



Summer Day Camp

Academy of the Son



Enriching the lives of 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 15- August 21, 2020. This program is located on the Torrance Corps property 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: Providing 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, 9:00 am – 4:00 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

Musical Theater Day Camp will take place in the middle of summer for two weeks (July 20 – July 31). The final production will be on Friday, July 31st. These two weeks will involve singing, dancing, acting and costume making. Children will audition on the first day of Musical Theater Camp (July 20th) and will work for the next two weeks to put a whole production together. All children will participate in various elements of the production. Musical Theater Camp will expand from ages 5 – 13 years old. Children **must attend both weeks every day.**



2019 Production of "Seussical the Musical."

Typical Camp Day

8:00 - 9:00 am	Morning Arrival
9:15 – 9:25 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

Day Camp Fee: \$175 / week

Musical Theater Fee: \$200 / 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. 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 ensures 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 an 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 can 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. Lunch is not provided and must be brought from home.





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 sign 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. Campers will also be taken off-site for scheduled 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 action. 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.





“Endless Wonders”

Summer Day Camp 2020

Week	Dates	Theme	Excursion (Tuesday)	Dress Up Day (Friday)
1	June 15-19	Animal Planet	Santa Ana Zoo	Plaid Day
2	June 22-26	Music Mania	John’s Incredible Pizza	Pajama Day
3	June 29-July 3	Celebration of Nations	Natural History Museum	Superhero Day
4	July 6-10	Innovation & Invention	California Science Center	Crazy Hair/Socks
5	July 13-17	Artful Antics	Adventure City	Tie Dye/Neon
6&7	July 20-24 & July 27-31	Musical Theater Camp	TBD	Final Performance July 31 st !
8	August 3-7	Aqua Adventure	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aloha Apparel
9	August 10-14	Space is the Place	Discovery Cube	Twin Day
10	August 17-21	Fun & Fitness	South Coast Botanic Gardens	Sports Team Apparel
Note: All excursions are subject to change and final confirmation.				