

Camp Erie 2018 FAQ

What are the weekly themes and field trips for this summer?

The weekly themes and field trips are as follows:

Week	Theme	ARPS Field Trip	ECC Field Trip
1	ColoRADO	Progresh/X-Arena	Get Air Longmont
2	Cowboys vs. Aliens	Dart Wars	Denver Museum of Nature and Science
3	Jurassic Park(s) and Recreation	Denver Zoo	
4	Color Wars	Denver Children's Museum	Progresh/X-Arena
5	Take Me Out to the Ball Game	Chipper Lanes	Coors Field
6	Space Station Vacation	Fiske Planetarium	UCAR Center for Science Education
7	Surfs Up!	Pirates Cove	
8	Holiday Hullabaloo	Jump City	Boondocks
9	Witches, Wizards, and Warlocks	Mid-Air Adventures	Dizzy Family Fun Center
10	Back to the Future	Elitch Gardens	

Please note that themes and field trips are subject to change. Please visit our Camp Erie website for the most up-to-date information.

Are there any other options for camp other than full-summer registration?

Unfortunately, Camp Erie has reached capacity (per state licensing requirements) each of the past three summers and we have not been able to provide for all families in need of full and part-time care. We made the difficult decision to only offer full-summer registration based on feedback received and the belief that it provides for the greatest need of full-time care. We also believe this creates the best camp experience for each child as they get to know each other and their counselors very well without the introduction new children each week.

Understanding there are many families in your situation that only need part-time care, we have worked very hard to improve and increase part-time camp options. These include many single day, single week, full and half day camps in arts & crafts, climbing, dance, sports, and STEM activities.

How much does camp cost? Are there payment plans available for my camper?

For Erie residents Camp will cost \$1750/camper; Non-residents Camp will cost \$2013/camper. Payment plans will be available for parents upon request at Guest Services. First week's payment for camp will be due at time of registration for parents opting to use payment plan.

When can I register?

Erie residents may register for Camp on February 26, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

Non-residents may register for Camp on March 5, 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

How can I register for Camp Erie?

You can register online at www.erieco.gov/ecc or in person with Guest Service at the Erie Community Center.

What does my camper need to bring to camp every day?

You should have your camper bring a healthy, nutritious lunch, two snacks, a water bottle, sunscreen, a towel, swimsuit, and an extra pair of clothes in the event of a spill or accident. Additionally, please make sure that all of your belongings are clearly marked and labeled.

What is Camp Erie's refund policy?

100% refund if requested prior to the registration deadline. Refunds requested after the registration deadline are not guaranteed but will be assessed on a case by case basis. All refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee (excludes household credits). The registration deadline for summer camp is Sunday, April 8th.

Refund request forms are available at Guest Service at the Erie Community Center. Refunds will be processed based on the date of submittal of the completed form.

Will I be able to apply for a refund if my camper is sick for a week or on a family vacation?

Unfortunately, we do not offer single day/week refunds for camps. However, we have adjusted our prices to reflect that campers may miss a few days due to illness, emergency situations, and family vacations.

Is there a sibling discount for families?

At this point we do not currently offer sibling discounts for families.

Will the campers be divided into groups by age?

Yes, campers will be broken up into groups by their age. This allows for all campers to participate and activities along with similarly aged peers. Camp is broken up into the follow age groups: Miners (5-7 years), Pioneers (8-9 years), Explorers (10-11 years), and Trailblazers (12-14 years).

Are there separate locations for each of the age groups?

Yes, campers ages 5-7 will be located at Aspen Ridge Preparatory School (705 Austin Avenue). Campers ages 8-14 will be at the Erie Community Center (450 Powers Street).

How does swim time work?

Campers will be given the opportunity to swim Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays every week during the summer. For the safety of your camper and the safety of other Community Center members, all campers will be required to take a swim test with one of our certified aquatics personnel. Based off of your campers swimming capabilities, they will be given one of three wrist bands that corresponds with their swimming ability. Please note that for safety reasons, at no time will campers be allowed access to the hot tub.

- Red - Full access to the zero depth entry pool and play area.
- Yellow - Full access to any area of the pool where their feet can safely touch; depending on the height of your camper, this may include the lazy river and slide.
- Green - Full access to the pool and pool amenities including: the deep end, pool swing, lazy river, and slide.

If your camper is dissatisfied with their assigned swim wrist band, they are eligible to retake the swim test during their next swim time. Please note that retaking the swim test may cut into your campers swim time and no guarantee can be made that they will be assigned a different swim bracelet color.

Can my camper use floaties or a swim vest?

Unfortunately, floaties and swim vests will not be allowed. Erie Community Center pool rules require children who use floaties or swim vests to be within arm's reach of an adult or in this case, camp staff member, at all times. To ensure the safety of all campers, we will not allow campers to use these items. Campers who would need floaties or a swim vest will be limited to the zero depth pool.

An alternative activity will be given to campers not wanting to participate in swim time.

Where do the campers get dropped off and picked up each day?

Camp begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. each day. Before and after care is also available. Before care will begin at 7:00 a.m., and after care will end at 6:00 p.m.

Sign-In and Sign-Out Locations:

- At Aspen Ridge Preparatory School: Upper School Cafeteria
- At the Erie Community Center: Briggs Room

**Only those indicated as an Authorized Pick-Up person on forms will be allowed to sign-out the campers.*

What are the qualifications and trainings for the summer camp counselors?

We follow the guidelines set by the Colorado Child Care Licensing Standards for camp staff screening and training. Camp staff are at least 16 years of age with most being 18+. All camp staff are CPR, First Aid and AED certified and receive certification in Universal Precautions. Additionally, the camp staff are also thoroughly background checked. Prior to the start of Camp Erie, camp staff will attend 15 hours of mandatory training on various topics including: camp policies, facilitating games, and learning how to work successfully with children.

What are my options if Camp Erie fills up?

If Camp Erie fills up there are a few options listed below:

1. You may put your camper on our Camp Erie 2018 waitlist. While there is no 100% guarantee that we will be able to get your child enrolled in Camp, it doesn't hurt to place your child on the waitlist as some participants drop out of Camp prior to our Sunday, April 8th registration deadline. If your child is selected off of the waitlist, you will be contacted by the Recreation Coordinator – General Interest Programs. At that point you will have **48 hours** following notification to complete the registration process before the next participant on the waitlist is contacted.
2. You may enroll your camper in our other part-time or full-time summer camps. To check availability please register online at www.erieco.gov or in person at Guest Service at the Erie Community Center.
3. You may enroll your camper in other local summer camps. Please visit our Camp Erie website for additional links and information.

Additional Questions?

Please contact David Peters-Recreation Coordinator General Interest Programs at 303-926-2797 or email dpeters@erieco.gov