

## Important Day Camp Information Keep for Reference

### Key Dates

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| <b>Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup></b>   | Applications due                                    |
| <b>Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup></b>  | Acceptance and wait list decisions sent to families |
| <b>Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup></b>    | Online registration due                             |
| <b>Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup></b>   | Tuition balance paid in full                        |
| <b>Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup></b>   | First Day of Camp                                   |
| <b>Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup></b> | Last Day of Camp                                    |

**Camp is held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
with two exceptions for federal holidays.**

**There is no camp on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> but camp is in session on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**There is no camp on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> but camp is in session on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**To learn more about a typical camp day, please visit our website at:  
[www.ilovedaycamp.com](http://www.ilovedaycamp.com)**

### The Parish Camp's Mission Statement

St. Matthew's Day Camp serves the children and families of the Parish and the surrounding community. The Camp provides a diverse recreational experience through a safe and structured program that emphasizes friendship, caring, self-esteem and fun. It provides both campers and staff the opportunity to enjoy the Parish grounds and the company of one another, and to develop physical, social, and personal skills, in a Christian setting, as a complement to their family upbringing and formal education.

We are committed to operating as an Episcopal Day Camp, supporting the spiritual growth of our children. As part of the Parish's outreach, the Camp will continue to offer a number of "camperships" to children from the wider community who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Applications are **not** accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Please carefully read the Admissions policy below.

Our youngest campers are entering First Grade and are oldest campers are entering Sixth Grade.

## Admissions Policy

St. Matthew's Parish Summer Day Camp gives an admission priority to Parish members and returning campers. Criteria for Parish Membership are established by the Clergy and will be consistent with all other Parish programs:

St. Matthew's and the canon law of the Episcopal Church maintains four requirements for active membership:

- Recording one's name on the parish's register of baptized members
- Participating in regular Sunday worship
- Involvement in a parish activity or ministry
- Making an annual financial pledge in support of St. Matthew's.

You don't need to have been baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian in order to become a member of St. Matthew's.

While we would like to have all applicants attend camp, maintaining proper age and gender balance and limitations on the facilities available for camp often mean that not every child can attend. For the youngest class of children (just having completed kindergarten and entering first grade), since the criteria for returning campers are not applicable, those Parish members who apply will in almost all instances be admitted. For returning campers, St. Matthew's Day Camp considers other factors such as siblings of continuing and previous campers, pastoral concerns, and repeat applicants. A waiting list is kept of those we could not accept. Our youngest campers have finished Kindergarten and are entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade next fall. Our oldest campers have finished 5<sup>th</sup> and are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next fall. **TO BEST SECURE A SPOT FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU ARE URGED TO HAVE THEM BEGIN ATTENDING THE SUMMER BEFORE FIRST GRADE.**

## Attendance Policy

Campers who successfully complete this year's program with **no less than eighteen full days' attendance at Camp (no more than six days absent)** will be considered "returning campers" next year. Those with more than six unexcused absences will generally lose their priority - vacations are not normally considered excused absences. The Vestry and Day Camp Board believe that enforcement of this attendance policy is appropriate stewardship of the wonderful resource that the Day Camp offers the Parish community.

## Tuition

**Tuition for Day Camp 2024 will be \$1800.** Once accepted, families will have the opportunity to choose a payment plan; all balances must be paid in full before camp starts. St. Matthew's Day Camp does not want to turn any camper away due to an inability to pay the full tuition. If your family has a financial need, please reach out to us at: [daycamp@stmatthews.com](mailto:daycamp@stmatthews.com).

**St. Matthew's Day Camp welcomes all families; in fact, a large number of our campers are not members of the Parish. To be considered a member of the Parish of St. Matthew for purpose of admission, an applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must have been an active and pledging member of The Parish of St. Matthew for at least two years prior to the application.**

**If you have questions regarding Parish membership, please call the Parish office at 310-454-1358. The Day Camp may be reached in the off-season by email at: [daycamp@stmatthews.com](mailto:daycamp@stmatthews.com)**

# Day Camp Calendar 2024 - Tentative

| MONDAY                              | TUESDAY                     | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| June 17<br><b>First Day of Camp</b> | 18                          | 19<br><b>Juneteenth Holiday</b><br><b>NO CAMP</b> | 20   | 21<br><b>Camp in Session</b>                               |
| 24                                  | 25                          | 26<br><b>World Day</b>                            | 27   | 28<br><b>NO CAMP</b>                                       |
| July 1                              | 2<br><b>Costume Day</b>     | 3   | 4<br><b>Fourth of July Holiday</b><br><b>NO CAMP</b> | 5<br><b>Camp in Session</b><br><b>Olympic Day</b>          |
| 8<br><b>!yaD<br/>sdrawkcaB</b>      | 9                           | 10<br><b>Boys or Girls Beach Day (Groups 5-8)</b> | 11<br><b>Boys or Girls Overnight* (Groups 5-8)</b>   | 12<br><b>Overnight Pick-Up 8:45 a.m.</b><br><b>NO CAMP</b> |
| 15                                  | 16<br><b>Tournament Day</b> | 17<br><b>Boys or Girls Beach Day (Groups 5-8)</b> | 18<br><b>Boys or Girls Overnight* (Groups 5-8)</b>   | 19<br><b>Overnight Pick-Up 8:45 a.m.</b><br><b>NO CAMP</b> |
| 22                                  | 23<br><b>Family Night</b>   | 24<br><b>Thanksgiving Day</b>                     | 25<br><b>Last Day of Camp</b>                        | 26<br><b>NO CAMP</b>                                       |

Please note: This is a TENTATIVE calendar. While the beginning and end dates are set, the special days and activities may change. An updated calendar is always available online at: [www.ilovedaycamp.com](http://www.ilovedaycamp.com)

\*The order of the Boys and Girls Overnights will be determined in February based on the number of campers in Troop 223 participating in Emerald Bay.