



# Summer Day Camp

## Academy of the Son



Enriching the lives of K-5<sup>th</sup> grade children in the South Bay.

# The Salvation Army

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### **Purpose**

The Salvation Army Torrance Corps operates a Summer Day Camp from June 24 – August 23, 2019. This program is located on the Torrance Corps property is under the supervision of the Torrance Corps staff, specifically the Day Camp Coordinator, Samantha Hill. The program operates in conjunction with the corps, supporting the ministry and mission of The Salvation Army.

### **Mission**

Our mission is to empower children to develop independence, resilience, and critical thinking skills. Engage their creativity by providing a well structured sequence of learning activities that encourage children to question, construct, problem solve, and perform open ended tasks. Finally, to explore both God's word and God's world and understand how this can apply to their lives.

### **Vision**

The Academy of the Son strives to empower children, engage creativity, and explore God's world.

Empower children: Providing opportunities to learn, develop, and practice essential life skills through independent and group play, developmental activities, and offsite excursions and experiences.

Engage Creativity: Proving learning opportunities catered to all learning styles and encouraging deeper understanding through questioning, constructing, problem solving, and open ended tasks.

Explore God's World: Children have an innate curiosity that is best engaged when interacting with the world around them.

### **Contact Details**

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Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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### The Summer Day Camp Program

The 'Academy of the Son' Summer Day Camp is an all-inclusive program designed to enrich the Summer of children from the Torrance/South Bay area. Considering the significant break children have from formal schooling, activities are designed to engage day campers in academic exploration through hands on learning and 'real world' experiences. The opportunity is also taken to engage children in social skills development through games, small group activities, and important free play time to challenge their imagination and stretch their independence. The program is open to children ages 5-12.



### Program Overview

While each day at camp is special and unique, an example of a 'typical' day where children will rotate through three structured activities with assigned groups can be found on the next page. Activities will be based around the weekly theme and will involve reading, writing, math skills, bible stories, cooking, crafts, problem solving, music, drama, and technology.

### Musical Theater Weeks

The final two weeks of summer (August 12 – 23) will be a two week Musical Theater Day Camp, leading up to the final production which will be on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. These two weeks will involve singing, dancing, acting, costume making, and set designing. Children will audition on the first day of Musical Theater Camp (August 12) and will work for the next two weeks to put a whole production together. All children will participate in various elements of the production. Children must attend both weeks.



2018 Production of Disney's "The Lion King Jr."

## Typical Camp Day

8:00 - 9:00 am	Morning Arrival
9:00 – 10:00 am	Morning Assembly
9:30 - 10:30 am	Activity #1
10:30 – 11:00 am	Snack & Recess
11:00 am -12:00 pm	Activity #2
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch & Free Play
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Rest Time (K – 2) Group Game (3-5)
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Snack & Recess
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Activity #3
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Afternoon Assembly
4:45 - 6:00 pm	Free Play & Goodbye

### Staff

The Summer Day Camp Program is coordinated and conducted by experienced staff. The Salvation Army adheres to a minimum staff ratio of 1:12, however during formal programming hours this ratio is 1:10. Staff may be contacted through the Business Office details listed in this handbook.

### Hours of Operation

Summer Day Camp runs Monday – Friday from 8am – 6pm, with formal programming concluding at 4:45 pm. Please ensure your child is collected by 6 pm by an authorized parent/guardian or a late fee will be imposed. A late fee of \$10 applies after 6pm, with an additional \$10 every 10 minutes. The late fees are not intended to be punitive, rather, they cover the cost of staff overtime.

### Financial Commitment

Payments are due no later than the Monday of each week of attendance and can be made by cash, check, or debit/credit card (AMEX is not accepted).

#### Cost

Fee: \$150 / week

Deposit at the time of enrollment: \$5 / week (non-refundable)

#### Payment Options

There are two options for payment. You may pay for summer in full at the time of enrollment online at [www.torrancecorps.org/aots](http://www.torrancecorps.org/aots). If you would like to make weekly payments throughout the summer, you must submit a completed enrollment packet along to our main office with a down-payment of \$5 for each week of attendance. This will ensure your child’s space is reserved.



### **Health and Safety**

The health and safety of every camper at Summer Day Camp is the highest priority of all staff. Small staff to camper ratios ensure children are well supervised at all time whether engaged in structured indoor activities or enjoying free exploration in our outdoor play spaces. Every effort is made to ensure there are no injuries during camp, however staff are trained to address minor cuts and falls, if needed. A parent/guardian will be contacted in the event of a more serious injury or illness during camp hours. If your child contracts and illness before coming to camp, please ensure they have been cleared for contact with other children prior to attending. A minimum of 24 hours must pass before a child may return to camp after a fever.

### **Medication**

Please contact the program coordinator directly if your child requires any medications during camp hours to ensure we are able to accommodate their needs and to complete necessary medical forms.

### **Nutrition and Snacks**

During the Day Camp program there are two scheduled snack times in addition to a lunch period. Snacks are provided in the morning and afternoon and vary from day to day. Examples of snacks are fruit and vegetables, crackers, cheese, popcorn, granola bars and baked goods. Occasionally, children will participate in a cooking activity where they will prepare their own snack. If you would prefer to send your own snacks from home, please notify staff on your child's application along with any food allergies.

### **Electronics, cell phones and personal belongings**

We strongly advise that all electronics, cell phones and unnecessary personal belongings stay at home to avoid loss or damage. Cell phones will not be permitted during camp hours. If you need to contact your child, please call the office number with your message. All personal belongings (hats, sweaters, lunch boxes) should be clearly labeled with your child's full name. Any toys or books they choose to bring for free play will be their own responsibility.

### **Weekly Newsletter**

A weekly newsletter will be available prior to each week of camp to inform you of any important updates and provide information about what your child has been working on. This will be emailed to the address you provide.

### **Arrival and Departure**

Please ensure that you or an authorized representative signs your child in and out of the program each day. We ask that you escort them carefully through the parking lot during these busy times of day. The staff member on duty may ask for photo ID at pick up to ensure that your child is safely with an authorized adult. We thank you for your cooperation in this area.

#### **Excursions**

During each themed week, campers will be involved in an excursion. The excursions are selected to complement the learning taking place during activities and to explore great places in our unique city. All children attend excursions under the watchful supervision of staff members and travel by school bus or Salvation Army minivan. Please note that while every effort is made to go on excursions as advertised, if cancellation occurs out of our control, a suitable alternative will be made. All planned excursions can be found listed in this handbook. Specific details of departure and return times for excursions will be included in the weekly newsletters.

### **Our environment**

Over the summer, activities will take place around the grounds of The Salvation Army, including in our large hall, children's room, and outdoor futsal court and play area. Campers will also be taken off-site for excursions.



## Code of Conduct

As a means of maintaining a high-quality learning environment, all children are required to abide by the Summer Day Camp Code of Conduct. This outlines briefly the expectations held of all children who are a part of the program. We ask that parents and guardians read through this with their children to prepare them for their time at camp. Any failure to follow the Code of Conduct will result in an appropriate for example, a warning, time out, sitting out of an activity, or writing an apology letter. More serious actions would warrant a call to parents, meeting with the camp coordinator or possible suspension from the program. In this event, there would be no refund of the camper's fees for that week. Children who attend Day Camp agree to:

- Listen to instructions from leaders and follow instructions the first time.
- Speak politely to others and use good manners.
- Be responsible for personal belongings.
- Use Day Camp facilities and equipment in a safe way and clean up any supplies used.
- Never use words or body in a way that might be harmful or hurtful towards others or themselves.
- Stay with the group and try their best in activities.
- Sit safely on buses and walk safely with assigned group on excursions.
- Accept consequences if they choose not to follow camp rules.





# “Blast From the Past”

## Summer Day Camp 2019

Week	Dates	Theme	Excursion (Tuesday)	Dress Up Day (Friday)
1	June 24 – June 28	Jurassic World	Natural History Museum	Caveman/ Flintstones
2	July 1 – July 5 (closed on 4 <sup>th</sup> of July)	Ancient Worlds	Santa Ana Zoo	Senior Citizen Day
3	July 8 – July 12	Medieval Times	South Coast Botanical Gardens	Pajama Day
4	July 15 – July 19	Age of Exploration	Discovery Cube	Twin Day
5	July 22 – July 26	Wild Wild West	Adventure City	Western Day
6	July 29 – August 2	Decade Jump: 50s, 60s, 80s	John’s Incredible Pizza (lunch provided)	Neon / Tie Dye Day
7	August 5 – August 9	Back to the Future	CA Science Center	Crazy Hair/ Crazy Sock Day
8 & 9	August 12-16 & 19-23	Musical Theater Camp	TBD	Final Performance on August 23 <sup>rd</sup> !
<b>Note: All excursions are subject to change and final confirmation.</b>				