

PIERCE SUMMER CAMP | FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions

REGISTRATION

- **Which children have the right to participate in Pierce Summer Camp?**

Our program is addressed to children aged 6 to 13 years old, who wish to spend their summer days in a creative way, following the end of the academic year. The program is primarily Greek-speaking, but the use of the English language is adopted by the staff, wherever and whenever it is deemed necessary.

- **At what age can the children participate?**

All children starting 1st Grade up to 8th Grade in the upcoming September have the right to participate.

- **How to register?**

For the participation of children in the Summer Camp, it is necessary to register them online through our website www.dcac.gr (see Online Registration – Registration – Summer Camp). You can only register online.

For the participation of your child in the activities, it is necessary to submit online the Summer Camp Medical Report form - completed by the parent/guardian (section A), and completed & signed by the Pediatrician (Section B).

- **How many weeks can a child attend the program?**

Registration can be for one (1) or more weeks.
It is not necessary for the weeks to be consecutive.

- **When is the deadline for the – online - registration?**

The application must be submitted online only, at the latest by Friday at noon (12:00pm) of the week before the one you wish your child to participate in. As the activities are carried out with a minimum number of participants, and in a priority order, if the number of participants has been reached in the specific activity, then another activity must be selected.

- **Can a student register for one week and then add more weeks? If yes, what is the cost for the additional weeks?**

Yes, in case you wish to extend the participation to more weeks than you had initially registered for, it can be done only through the website www.dcac.gr and the profile that you created during your online registration to the Summer Camp, provided there are available positions in this activity.

When extending the registration, the cost of the additional week(s) must be paid in full.

ACTIVITIES

- **How are the groups formed?**

The groups are formed based on age or experience, with the purpose of the proper and safe operation of the program. In the English and Computer activities, the children are divided into groups according to their level of knowledge and skills.

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- **Can some students who have registered for the same activities be together?**

As the registration is done electronically, we cannot guarantee it. If they are registered for the same activities, it is highly likely that they will be together.

- **Is it possible to change the activities that were initially requested?**

The child selects two morning activities and two afternoon activities every week. If there is a serious reason, changing an activity is accepted for the upcoming week(s) only, provided there are available positions. Changes are made only through the website www.dcac.gr and the profile that you had created during the registration, up to Friday noon (12:00) of the week before the one that you wish to make the change.

- **Do the free time activities have to be declared?**

In addition to sports instruction, recreational activities such as swimming, archery, table-tennis, and board games, are offered. Participation in recreational activities is open and always under supervision!

- **Do the children follow a specific program?**

Our program is organized in such a way, so that all morning activities are held 09:00-12:00 am, recreational activities are 12:00-12:45 pm, lunch is 12:45-13:30 pm and the afternoon activities are 13:30-17:00 pm.

The program is modified only in the case of adverse weather conditions.

- **Can a child attend the same activity during both periods?**

We try to urge the children to try different activities, so that they develop a wide range of athletic and academic skills. This is why, they cannot attend the same activity during both periods of the morning or afternoon programs. Additionally, the program is exactly the same at both periods.

- **Does my child have to bring anything with him/her?**

It is necessary for children to wear comfortable athletic clothes and sneakers. If they wish, they can have a cap, sunscreen lotion and a set of extra clothes.

For the swimming activity, the child will need:

- A swimming cap, a sports swimsuit, swimming goggles, flip flops, sunscreen lotion, underwear, children's shower gel, a towel or a bath robe.

For the tennis activity, the child will need:

- A children's tennis racket (optional).

For all the rest of the activities that you have selected there is no need for special equipment.

The use of mobile phones, skateboards, roller skates and electronic games is prohibited. A mask and hand sanitizer are optional.

- **Where are the activities held?**

The whole program is held on the premises of The American College of Greece, which is located in Aghia Paraskevi.

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The coaches and teachers are supported by a team of Camp Counselors (carefully selected Deree students) who assist in the harmonious and safe operation of the program, accompanying and supervising the children during their entire stay at the Summer Camp.

The children enter and exit the facilities of the Summer Camp at the predetermined time, and always accompanied by their parent/legal guardian so as to ensure the proper operation of the program. They must always have their Summer Camp ID Card on them, which will be issued to them on their first day of participation.

NUTRITION

- **If a child has special nutritional needs, can they attend the program?**

The menu that is offered to the children has been especially designed, so that it fully covers the nutritional needs of the children, placing emphasis on the selection of healthy and nutritious meals.

However, if a child has a food allergy or follows a specific diet, then they can bring their food along and it will be kept safely until lunchtime.

A gluten-free meal is provided in cases of intolerance.

PAYMENT

- **When must the fees be paid off?**

The fees must be paid in full during the online registration.

- **In case of an absence or illness, can the children make up the time they missed?**

The cost covers the participation per week and not per day. Even if a day of the program is missed, the program is paid regularly.

Non-participation due to serious medical conditions or illness will be reviewed upon submission of a medical certificate. If approved, 75% of the participation fee will be refunded. All refunds are processed during the last week of the Summer Camp. Each week of the program is considered to be a time period.

- **Is there a refund in case a child does not attend?**

Cancellations are accepted until the Tuesday prior to the start of the corresponding participation week, with a 75% refund. After this deadline, no refund is provided. Non-participation due to serious medical conditions or illness will be reviewed upon submission of a medical certificate. If approved, 75% of the participation fee will be refunded.

All refunds are processed during the last week of the Summer Camp.

BUS SERVICE

- **Is there a charge for bus service?**

The use of the bus service for each week of participation is charged separately. Whatever discount there may be, it concerns the participation in the program and not the bus service. The request to use the bus and the payment are all submitted during the online registration.

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- **Are there predetermined routes?**

Yes, the predetermined routes and bus-stops are created in such a way so as to cover the largest areas and to minimize the amount of time spent by children on the buses.

The routes and stops require minimum participation in order to run.

Can participants use only the morning or only the afternoon routes?

Yes, in this case the charge is 75% of the regular cost.

