

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Summer and winter Camps held at International School Ho Chi Minh City (ISHCMC)

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO SUMMER OR WINTER CAMP?

A: You can find all information relating to our Summer or winter camps on our official website:
<https://inspireeducamps.org/>

Q: WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE SUMMER OR WINTER CAMP?

A: Please send us an email and we will promptly reply to your inquiry: info@inspireeducamps.org

Q: WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: The summer camp dates are 24 June 2023 to 28 July 2023:

Week 1: 24 - 28 June

Week 2: 01 - 05 July

Week 3: 08 - 12 July

Week 4: 15 - 19 July

Week 5: 22 - 26 July

Q: WHAT ARE THE SUMMER CAMP HOURS?

A: Summer Camps will be Monday to Friday each week 8.30am to 3pm.

Q: WHERE WILL THE SUMMER CAMPS BE HELD?

A: The summer camps will be at ISHCMC Secondary Campus at:
1 Xuan Thuy Street | Thao Dien Ward | District 2 | Ho Chi Minh City

Q: WHAT AGE STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Summer Camp is open to students from all schools from 5 to 15 years old.

Q: DO YOU SEPARATE CHILDREN BY AGE AND GRADE?

A: Yes. During the registration process, you'll be asked to enter your child's age. This will select their age group and they will be placed as below:

- 5 years old
- 6/7 years old
- 8/9 years old
- 10/11 years old
- 12/13 years old
- 14/15 years old

Q: WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE LOOK LIKE?

A: Please visit our website and see information in the program overview.

Q: DO YOU HAVE TO BE AN ISHCMC STUDENT TO ATTEND THE SUMMER CAMPS?

A: Not at all! We welcome students to attend from all schools.

Q: IS THE SUMMER CAMP AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM THAT FOCUSES ON CHILDREN LEARNING ENGLISH?

A: While our summer camp integrates English language learning, its primary focus is not on language instruction. Our activity-based camps are centered around inquiry-based learning, which naturally incorporates English language use within the context of each weekly theme. These themes are thoughtfully selected to be both contemporary and

practical, ensuring that children gain valuable insights and knowledge. Additionally, our program emphasizes the development of mindset, life skills, and social-emotional learning, providing a holistic educational experience that goes beyond language acquisition.

Q: CAN CHILDREN WITH LOWER ENGLISH LEVELS ATTEND THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Absolutely! Our camps are designed to be inclusive and accommodating for children of all English proficiency levels. We understand that language learning is a journey, and our experienced teaching assistants are dedicated to providing comprehensive support to children with lower English levels. This support extends across all program areas, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to fully engage, learn, and enjoy their camp experience regardless of their current language ability. We strive to create a nurturing environment where language development is a natural part of the camp activities, enabling all children to thrive and develop their English skills at their own pace.

Q: HOW CAN I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SUMMER CAMP?

A: You can register and pay online at Inspireeducamps website.

Q: WHAT ARE THE FEES FOR SUMMER CAMP?

A: The fees for summer camp are displayed on our website.

Q: IF I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR ONLY 2,3 OR 4 WEEKS OF THE SUMMER CAMP, CAN I EXTEND BY ANY EXTRA WEEKS?

A: Yes, you can extend your child's registration in camp **IF PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE** in your child's age range. To request extension, you can email our Admin at: info@inspireeducamps.org
For each week extended there is a fixed fee of 11,125,000vnd per week (Payment by Credit Card ONLY)

Q: ARE LUNCHES AND SNACKS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Yes. Morning/ afternoon snacks and lunch are provided daily for students in the summer camp. The lunch is 'buffet style' where students can select from Western, Asian & Vegetarian. Students can visit the food counter as many times as they choose which ensures children eat food that they like, and they eat enough.

Q: CAN I BOOK THE SCHOOL BUS FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP?

A: Yes. School bus service will be available for parents to book for their children to attend summer camp. Bus fees are displayed on our website and are calculated based on the number of weeks your child is attending summer camp.

Q: WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR AND BRING TO SUMMER CAMP?

A: Your child should dress in casual/ sports clothes and bring the following:

- Hat/cap
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Change of clothes in their bag

Q: CAN MY CHILD BRING A PHONE/TABLET/LAPTOP TO THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Yes. Students are allowed to bring a phone/tablet/laptop to the summer camp for contacting purpose. They are only allowed to use their devices under their Group Leader's supervision. Students will take the responsibility of keeping their own devices.

Q: IS THE PROGRAMME DIFFERENT EVERY WEEK?

A: Yes, our five-week summer camp is divided into weekly themes. Each theme stands alone as a unique project-based learning experience.

Q: WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES WILL MY CHILD DO IN SUMMER CAMP?

A: Our five-week summer camp is divided into weekly themes. Each theme stands alone as a unique project-based learning experience. Students will interact with the weekly theme through a fun mix of sports, team building, activities, cooking classes, weekly projects, and life-skills.

The goal of each weekly theme is to expose students to unique learning opportunities. These individual learning experiences will help guide students on their larger journey as lifelong learners.

For more details, please visit our website.

Q: IS THERE A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER SHOWING WHAT CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DOING IN CAMP?

A: Yes. At the end of each week a Newsletter is posted on our official Facebook page to show what children have been doing in the summer camp. From the second week of summer camp there will also be a link where parents can view and download photos of the summer camp activities.

Inspireeducamps official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/InspireEduCamps/>

Q: DOES THE CAMP PROVIDE A WEEKLY UPDATE ON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES?

A: Absolutely! Every week, we publish a Newsletter on our official Facebook page, offering a glimpse into the exciting activities the children engage in at our summer camp. Starting from the second week, we will also provide a link for parents to view and download photographs of the camp's various events and activities. Stay updated by following us on our InspireEducamps Facebook page: [InspireEducamps Official Facebook Page](#).

Q: WHO ARE THE STAFF INVOLVED WITH THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Please visit our website to learn more about our team.

Q: WILL I RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER CAMP AFTER I REGISTER?

A: Once you register and pay for your child's summer camp program, you will receive a confirmation email for your own records. In addition to that confirmation email, you will receive email updates two weeks prior to the start of your child's summer camp. These emails will provide you with all necessary information to prepare your child for summer camp.

Q: WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION?

A: Kindly know that to support students from different schools, we do not have a fixed deadline for registration; however, once places are full in each of our camps, we will not be able to receive further registrations.

Q: CAN MY CHILD STAY AT THE SUMMER CAMP AFTER 3PM?

A: Student will leave school at 3pm and our staff will wait with them at the front gate until 3:30 pm, after that all the staff and teachers will leave because there are no other activities at school during summertime.

Q: WHAT IS THE ABSENCE POLICY?

A: Please send an email to our Admin staff at: info@inspireeducamps.org to inform that your child will be absent. Please note that the fee is non-refundable or non-transferable in any circumstances, so there will not be any refunds for absence days. The fees included lunch, snacks and learning resources for the whole week, not single days.

Q: WILL THERE BE A NURSE ON DUTY DURING THE SUMMER CAMP?

A: Yes. There will be a full-time nurse on duty every day during summer camp.

Q: CAN I REQUEST THAT MY CHILD BE PLACED IN A GROUP WITH ANOTHER FRIEND IN SUMMER CAMP (BUDDY REQUESTS)?

A: Absolutely! Buddy requests can be made during the registration process. We always do our very best to accommodate buddy requests as we know how important this can be to your children.

Q: WHAT IS THE TEAM LEADER TO CHILD RATIO AT SUMMER CAMP?

A: In Summer Camp we always have plenty of staff closely supervising your children to ensure the safety of the students and the quality of the program.

For Children 5 to 11yrs, we aim to maintain an in-group ratio of approximately 6-8:1. For our older children (12 to 15yrs) the ratio is 8-10:1. Depending on the activity at hand, the ratio will vary based on the required staff level and supervision required.

Q: WHAT PRECAUTIONS DO YOU TAKE TO HANDLE THE SUMMER HEAT?

A: We are aware that the summer heat can drain our student’s energy throughout the day and week. Water is always available for students, and they are encouraged to take water breaks approximately every 15-20 minutes. We take the heat, the humidity index, and the air quality index seriously. Daily, the on-site Manager will make decisions relating to the air quality and the weather with student health and safety in mind.

Q: DO YOU HAVE AN INCLUSION POLICY?

A: We certainly do! Summer Camp strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for each child as they work to discover and grow their personal best with us regardless of race, gender identity, ethnicity, or background. Our goal is to create a space where children feel secure enough to expand their comfort zones, try and discover new passions and stretch themselves.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR SUMMER CAMP DISCIPLINE POLICY?

A: Summer Camp staff use positive techniques of guidance, including logical or natural consequences applied in problem situations, redirection of children to more acceptable behavior, anticipation of and elimination of potential problems and encouragement of appropriate behavior rather than comparison, competition, or criticism.

Consistent and clear rules are established. Staff members encourage children to solve problems rather than imposing solutions and help children to recognize and respect one another’s feelings. Our staff encourage pro-social behavior such as cooperation, helping, taking turns and constructive verbal communication to solve problems. The goal is to help children internalize rules and become self-directed in their behavior.

Q: IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUMMER CAMP THAT ARE NOT COVERED IN THESE FAQs, WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

A: We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our summer camp program. Please email to Inspireeducamps Program Director, Mr. Steve Lanning steve@inspireeducamps.org and you will receive a prompt reply to your email.