

# Camp Wa-nik'-ska-ka

**Note: You must call the Activities Office at 766-9666 to enroll in this event if you are viewing from the Goldtimer website. The enrollment form is not available electronically.**

## 2012 SFEA Day Camp

Session 1: June 4 – June 29

Session 2: July 9 – August 3

Registration Dates: February 1 – 29, 2012

Only SFEA members are eligible for Day Camp. Park Access Only cardholders are not eligible.

## Day Camp Staff

Day Camp Directors  
Scottie Myers & Ed Irvin

Day Camp Coordinator  
Bill Rhodes

Enrollment Coordinator  
Jennifer Klein

Join us for another exciting summer of fun-filled adventure at Camp Wa-nik'-ska-ka! We have a great staff, exciting new programs, and beautiful State Farm Park waiting to usher you in for the summer of 2012. Sound like a place where you would like to go? Then read on for directions to the road to summer fun!

## About the program

- Enrollment is limited to 260 children per day.
- Day Camp is offered in two, four-week sessions
- Session 1: June 4 - June 29
- Session 2: July 9 - August 3

When completing the enrollment form, please prioritize which session you want your child to attend. We will try to place your child in the session you prefer. If enrollment exceeds 260 children for that day, placement will be determined by drawing. If you have more than one child enrolled in Day Camp, special effort will be made to place siblings in the same session.

You can also choose to enroll your child in both sessions of Day Camp. However, availability of two sessions may be limited to ensure that all children can attend at least one session of camp.

***We want campers to participate in a wide range of enjoyable summer adventures. Activities are designed to foster personal growth and social interaction, and to develop educational and recreational skills.***

- Enrollment is open to children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Children who have completed kindergarten through second grade will follow a structured Day Camp Program on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

- Children who have completed third grade will attend camp on Thursdays. Structured programming will be offered in the morning. In the afternoon, campers will be able to choose from a variety of activities.
- Children who have completed fourth or fifth grade will attend on Fridays. They will choose from a variety of activities throughout the day.

If you have questions about enrollment, contact the Enrollment Coordinator at 766-9680.

## What is Camp?

Camp is a unique adventure where children:

- Make new friends
- Learn new skills
- Get to know themselves
- Have fun
- Experience the outdoors

## State Farm Park History

The original name for G.J. Mecherle Memorial Park was Wa-nik'-ska-ka Park. This was its name from 1949 until 1951. Wa-nik'-ska-ka means Chief Whitehawk. This name was given to G.J. Mecherle in 1939 by the Winnebago Indians because he was a leader among men. Today we recognize the heritage by creating Camp Wa-nik'-ska-ka at the G.J. Mecherle Memorial Park (also known as State Farm Park).

## Age Limits

Any child who has completed kindergarten through fifth grade is eligible to attend. No exceptions to these grade requirements will be made. We recommend that children who are home schooled attend on the same day as other children their age.

## Schedule

Day	Children who have completed
Monday	Kindergarten
Tuesday	1st grade
Wednesday	2nd grade
Thursday	3rd grade
Friday	4th or 5th grade

## Time

Day Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, rain, heat or shine.

## Daily Registration

Children must be registered each day when they arrive for camp. Registration begins at 7 a.m. for early arrivals and ends at 8:10 a.m. Children who are late should register at the shelters. Please call the shelter if your child is going to be late (766-1354) because we need an accurate lunch count.

You do **not** need to call if your child will be absent. Children must be checked out between 3:30 and 5 p.m.

## Daily Activities

### Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Campers

- Free Swim
- Crafts
- Leagues (Songs/Stories on Mon.)
- Pow Wow Time/Group Time
- Games
- Special Guests

### Thursday Campers

Morning

- Free Swim
- Pow Wow Time/Group Time
- Crafts

Afternoon

Campers will be given the opportunity to participate in tennis, cheerleading, games, creative arts, and other activities. Preferences will be surveyed during camp and activities will be assigned.

### Friday Campers

All campers have the opportunity to use the swimming pool plus participate in five other activities on Fridays. Preferences will be surveyed during camp and activities will be assigned each Friday. A sample of activities the campers will be able to choose from are:

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Canoeing/Pedal Boats
- Softball
- Cheerleading
- Tennis
- Crafts
- Volleyball

## Inclement Weather

On rainy days we provide activities to substitute for those curtailed by the rain. The program is restricted to the beachhouse or shelter. For high heat index days, we reduce physical activity, take frequent water breaks, and substitute water-related activities when possible.

## Free Swim Time

Campers are restricted to certain areas of the pool and are supervised by camp counselors. Lifeguards are on duty during free swim.

## Clothing and Safety

Send a swimsuit, extra clothes, and a towel with your child. Label all clothes. Children should wear tennis shoes to camp. **Thongs and sandals are not allowed.** We encourage our campers to wear their camp T-shirt each week. Sunscreen and light clothing that covers the back will help prevent sunburn. For safety and security reasons, we discourage children from bringing personal items (toys, etc.) to camp. All Day Camp and Park employees are CPR and First Aid trained. Every precaution is taken to ensure your child's safety.

## Medicine and Ear Plugs

The Day Camp staff is not authorized to administer medication to campers. However, we should be notified if your child will be on medication while attending camp. A Medication Information and Release Form will be available on-line with other camp information and documents.

Please do not send your child to camp if he or she is ill.

If your child has prescription ear plugs to be worn when swimming, he or she should know how to use them.

Our staff is not authorized to assist in the procedure.

## Enrollment Fee

The fee for each individual Day Camp session is \$25 per camper. Payment must be received in the Activities Office by the February 29 deadline for your child to be eligible for Day Camp. If you wish to cancel the enrollment, you must contact the Activities Office by April 30, 2012. **Refunds will not be made after this date.**

## Enrollment Instructions

Complete an online application for each child. Siblings must be enrolled separately.

- Fill out the enrollment form online.
- Submit the form electronically.
- Print your electronic confirmation and mail with payment to the Corporate South Activities Office, K-1, or Corporate Activities, SA-1.

## Remember ...

- A SEPARATE application is needed for each child you enroll.
- If you are registering for both sessions, **\*TWO \$25 CHECKS ARE REQUIRED.**
- When enrolling multiple family members, **\*SEPARATE CHECKS ARE REQUIRED.** For example, enrolling 2 children in both sessions would require 4 checks.
- Please make checks payable to SFEA.
- All applications and money must be received in the Corporate South Activities Office, K-1, by 1 p.m. or Corporate Activities office, SA-1, by noon on February 29, 2012. Activities is not responsible for cash sent through the mail or late delivery of mail.

- If your child has a medical restriction or special need, please indicate this on the application.
- You accept full responsibility for your child at Day Camp in the event of injury. By enrolling your child in this event, you understand your child will be well-supervised and all possible precautions will be taken to prevent injury.
- Enrollment receipts will be sent at the end of April confirming your child's enrollment. If your enrollment cannot be accepted due to a drawing, your check will be returned along with this receipt.

## **Friend information**

For consideration to place your child in the same tribe with a friend or sibling of the same age (limit of 1), you must do the following:

- Fill in friend's/sibling's name in the space provided on the enrollment form (limit of 1).
- Staple electronic payment sheets together with payments attached.
- Mail in one envelope. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- If session choices do not match exactly, placement in the same tribe cannot be guaranteed.
- Phone-in or e-mail requests will not be honored.

## **Day Camp Preview Night**

Thursday, May 31, 6 – 7:30 p.m. (Preview Night will be held in the park shelter, rain or shine.) This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet our Day Camp staff and counselors before camp starts. You will get an orientation of our Day Camp operation, and can preview a “typical day at camp.”

## **Note to Parents**

Please drop by the park at any time and get acquainted with your child's leaders. We are looking forward to seeing you and your children.

Did you know the Day Camp Program is eligible for DCA Reimbursement? Submit the appropriate DCA claim form and appropriate documentation to the DCA Claim Unit.

If you have any questions, or if your child is not having a good camp experience, please call 766-1354 and speak with Day Camp Directors Scottie Myers or Ed Irvin (June, July, and August). Comments or questions prior to or after Day Camp ends should be directed to Bill Rhodes, Day Camp Coordinator, at 735-0536 (April, May, and September).