City of Decatur Summer Camp Programs
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: When is Camp Registration?
A: Summer Camp Registration begins the first Saturday in January at 9:00 am
Registration for Legacy Park Summer Day Camp (including E Camps), tennis camps, sports camps, and summer aquatics lessons and clinics will begin the first Saturday in January 9 a.m. on WebTrac. For detailed instructions regarding the Summer Camp Registration process please see our Summer Camp How to Register document on the Registration Page of our website. www.decaturga.com/cys

Q: Do camps fill up on the first day of registration?
A: Most camps will fill on the first day of registration – sometimes in as little as a few minutes. If attending a particular camp session is important to you or your camper, you should be sure to register online as soon as registration opens.

Q: Is camp registration first-come first-served?
A: Yes. Registration for each camp session is open until filled starting at 9 am on registration day. After that point a waitlist is formed.

Q: If I have an item in my cart is it “reserved” for me?
A: No. Our software will enroll the first person to pay for the session so if another customer checks out before you, your child may be placed on the waiting list.

Q: Should I plan to register in person at the Decatur Recreation Center or is online better?
A: Online registration is the only option on Camp Registration day. Be sure to have your Household ID number and password in hand before registration day. If you are qualified for or applying for Financial Assistance, you may register online but the $25 deposit will apply. For the FA deposit of $10 in person registration is necessary at Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore Street. Financial Assistance is available only to City of Decatur residents.

Q: Who qualifies for Financial Assistance for camps?
A: To qualify for financial assistance through Children and Youth Services or Active Living you must be able to demonstrate one of the following:

- Residency status in City of Decatur, zip code 30030 and a select few 30033 (acceptable documents include: tax bill, utility bill, rent receipt or current signed lease agreement, or mortgage deed)
• Proof of employment with Decatur Housing Authority, City of Decatur, or City Schools of Decatur

Q: **Who can attend City of Decatur camps?**
A: City of Decatur camps are open to any child who meets the grade/age parameters of a given camp session and is able to perform camper essential functions to attend (see Parent Handbook for information on camper essential functions). Grades/ages are firm – if the camp serves rising Kindergarteners, campers must be at least 5 years of age on the first day they will attend camp. Five year olds must have previously attended a full-day program and show proof of age (birth certificate or school record).

Q: **What should I do to prepare for Camp Registration?**
A: For a detailed answer to this question, please review the How to Register for Summer Camp Programs document.

The short answer is: plan ahead and make clear notes about your first and second choices in case your first choice fills up. Check your household member data on WebTrac before registration day and update where needed – especially grade levels. Have your Household ID number, password, and Visa or MasterCard ready at 9 am on the first Saturday in January.

Q: **My child was waitlisted – what’s next?**
A: If a space in one of our camps opens up for your child, our office will call you. You will have three business days in which to respond and make your payment to hold the camp for your child. If you do not respond you will forfeit your spot in the camp and we will move on to the next family on the list.

The bottom line regarding the waiting list is that if your child was waitlisted you should make other summer camp arrangements. Waitlist enrollment means that a camp reached full registration so unless those families change their plans, you will need an alternative for that week. Please note that you may check your waitlist status via your online account at any time. Our office will not contact you regarding your waitlist status unless and until a spot opens for your child.

Q: **What sort of camps does the city offer?**
A: The City of Decatur’s Active Living and Children and Youth Services divisions offer dozens of different summer programs each summer. Active Living offers part-day Sports Camps as well as full- and part-day Tennis and Swim camps. Children and Youth Services (CYS) offers Legacy Park Day Camp (LPDC). LPDC consists of a day camp program for rising Kindergarteners through 5th graders as well as E Camps (Enrichment Camps) which focus on a topic in-depth and serve specific age ranges (see the Camp Playbook for details). Many E Camps are planned and facilitated by City Schools of Decatur teachers.
Q: What are the City of Decatur camps’ goals?
A: Each camp program targets a set of goals for campers. See the chart below for camp goals:

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Q: How much do camps cost?
A: Camps range in cost depending on the length of the camp day and the cost of materials required for the type of camp activity. Camps generally average $230 per week and range from $90 for a half day camp to $280 per week for a full day camp. After camp care is an additional $20-$40 per week (offered only for identified camps ending at 4 pm, does not include Sports Camps).

Q: When are camp fees due?
A: Camp registration requires a minimum deposit of $25 per session to hold a camper spot. After registration, fees for all camps taking place in May and June are due the first Saturday in May. Fees for all camps taking place in July are due the first Saturday in June.

Q: What do children do at camp?
A: Detailed information about planned camp activities may be available from the City of Decatur team member responsible for coordinating the camp about which you want more information. Please visit the Summer Programs page on [www.decaturga.com/cys](http://www.decaturga.com/cys) to find contact information for key city staff members. You may also review the Camp Playbook program guide at [www.decaturga.com/playbook](http://www.decaturga.com/playbook) for descriptions of the city’s planned camp programs.
Q: What are the camp’s hours?

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*Pages 10-11 of the Camp Playbook will provide operating hours for each camp

** Planned program activities begin at 9 am – drop off anytime between 8 and 9 am

Q: How early can I drop my child off?
A: Legacy Park Day Camp, Sports Camps and E Camps will receive children as early as 8:00 am. Tennis Swim and Cookout Camp and Tournament Tennis Camp receive children as early as 8:30 am.

Q: How much does Shenanigans after camp care cost?
A: Shenanigans (After camp care) costs $20 for 4-5 pm and $40 for 4-6 pm for each week in which a child is enrolled. After camp care is only offered at locations where camp ends at 4 pm – does not include Sports Camps.

Q: Where does after camp care take place?
A: After camp care takes place at the camp site. For Tennis camps – Glenlake Tennis Center. For Legacy Park Day Camp including E Camps – Decatur Legacy Park Cochran Building and outdoors.

Q: What is the refund policy? How do I request a transfer or refund?
A: All summer camps require a non-refundable, non-transferrable deposit of $25 per session. Camp fees are refundable and transferable (less the deposit) up to two weeks before the first day of the camp session. After camp care is 100% refundable up to the Friday before the camp session begins at 4 pm. Request after camp care refunds in writing as indicated below.

Refunds and transfers must be requested in writing by the two week deadline in order to be honored. Send requests to [cys@decaturga.com](mailto:cys@decaturga.com) for Legacy Park Day Camp and E Camps and to [Virginia.atchison@decaturga.com](mailto:Virginia.atchison@decaturga.com) for Sports Camps and Tennis/Aquatics camps.
Q: What other camp options are available in this area?
A: Many organizations in Decatur and in the metro Atlanta region offer camp programs. One resource for local programs is on the City Schools of Decatur website at www.csdecatur.net on the Families menu. Look for the list of Afterschool and Camp programs.

You may also want to use the American Camp Association’s website to find a camp at http://find.acacamps.org/.

Q: Who should I contact if I have questions?
A: For a list of City of Decatur camp program contacts please visit the Summer Programs page of our website. You may always reach Active Living and Children and Youth Services staff members at 404-377-0494 (Decatur Recreation Center front desk), 404-378-1082 (Children and Youth Services office), and 404-377-7231 (Glenlake Tennis Center).

For more specifics, please visit our Forms Page and download the Camp Parent Handbook relevant to the camp or camps of interest to you.