



2020 SUMMER GUIDE



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CAMP IOI

- Camp for rising lower school students (grades 2nd-5th) is June 15th-19th, 22nd-26th. Camp hours are from 9:00AM until 4:00PM Monday-Friday. Camp is 2 consecutive weeks, so plan on joining us for both weeks!
- Camp for rising middle school students (grades 6th - 8th) is June 15th-19th, 22nd-26th. Camp hours are from 9:00AM until 4:00PM Monday-Friday. Camp is 2 consecutive weeks, so plan on joining us for both weeks!
- Please walk your camper in for the first day of camp, after that, all campers report to the cafeteria when arriving to camp. Camp instructors will walk campers outside for afternoon pickup.
- Please check in any medications with the front desk on the first day of camp.
- We ask that campers do not bring personal items (i.e. toys, iPod, cell phones, or tablets) to camp or check them in at the front office before camp starts. If an item is lost or damaged at camp, we are not responsible for replacement costs.
- Campers must bring a water bottle to stay hydrated, as we will be spending time outside.



CAMP LUNCH

- Campers must bring their own lunch for camp. They can keep their lunches in the refrigerator/freezer until lunch time. Microwaves will be accessible.

CLOTHING

- Campers are to wear comfortable play clothes that are able to get dirty.
- Tennis shoes are required for afternoon electives.
- Please label all bags and belongings with the campers' first and last name.
- Extra clothes may be needed for art – we will send notes home when needed for the next day.



SNACKS

- Please send an afternoon snack with your camper.



CAMP SCHEDULE

Daily Camp Schedule

- 9:00am - 9:10am Lunchroom meeting
- 9:15am - 10:15 Academic A
- 10:20am - 11:20am Academic B
- 11:25am - 12:25pm Academic C
- 12:30pm - 1pm Lunch
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Elective A
- 2:00pm - 3:00pm Elective B
- 3:00pm - 4:00pm Elective C

Academic Classes consist of Writing/ELA, Math, and Executive Functioning.

Elective Classes consist of STEM, Art, and Sports/Games.

Lower School and Middle School campers will be divided into 3 groups each, based off of age and math ability. This will determine their placement in their groups that will rotate through academic and elective.



CAMP DESCRIPTIONS (Academics)

- **Writing / ELA Camp:** Victor Hugo said, “To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” Teaching a child to read is a great honor. With proper instruction, learners can acquire gains in their reading and writing capabilities. Our faculty’s expertise equips students with learning differences to achieve their goals. Please join us this summer as we cultivate the delight of reading and writing! Pre and post assessments will be given and available to parents.
- **Multisensory Math Camp:** Young learners will sharpen crucial mathematical skills taught by creative, experienced teachers. Math concepts will be taught using the highly respected Orton-Gillingham approach to mathematics. We will focus on math concept and skill development based on the child’s grade level. Pre and post assessments will be given and available to parents.
- **Executive Functioning:** Lost papers? Messy rooms? Too much to do and too little time to do it? Executive Function is the cognitive ability to organize and prioritize life into manageable and enjoyable portions, much as an air traffic controller does at a busy airport. Students with learning differences often have struggles in this arena. We will explore different research-based tools for addressing EF issues, as well as deepen our understanding of this complex topic. This hands-on class will provide time-tested and proven techniques that have the potential to make school much more peaceful.



CAMP DESCRIPTIONS (Electives)

- **Sports and Games:** Campers will spend part of the afternoon learning how to play different sports as well as participating in exercise stations. The curriculum is based on the book *Spark* by John Ratey. His research shows that students who have regular physical activity are able to concentrate better. The goal for this camp is for campers to enjoy and seek out physical activity in a fun and exciting way.



- **Art Camp:** Art camps will center around using nature to create art using various mediums. Students will not only be creating traditional art but will be participating in full-body projects and trying mediums that they might not have discovered yet! This is a wonderful chance for students to step out of their comfort zones, get messy, and try new things! (A change of clothes might be needed some days)
- **STEM Camp:** Our STEM project will cover the concept of designing a functioning lunar colony. We will cover in-depth engineering designs such as tackling the question of how to get food, what is the environment like, how to get water, stave off boredom and even what to do when you are missing Earth. To begin our project, students will explore the lunar surface. They will learn facts about the moon, including, temperature, gravity, and geography. Then campers will transition to researching, designing and constructing a scaled version of the lunar colony. Upon completion of construction, students will tackle the challenging components of life on the moon. This part of the project will be based on real technologies that are developed by NASA.



DROP OFF/PICK UP

- Drop-off and pick-up both take place at the main entrance in front of the school. For morning drop-off, please walk your camper in the first day, then after that please send them into the cafeteria daily. If you are running late, you must sign your child in at the front desk.
- For afternoon pick-up, you do not need to sign your camper out. A staff member will walk your camper to his or her car.
- Whenever someone other than parents or guardians are picking up campers, the camp must be notified beforehand and provide the name of the driver. The person picking up your child will be asked to show his/her driver's license.



MEDICATIONS

- If your child requires medication, please fill out the medication form at the end of this handbook and turn it into the office.
- All medications must remain in the day camp office under staff supervision. This does not apply to epi-pens or inhalers.
- The parent or guardian must give any refill directly to the front desk.
- The parent needs to come by the front desk at the end of the week to retrieve their child's medication; we cannot let students keep their medicine on them.

TUITION

- Tuition must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 20th.
- Missed days will not be refunded.
- The cost of the camp is \$600 with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee for SVS students and a \$75 non-refundable registration fee for non-SVS students. Spots are limited and the registration fee will hold your camper's spot.



CODE OF CONDUCT

- Campers are responsible for their conduct at Camp Spring Valley. SVS expects campers to treat each other and camp instructors with kindness and respect. Camp Spring Valley reserves the right to establish rules and regulations for the general welfare of the camp and its campers/administration.

CAMPER RESPONSIBILITY

Every camper is expected to:

- Treat all campers, faculty and administration with courtesy and respect
- Be a willing participant in all camps
- Respect Spring Valley School property
- Abide by the code of conduct

CAMP CONTACTS

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CAMP LOCATION

Spring Valley School
2701 Sydney Drive
Birmingham, AL 35211

There will be a strict max of 30 lower school and 30 middle school campers.
Registration closes Wednesday, May 20th.

All registration forms are online. To register, please visit
www.springvalleyschool.org under the “Academics”
then “Summer Learning” tab.

