

Trailblazers Summer Camp 2010

Grades 3-8

Enrollment Packet



Footprints Academy Summer Camp 2010 Highlights

Academic Enrichment (Creative writing, peer tutoring, science exploration)

Flexible Schedules for Busy Kids and Parents!

Adventurous Field Trips!

Keep reading for more details!!!

Welcome to Trailblazers' Summer Camp 2010! This is the place to be this summer. Get ready to jump into some awesome activities and try out the wildest range of summer fun. Experience everything from sports and nature to art and science to academic enrichment. The summer camp also offers special events and field trips making this the perfect place for summer fun.

Our summer camp is set up so that parents can truly design their own summer. Knowing that parents and kids are very busy, our camp is structured so that you only pay for the days that you select to attend, and you can attend on whatever kind of schedule you like, whether that is one day a week, one day a session, or one day a summer, it's completely up to you! Do pay attention to the details about schedules, because once you submit yours, you will be billed for the days you have selected, but you have complete freedom to design the schedule that best fits the needs and interests of your family and your child. We have done our best to keep things interesting and vary the activities at the outset, but please know that many additional activities are also added as the kids join the program, based on their needs, interests, and desires, so the schedule of events will be added to as the summer continues as well.

While at Summer Camp 2010, your child will receive care of the highest quality, stressing a safe, secure environment; a nurturing, professional team of staff; and the finest educational and fun experiences. Each child's day includes individual attention, time with friends, outdoor play, and a variety of opportunities (i.e. reading, creative movement, and problem solving challenges). Each member of our team, each aspect of our program, is dedicated to empowering children to be the best that they can be.

What do we have to offer kids this summer?

We are blessed with ten beautiful acres for exploring right here at home, plus access to Woodbury's bike trails right from our site. We have an obstacle course and wooded lot right behind us, great for exploring and building all kinds of camps & forts; we have a pond on site which is awesome for collecting experimental samples for any number of purposes; we have a large green space perfect for our proposed gardening space and all sorts of summer fun; we have a ball field; we have a full size gymnasium, we have a library with over 6000 books, and access to outstanding technology, + guitar hero, PS2, and other video game of similar types; we have awesome food + opportunities for kids to help prepare their own meals. Friendship building opportunities; character building opportunities, and opportunities to simply be kids, in a safe, nurturing environment surrounded by caring, professional adults who have that one thing that kids crave the most, you guessed it, TIME.

Read on for additional details!

Our full-time team consists of dedicated professionals who work year-round to build exciting adventures for children of all ages. We are committed to quality and excellence in everything we do and strive to continually meet the needs and expectations of our campers and their families. Our camp is staffed by primarily licensed teachers who are specialists in their field. Perhaps more importantly, we LOVE kids! We love kids, and we love adventure! We are just as excited about summer camp as the kids are! We work with them to tailor each program to meet the needs and interests of the students who are here each summer. We have provided information about our plans and expectations for the summer, but it is a work in progress which may very well change based on the interests, abilities, and desires of the children who arrive to be a part of the program. The summer is sure to be filled with boundless adventures for all who take part in the summer camp program!

Please refer to our complete Trailblazers Packet for additional program policies and information on enrollment priorities, behavior guidance & full school age policies & procedures. This summer camp packet is a supplemental packet to that full program information.

Program Location and Times

Summer camp will be held at Footprints Academy (9025 Tamarack Road, Woodbury, MN), beginning June 11th and ending September 4th. The camp opens daily at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 6:00 p.m. Early drop-off times may be available by request.

Grades 3rd-8th

Parent Policy Regarding Late Pick-Ups:

We understand that parents are pulled in many directions, and that balancing all of our responsibilities is no easy task. However, in an effort to retain talented teaching staff, we must be dedicated to closing the buildings by 6:00 p.m. each day. Our policy on late pick-ups allows for one late pick up without penalty, over the course of the summer. This should cover for those unavoidable circumstances which are beyond our control. In all other cases, however, we ask parents to please be respectful of staff's personal time, and to be on time picking up. Our late pick-up fee schedule is as follows:

First time late - No Charge.

Any and all additional late pick-ups are charged as follows:

6:01-6:15 p.m.	\$ 50.00 fee will be billed to your account
6:15-6:30 p.m.	\$ 75.00 fee will be billed to your account
6:30-7:00 p.m.	\$100.00 fee will be billed to your account

After 7:00 p.m. per program policy, the police and child protection services will be notified if we have not heard from you. At 6:15 p.m. staff will begin calling emergency contacts to see if someone else is available to pick up your child. Your enrollment contract may be cancelled by the owner, if late pick-up becomes a concern for our team. Please keep in mind that our contracts are for a maximum of ten hours of care per day, and our rates are based on providing a maximum of ten hours of care per day. If more than ten hours a day of care is required on an ongoing basis, please consult with the program director prior to enrollment in the program.

Attendance and Payment Liability

Our program is set up to be extremely flexible for kids and parents so that kids may participate in a variety of activities if they choose to, Please pay close attention to the attendance and payment policies. The summer camp is completely separate from the before and after school program that we operate during the school year. The summer has been divided into three sessions. We ask that you please turn in only the upcoming session's registration form two - three weeks prior to the date that the session begins. For example, summer session one's registration form is requested on **May 21st, 2010**. This allows you the maximum time and flexibility to choose from a variety of activities and design a summer program that caters to your needs. However, if a registration form is turned in after the due date, a **\$25 late fee** will be assessed.

Due to the flexibility to pick and choose the days you wish to attend on a per session basis, tuition will be charged for all scheduled days, once the schedule has been submitted. Any day that a child is registered for the summer camp, you are liable for payment of that day plus additional expenses (i.e. field trips), even if your child is absent. While you will be unable to receive credit for a scheduled day, it is possible to add additional days at a fee of \$75 per child per day added. It is necessary to notify the program coordinator at least one week in advance to ensure your child will be able to attend, as staffing is planned based on the initial scheduling forms.

Your children will check-in each day using a four-digit code that will be assigned to them. Any day that your child is registered for the summer camp program the staff will make sure they are in attendance. If your child is not in attendance, and no prior notice was received that they would be absent, we will contact you to make sure your child is safe.

Rates and Registration Breakdown

Kids Entering	Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6
Weekly Days of Attendance	Weekly Tuition Amount	Weekly Tuition Amount
One day/week	\$75.00	\$65.00
Two days/week	\$143.00	\$133.00
Three days/week	\$187.00	\$177.00
Four days/week	205.00	\$195.00
Five days/week	\$220.00	\$210.00
Adding a day after schedules are due	Cost of Day plus \$5 fee	Cost of Day plus \$5 fee
Late paperwork	\$25.00 per session	
Lunch Tickets	\$3.00/day (may be purchased in bulk of \$60.00)	
Punch Cards	\$10.00 (for a la carte options)	

- ☆ A non-refundable registration of \$110.00 is required. If registering multiple children the fee is \$110 and an additional \$20.00 per child.
- ☆ Returning Trailblazer families registering for both Summer 2010 and Trailblazers 2010-2011 will have their registration waived if received by March 26 or a combined registration of \$100 if received by May 6
- ☆ All tuition is due in advance. Payment is due on the first day of each session by 5:00 p.m.
- ☆ If you would like a receipt for tuition payments, please write the word "RECEIPT" in the memo of your check and return, with your invoice, to the payment box near the front desk.
- ☆ Additional activity fees will apply for children attending field trips. Those fees will be listed in this packet on the back of each session's calendar.
- ☆ Full tuition is charged if the center is closed due to bad weather, power outages, or other emergencies.
- ☆ Payments may be made by direct payments. If desired, inquire at the front desk.

We also accept MasterCard Visa & Discover for payments over \$200.00. A 3.5% up charge applies for credit card

Daily Schedule

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Drop Off Time
 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Creative Writing
 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Morning Meeting & Develop a plan for the day
 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Morning Club Time/Arts & Crafts and Time Outdoors

Students will participate in activities of their choice, including various arts and crafts projects, drawing, scrapbooking, jewelry making, pipe cleaner crafts, scrapbooking, dream catchers, paper-mache, painting, and whatever they may wish to work on.

12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Independent Reading
 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Time Outdoors
 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Community Service/Volunteer to School or Community
 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Set up Snack, Eat Snack & Clean Up
 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Afternoon Meeting
 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Physical Education: Games, challenges, and much more!!!
 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Clean-up and Closure for the Day

Academic Coaching

Keep up on those important summer learning skills, such as reading, writing, and good old math! Many of the Footprints Academy classroom teachers will be available throughout the summer for one-on-one academic coaching. Students can sign up for a "membership" to the academic coaching room, and can participate in a variety of different levels, depending on how much time parents feel they may need or how many academic areas they would like to work on. Teachers will work with parents and students to set goals, and then follow up to ensure that goals are being met through the session. Students can participate in session I, II, III, or all through the summer. Feel free to talk with any of the program staff for additional details.

Student Lounge

Footprints Academy has created a space for students who exemplify exceptional leadership skills and are in fifth grade and beyond. Students in fifth grade and above, are given the privilege of having a greater level of independence within the school, provided they check in with program staff, and continue to show exceptional behavior. The lounge is equipped with a television and DVD player, a PS2 (featuring Guitar Hero & Karaoke Revolution), and a desk, refrigerator, table and chairs to complete projects. Other items may be added throughout the summer as deemed necessary by the Program Coordinator.

Gameboy Days

Gameboy Days are on our calendar as an option for two-days-a-week. Gameboy is closely monitored by our staff.

School Lunches

Footprints Academy strives to provide a healthy, balanced environment for the children. This part of that mission extends to the food services. We encourage children to eat a balanced meal and to drink milk or water with their meals. The school will provide a hot lunch for \$3.00 per day. Meal tickets can be purchased in advance through the office or program coordinator. Punch cards are also available for the purchase of a la carte items such as apples, string cheese, gogurt, bananas & other items which range in price from .50 - \$1.00. Punch cards may be purchased in \$10.00 increments and are held in the lunch room for your child's use throughout the summer. Please ask the program coordinator for more details.

Students are also welcome to bring in a bag lunch from home. Please note: Footprints Academy is a **PEANUT FREE environment** and, therefore, all lunches sent in with campers should contain only peanut free products and products made on a peanut free line. For campers who just love peanut butter, check in the natural food section at the grocery store for alternatives to peanut butter, such as soy nut butter. Many times kids cannot tell the difference if they do not see the jar. For children who bring their lunch from home milk tickets are available for \$0.50 per day.

Parent lunches may be provided free of charge once per week, or can be purchased for \$4.00 for each additional visit. Lunches are provided for parent volunteers.

Lunches are designed to meet each child's nutritional needs, and exceed government standards and recommendations. Any special dietary needs or food allergies should be discussed with the school cook, Theresa Skaar, prior to the start of summer camp. Summer camp staff and students eat together in the cafeteria (or outside, weather permitting). Parents are welcome to join us for lunch any time and are encouraged to do so. A menu is on display and is available upon request.

Water Days

Water days are planned at varying times throughout the summer and will be held at our facility in the grassy areas near the building. The children have a blast running through sprinklers, having water balloon fights, and also with a big blow up water slide we have for the campers to enjoy!

While the 3rd - 8th graders will say that they are too old for water days, they really do enjoy an occasional splash in the sprinkler, or opportunity to get wet on a hot day. For these occasions, you may wish to have a swimsuit and towel for your child which can be left in their locker for such spur of the moment water play. We'll send it home with your child when it's or in need of attention. Water shoes are a great idea as well!

Bike Days

Throughout the summer, campers in the first and second grade will be asked to bring their bikes in to ride in the parking lot, and on the connecting Woodbury bike trails. Safety is always of the utmost importance. We are so blessed here to have direct access to the bike trails, it is just a wonderful resource, and the children really love being able to go for a group bike ride with their

friends and teachers. We take a first aid kit, and all of our staff is first aid and CPR certified. We always have a staff rider at the front and back of the pack, and we keep all children within sight and sound of staff members. It is a great time. There are several parks very close by. With your permission, we may even head to the park for a picnic lunch!

We have designated certain days on the calendar for planning purposes as bike days, but may add additional days if needed due to changes required because of weather or other scheduling needs. Please watch the Trailblazer's board, and provide your e-mail address for last minute schedule changes. Thank you!

If you do not require your child to wear a helmet while biking: Please provide, in writing, a permission form stating that you are aware your child is riding without a helmet and you will not hold Footprints Academy liable for any injury that may result from not wearing a helmet.

We hope we have done a good job of providing an overview of all that our camp has to offer! If you are new to our camp, we are anxious to meet you! If you are a returning friend, we think you will be pleased with the new challenges and opportunities that we have added to camp this year, for all of the students. We encourage you to come in and talk with us about what is new if you are considering coming back to Footprints for the summer, we would love to tell you what's in the WORKS for 2010!

The calendars for the upcoming summer sessions are attached. If you know without a doubt that your child will be attending the entire summer, there is no need to complete any calendars. Just complete the attached field trip permission slips, and the registration form on the next page and you will be registered for the ENTIRE summer - no more paper work!

We hope to see you all this summer!

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