

HOLY CROSS SUMMER CAMP FAQs

- **What are HCSC hours of operation and how long is camp offered over summer?** Holy Cross Summer Camp is open from 7:30am-5:30pm Monday through Friday. HCSC generally starts after Memorial Day and goes through the 1st week of August for the 6-13 year olds and the preschool goes through the 3rd week of August for the 3-5 year olds.
- **How much does Summer Camp cost?** The price varies based on how many weeks throughout the summer your child will attend Summer Camp. Please see the [Pricing Schedule](#) for detailed information.
- **What ages do you offer care for?** We take ages 3 years and potty trained through 13 years.
- **Where does HCSC take place?** HCSC is located in both the elementary school and the preschool. The campers that are ages 3 – 5 (going into kindergarten) are down in the preschool. The campers that are ages 6 (just out of kindergarten) –13 are in the 8th grades rooms located on the east side of the elementary building on the lower level. We have full use of the cafeteria and gym for all ages.
- **Do I need to provide and snacks or lunch?** HCSC provides all snacks and lunches. **If you have a child in the preschool, a sack lunch will need to be provided on the first couple days of camp and the last week and half of camp.** The kitchen at the “big” school will not be in use at those times.
- **What is Creative Canvas?** Creative Canvas is the 6 -13 yrs arts and crafts time. The craft will usually go along with the theme for the week. Creative Canvas is usually held twice a week.
- **What is Community Care?** Community Care is for the 6–13 yrs. This is the campers’ time to take care of their community. They will help clean their camp rooms and lockers, take out recycling, clean up around the outside of building, etc.
- **What is an In-Camp Adventure?** In-Camp Adventures are for all ages. This is something that is brought into camp for about an hour for some entertainment. It could be a storyteller, puppet show, Stretch N Grow (3-5yrs), animals, etc.
- **What is an Outta-Site Adventure?** These are for the 5–13 year olds. HCSC takes the campers on a field trip once a week. This could be a walk to a nearby park, a play at the Coterie Theater, mini-golfing or bowling. HCSC always has a 4th of July picnic that **all ages** get attend. Whatever the field trip the campers always enjoy!
- **Will my child go swimming and how do you monitor the pool?** HCSC walks to Stonegate Pool on 97th and Antioch. It is about 1 mile round trip. The campers will walk on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting. HCSC is usually at the pool from 1:00pm – 2:30pm. We divide the children into 3 colored groups based on their swimming abilities. **Reds**- 5 year olds are automatically a red as well as any other children not fully comfortable in the water. They are not allowed past the 2.5 ft area and a teacher is in the water where they are not allowed to go passed. There is a small slide for these children to play on and enough water to work on their basic swimming skills. **Yellows** – this group is typically the 6–8 yr. olds. They are tall enough to go into the 3ft area and have enough swimming ability to doggy paddle or swim under water for short periods of time. The yellows are able to go down the big slide into the 3ft of water. **Greens** – this is typically the older campers that have the ability to swim the from the 3ft area to the 6ft area comfortably. They also need be able to tread water for 30 seconds. Greens have more freedom and are able to use all areas of the pool. Each group has at least two leaders monitoring them as well as one leader walking around continually. The children get out of the pool at every adult swim and reapply sunscreen and rest.
- **Will my 3 - 4 year old get to play in the water?** We have splash pools and sprinklers for the younger children that are too little to go to the public pool. The children get to play in the water most every day.
- **Will my preschooler nap?** If your child is 3 yrs. of age they will nap from 12:30 – 2:30pm every afternoon. If your child is 4 yrs. of age and is enrolled in a 4yr preschool class for the fall, they will not nap unless the parent wants them to nap. Please provide a blanket, small pillow and a stuffed animal if your child so chooses.
- **What will I need to provide for my child?** HCSC tries its best to not have parents provide much for their camper. We do ask that every child provides **2 bottles of SPF 30 or higher spray sunscreen** as we use a lot of this over the summer. HCSC provides a tote bag, t-shirt and water bottle for every camper. The children that go on fieldtrips will keep their t-shirts at camp and will get to take them home on at the end of the summer.