)
- Keep your lunch food to yourself (no sharing or swapping with others)
- Be willing to try new things, and give every activity your best effort
- HAVE FUN

Adult Code of Conduct

Jaguar Summer Day Camp requires the parents/guardians to conduct themselves in a manner that fosters an ideal environment for the campers.

- Swearing/cursing: Parents/guardians must not curse or use inappropriate language in our program, regardless if there are campers present or not. This includes phone conversations and written communication with staff as well.
- Threats: Threats of any kind towards staff, campers, or other parents/guardians will not be tolerated.
- Confrontational interactions: While it is understood that parents will not always agree with the staff or the parents of other children, it is expected that all disagreements be handled in a calm and respectful manner.
- Addressing campers: Parents/guardians are prohibited from addressing, for the purpose of correction or punishment, a camper that is not their own.
- Confidentiality: It is inappropriate for one adult to seek out another adult to discuss their child's inappropriate behavior. All behavior concerns should be brought to the staff's attention. Staff will address the issue with the other adult. Staff is strictly prohibited from discussing anything about another child with you.
- Violations of Safety Policy: Parents/guardians are required to follow all camp safety policies at all times that are designed to protect the welfare and best interest of the campers and staff.

LOST & FOUND

Jaguar Summer Day Camp is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. If you suspect your camper has lost an item, please contact us with a description of the lost item as soon as possible. We will make every effort to return the item to your child during camp. Please label all items with the camper's first and last name so an item can be easily returned. If something is missing, contact us to check the lost and found immediately. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the summer.

CALL FOR IMMEDIATE PICK-UP

In the event a camper becomes ill or needs to be picked up for any reason (e.g. not following behavior expectations), the parent/guardian will be called and expected to pick up the camper within 60 minutes. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached or the child is not picked up within 60 minutes, staff will call other adults on the approved pick-up list to request an immediate pick-up.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

All cancellation/refund requests must be submitted through the

[Jaguar Summer Day Camp Request Form](#)

- A full refund will be issued if the department cancels any camp session
- A full refund, minus a \$20 service fee per camp week per participant, will be issued if requested at least 14 days prior to the start of the camp session
- Cancellation requests made within 7 to 13 days prior to the start of a camp session will receive a 50% refund, minus a \$20 service fee per camp week per participant
- Jaguar Summer Day Camp will not issue any refunds for requests made with less than 7 days prior to the start of a camp session
- Camp sessions will not be prorated for vacations or illness

FOOD ALLERGIES

Two packaged snacks are provided daily by the camp (Teddy Grahams, Goldfish, Cheez-Its, etc.). If your child has food allergies, we strongly encourage you to send snacks in their lunch bag.

Please notify the camp of any food allergies for your camper. Please note that we are not a nut-free camp. We monitor lunches closely and food sharing is not permitted.

FEDERAL TAX ID#

35-600-1673

Please contact us if you have any questions.

We're looking forward to a fantastic summer with your camper!