



SUMMER CAMP 2017

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

What are the leadership roles for summer camp staff?

There will be one Lead Guide in the Casa classroom and one Lead Guide for the elementary campers. There will be at least one Camp Counselor and one Junior Camp Aide for each Lead Counselor. The distribution of staff will depend on the number of children in each weekly session. Camp Director Annie (and Erika when present) will supervise all Lead Counselors, Camp Counselors, and Junior Camp Aides. The 8:1 student-to-teacher camp ratio is maintained based on Lead Counselors/Camp Counselors (not Junior Camp Aides). Kathy Anderson will provide general oversight during the camp weeks held in June, while Erin Doan will be in the Head of School role beginning in July and will provide oversight for the remainder of the summer camp weeks.

What is the role for each Camp Director?

Both Erika and Annie are planning the activities for camp, as well as helping to assemble the summer camp team. Annie is the lead on-site director and will be at camp for the majority of the summer camp weeks, with the exception of the last week. Erika is the lead programming director. She will be in attendance for the first and last weeks of camp, as well as each Monday for the start of a new camp week.

What is the role for each Lead Counselor?

Lead Counselors assist in the planning and implementing of daily activities that fit the campers' needs and interests. The Lead Counselors will ensure that the activities that are presented in the small groups led by the Camp Counselors are carried out in a positive, educational and entertaining way for the campers. The Lead Counselors will take responsibility for the quality of the programs, making sure that supplies, equipment and materials are ready for each group of campers on a daily basis. Overall supervision, establishing relationships with all campers and being available to the Camp Counselors and Camp Directors for other duties fill out the Lead Counselor role.

What are the roles of the Camp Counselors and the Junior Camp Aides?

The Camp Counselors will be responsible for supervising groups during activity times and presenting activities assigned to the various weeks. They will actively share duties to ensure all aspects of the camp are running smoothly and that children are learning, are safe and are enjoying the experience of summer camp.

The Junior Camp Aide's main role is to assist the Camp Counselors in leading groups and providing fun and safe experiences for children. The Junior Camp Aide will help the campers

gain a feeling of self-esteem, self-worth and competence in all settings and will serve as role models for the campers. The experience and oversight provided to the Junior Camp Aides will help them prepare for positions of greater responsibility in future years with the camp. The Junior Camp Aides do not supervise groups on their own.

What is the age-range of summer camp staff?

Junior Camp Aides must be in 7th and 8th grades at Oak Hill Montessori and have attended OHM summer camp in the past.

Camp Counselors must be at least 18 years of age.

How many staff members will be hired for Summer Camp?

Depending on the weekly camp enrollment, there will always be enough staff to maintain the 8:1 student-to-teacher ratio.

What is the criteria required for summer camp staff? (i.e. Montessori training, etc.)

We give priority to Montessori experience and/or educational courses but that does not mean that these are exclusive as we look at our applicants. The desire and enjoyment of working with children can come from many different experiences and we value any experience applicants may have in their background as it applies to childcare, teaching, coaching, camp counseling, etc.

Are background checks completed for all summer camp staff?

Yes, the same background check procedure that is followed for all Oak Hill staff also applies to the summer camp staff.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMING

What is the curriculum/programming for the various student age groups?

The weekly themes will drive the various activities that are planned for each camp week. Every week will be different, and the materials and activities will vary. The Children's House program will always include time in the classroom where they will have their own version of activities appropriate for their age as well as early level Montessori materials. The young campers will have plenty of opportunities to join the elementary campers for activities, outdoor play, lunch etc. A Summer Camp Highlights document with more details will be shared next week in News & Notes.

What are the expectations of the students and rules of behavior for the children?

Oak Hill's standard rules of student behavior that apply during the school year will apply during the summer camp. Oak Hill Montessori does not tolerate aggressive or inappropriate behavior by its students and will attend to such behaviors immediately. Please see the Policies and Procedures on the Summer Camp page where there is a more detailed section pertaining to behavior. Click on the download on the left-hand side of the page.

What is the approach to discipline that will be utilized in the Oak Hill Summer Camp?

The Oak Hill approach to discipline, outlined in the school's Parent Student Handbook, is the practice that will be followed in the Oak Hill Summer Camp. We make sure that our

comments are positive and consistent, and that they make clear what type of behavior is expected. Any consequences are dealt with individually and as positively as the situation allows, respecting the child's dignity and self-esteem. Please see the Summer Camp Policies and Procedures on the Summer Camp page by clicking on the download on the left-hand side of the page. These policies have not changed from previous years.

Are parents required to work at the summer camp or volunteer for field trips?

Our invitation to parents to be a part of the Oak Hill Summer Camp experience is merely an invitation for them to share their own hobbies and interests that might go along with one of the camp themes. If desired, parents may also volunteer to serve as chaperones on trips when needed. There is no obligation whatsoever for parents to work or to volunteer in the camp unless they would like the opportunity to do so.

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