



## **St. Michael's Summer Spectacular Camps FAQ**

### **What is St M doing to help stop the spread of COVID-19 during summer camp?**

St M is following the most up-to-date guidelines for safety as set by the CDC and VDH. Specific measures include the following best practices:

- We are shrinking camp sizes to help with social distancing throughout the camp day.
- Strict cohorting will be adhered to during morning half day camps. Expanded cohorting will be adhered to during afternoon add-ons.
- Campers and staff must pass a health check each morning before joining the group. This involves taking temperatures, checking for signs/symptoms of COVID-19, and confirming that each person has not been recently exposed to anyone with COVID-19 or active COVID-like symptoms.
- Face coverings are required to be worn indoors over the nose and mouth throughout the camp day.
- Snack and lunch will be held outside and at a physical distance for increased safety during these unmasked times.
- More instruction will take place outdoors throughout the day.
- More frequent bathroom/hand-washing/hand sanitization breaks are planned throughout the day.
- High-touch surfaces will be disinfected regularly throughout the day. Minimal items will be shared between campers and will be disinfected between uses.

### **Will campers be made to wear masks?**

Yes. Per CDC guidelines, all children ages 4 and up will be required to wear a mask on campus. The mask should loop around the ears (no gaiters) and remain fitted over the nose and mouth for the duration of camp. Mask breaks will be provided in outdoor environments when sustained close contact is not part of the activity.

### **Do you provide lunch/snacks?**

All campers attending on-campus camps should bring a nut-free morning snack each day. For those extending play time with our Afternoon Adventures program, a nut-free sack lunch and nut-free afternoon snack should also be packed from home.

### **What ages do you accept into your camps?**

We have something fun for potty-trained 4 year olds (rising JKers) all the way through 14 year olds!

### **Do you have to be a St. Michael's student to sign up for camp?**

Summer Spectacular Camps at St M are for all children; you do not need to be enrolled at St. Michael's to attend.

### **Do you offer financial assistance for camps?**

We have a small financial aid program. If you would like more information, please contact Ashley Buffey, our Director of Extended Programs, at 804-272-3514, ext. 404 or [abuffey@stmschool.net](mailto:abuffey@stmschool.net).

### **When does registration for Summer Spectacular open/close?**

Open enrollment begins on March 1 and ends 2 weeks before the camp in question.

### **How do I register?**

Please register online by visiting [this link](#). Active is our registration system, and you'll need to create an account there. You'll find that Active streamlines the registration process in many ways, especially through its shopping cart feature (sign up for multiple camps or enroll multiple students in one transaction!) and automated payment plan function.

### **What is the refund/cancellation policy on camps?**

- For cancellations made through May 31, 2021, you will receive a full refund of the tuition paid.
- For cancellations made between June 1, 2021 and until two weeks before the start of your chosen camp, you will receive a credit for use at a future time unless another camper can take the spot.
- For cancellations made with less than two weeks' notice before the start of your chosen camp, no refund will be provided.
- No refunds or reimbursements will be offered for missed days of camp.
- If the School is mandated by VDH to shut down any part of camp through contact tracing, a prorated refund will be provided.

### **Where are Summer Spectacular camps located?**

All on-campus, half-day opportunities will be held on our beautiful 70-acre campus at 10510 Hobby Hill Road. Off-campus, full day options with VA Outside will be held at outdoor locations around the Richmond area (depending on the camp), but transportation will be provided to and from the St M campus.

### **What if the camp I want is full?**

If the camp that you are interested in registering for is full, you'll be able to add your name to a waiting list. If a spot opens, we will let you know as soon as possible!

### **What if my child needs medication during the day?**

St. Michael's administrative staff is MAT trained to administer medicine. Should your child need medication throughout the day, and they are able to administer it themselves (i.e. insulin), then that is permitted with notice to staff. If a medication needs to be given that the camper cannot administer themselves, a signed authorization form is needed. Please email [abuffey@stmschool.net](mailto:abuffey@stmschool.net) to receive this form.

### **How early may I drop off my child for camp?**

Drop-off begins at 8:50 a.m., 10 minutes before the start of the camp day. Early Arrival opportunities are not available this year due to the desire to limit the number of cohorts we are creating on campus. No one will be available to receive your child before 8:50 a.m. except in the case of a few VA Outside camps that begin at 8:30 a.m. VA Outside staff will communicate specifics directly with the families in those groups.