

Z'CAMP

Frequently Asked Questions

Preschool – 6th Grade

How do I enroll my camper for camp?

Register online through the Zionsville Community Schools' website (<http://zcsgrow.zcs.k12.in.us>) by clicking the EZChild Track link. Click on register and select Summer Camp or Universal Preschool Summer Camp from the drop-down menu.

Can I sign my camper up for only a few days a week?

We are not offering occasional care this summer; you must register for the full week. You must pay for a full week regardless of how many days your child is at camp.

How old does my child need to be to attend preschool Z'Camp?

GROW offers a summer day camp for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds not attending kindergarten next year. Students entering kindergarten in the fall need to enroll in the K-6 camp. Children must be aged 3 by June 1 and toilet trained to attend preschool Z'Camp.

Can I request my camper to be with a specific friend or counselor?

No, we cannot accommodate specific group requests at this time.

Why can't I register for week 8?

Week 8 will not be open for registration until later in the summer. Your camper must attend a minimum of three other weeks of camp to qualify to attend week 8.

Is there a fee for changing the weeks I originally registered for?

There will be a \$25 fee for each change, cancellation, or withdrawal per child AND per week.

Where is summer camp located?

All of our summer programs are held at Zionsville West Middle School.
5565 S. 700 E. Whitestown, IN 46075

Is there a Z'Camp parent meeting?

There will be no in-person meeting. There will be a Z'Camp parent Q&A Teams meeting on May 28th, 2025. Look for a link to be emailed and on zcamponline.com
5:00pm for preschool Z'Camp
6:00pm for K-6th Z'Camp

Can I drop my camper off at any time?

Campers can attend camp from 7:30am to 5:30pm. The program day is 9:00am to 4:00pm. There will be modified BAC. Children will stay in pods and activities will rotate to them. During the program period, K-6 campers may be off campus on a field trip, swimming, or at a local park. If you need to pick up early (before 4pm), notify the Camp Nurse at ZCAMPNurse@zcs.k12.in.us or call the Z'Camp Main Office at 317-733-4842.

There will be a parent signature required at all off-site location pick-ups.

Are there any restrictions for what I send in my camper's lunch?

We prefer you to limit the sugar content of items and avoid soda. Follow the same lunch packing you follow during the school year. (We do not refrigerate lunches, but they will be in an air-conditioned space.) We are a "nut separated" program. There will be nut-free seating.

What happens if my camper forgets their lunch?

We will attempt to contact you so that you can bring it to Z-West before lunch. However, we will have emergency lunch items and water available if needed.

Can my camper buy lunch?

Yes, continuing from summer 2024, we are offering the option to purchase lunch through ZCS Food Services. There's no need to sign up beforehand, your child will use their school issued lunch code. If your child does not have a lunch code, you will be sent a bill/statement from Jan Swander. The summer menu can be found [here](#). Any questions can be directed to Jan at jswander@zcs.k12.in.us.

Do I still need to send a lunch on my camper's field trip day?

Yes, campers going on the field trip will not be able to buy lunch.

Can I send a snack with my camper?

Yes, feel free to send a non-perishable, healthy snack with your child. K-6 campers will receive an afternoon snack. Preschool campers receive two snacks per day.

Will my preschool camper be required to nap?

All preschoolers will be required to take a 30-minute rest time on their cot.

What should my camper bring to camp?

K-6 campers: send your camper with their lunch, refillable water bottle, and fishing hat every day as well as swimwear, flip flops, goggles, and a beach towel on swimming days – sunscreen will be provided by camp

Preschool campers: lunch, personal nap items (nap items should not exceed a 2-gallon bag), a change of clothes, and a water bottle (**please label with their name**) - sunscreen will be provided by camp

Does my camper have to participate in swimming at the Zionsville Aquatic Center?

Yes, **all K-6 campers will swim unless they have a note from a physician**. Beginner lessons will be water exploration. Green and yellow swimmers will receive lessons as the instructor can remain on the pool deck.

What if my camper needs a life vest?

Parents are welcome to send a coast guard approved life vest for campers for water park field trips.

How will the aquatic center know my camper's swim ability?

The aquatic center staff tests all campers the first day of swim and assigns them to swim groups (green mark allows access to ALL pools, yellow mark allows access to diving well, red mark allows access to the shallow instructional pool only). Lifeguards monitor camper's access by their green/yellow/red marks on the back of their hand. Campers can "test" into the green area once they can jump in and swim the front or back crawl continuously for 25 yards in the lap pool.

Can my preschool camper take part in the swimming lessons at the aquatic center?

Campers who are **4 years old and fully potty trained** will have the option of participating in swimming lessons.

What should my camper leave at home?

All electronic items (tablets, cell phones, personal gaming devices, smart watches, etc.) and any other personal items (toys, stuffed animals, etc.) are highly discouraged as we cannot be responsible for broken or lost items. **Trading cards of any type are prohibited.**

What should my camper wear to camp?

Please send your camper in comfortable play clothes and close-toed sneakers (no sandals or Keens except for water park field trip days) as camp will be a very active environment and your child will be participating in many physical activities. Your child can bring flip flops to wear to and from the pool.

When is the first day of camp?

Camp will begin June 4th.

What is the procedure for dropping off and picking up my camper each day?

Morning drop-off is anytime from 7:30-8:45am. Afternoon pick-up is anytime from 4:00-5:30pm. If you need to pick-up or drop-off outside of the scheduled times, you will need to contact the nurse's office at 317-696-9533 and go to door 1. The scheduled drop-off and pick-up will both be at door 4. Parents or approved adults will park and come inside with their camper when dropping them off. They will check-in with a staff member and the camper will be taken to their POD room. When picking up, parents or approved adults will come inside and give their camper's name to a staff member who will then radio for the camper.

Only adults listed on your child's registration form can pick up your child. If we need to add an adult to your child's authorized pick-up list, please e-mail no later than 24 hours before the pick-up. The authorized person should be prepared to provide the camp staff with a photo ID.

How do I contact camp?

The K-6 camp main number is 317-733-4842. The cell phone number is 317-524-8083.

The preschool camp number is 317-605-8223.

The nurse cell phone number is 317-696-9533.

The GROW office number is 317-733-4847.

Z-Camp email is ZCAMP@zcs.k12.in.us

Preschool camp email is preschoolzcamp@zcs.k12.in.us

How are daily medications handled at camp?

Camp nurses will be available at the carline during drop-off to receive medication. We have a camp nurse on staff who will administer medications and first aid. Please complete the medication form from the [Z'Camp website](#). This form will go directly to our nurses.

Are you closed for any holidays this summer?

Camp will be closed on June 19th for Juneteenth and July 4th for the Fourth of July.

Can my camper also attend an Eagle Recreation and Enrichment camp this summer?

YES!! We can transport your **K-6 camper** to and from their selected course at no additional charge as long as they are registered for Z'Camp that week. Please go to eaglerec.zcs.k12.in.us and click on the summer camps icon for Z'ERE opportunities. If your camper needs transportation from Z'Camp to ERE and back, please fill out the transportation form at zcamponline.com/eagle-rec-transportation-form-1 once you have registered for your course. **The bus shuttle runs from 9:30am to 4:00pm. If your camp is outside of that timeframe, we will not be able to transport your camper.**

Do I need to fill out a transportation form for every Eagle Rec program my camper attends?

Yes. Every Eagle Rec program needs its own transportation form. For example, if your child is attending Minecraft Camp June 5th – 9th from 10:30-11:30am and attending Princess Camp July 17th – 21st from 2:00-3:00pm you will need to fill out 2 transportation forms, one for Minecraft Camp and one for Princess Camp. You can view all of the programs Eagle Rec offers [here](#)!

Can you transport my preschool camper to an ERE program?

No, we only provide ERE transportation for our K-6th campers.

Will my camper be participating in field trips?

All K-6 students will be participating in one field trip per week during weeks 1-7.

Preschool will participate in 2 field trips each week of the summer.

K-6th grade will participate in 5 destination field trips during week 8.

Refer to the camp calendar found [here](#) for daily events (spirit days, field day, etc.)

Are there any academic programs held during summer camp?

We will be offering enrichment activities all summer long. Campers will participate in our own summer reading program at Z'Camp.

What is the CIT program?

The CIT program is available to all campers who are entering the 7th-8th grade and will consist of leadership training where campers will gain experience working with children in grades K-6. Campers must apply, be interviewed and accepted into the CIT program before being permitted to register. They are able to attend all field trips and act as counselors in training assigned to groups with adult counselors. CITs will assist in swimming activities. Daily activities also include sports, crafts, games, and creative play. They will also enjoy leadership time with the Program Director. CITs must commit to camp for the entire week from 9am – 4pm. Application can be found [here](#).