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Title: Top 6 Reasons for Choosing Summer Day Camp

6. Getting active - Children spend so much time inside sitting down, and a day camp provides an opportunity to get them up and moving: Running, swimming, jumping, and playing games!
5. Building self-confidence and self-esteem – Day Camp doesn't have the same academic, athletic and social competition that typically shapes a kid's life at school. With its non-competitive activities and opportunities to excel, camp gives kids an accomplishment every day.
4. Experiencing New Opportunities – Day camps provide instruction, equipment and facilities which allow kids to discover and develop their natural gifts and enhance their abilities and talents. The variety of activities offered at camp, makes it easy for kids to try something new every week.
3. Making Good Choices – Camp is a great environment to help kids practice making good decisions. Making decisions and controlling their daily choices in the safe, caring environment of camp, can help kids blossom into great leaders and positive role-models.
2. Practicing Teamwork –At camp, kids usually have activities where they learn to work together with mutual respect and cooperation. They may have group projects, team sports, and occasionally have to resolve conflicts; all of these experiences are importance in learning how to communicate as a team.
1. Making great friends – Free from the social pressure cooker of school, day camp encourages kids to relax and make friends. Kids are drawn together through activities; singing, playing games, swimming, making crafts, talking, and laughing, day camp creates an environment that cultivates friends.

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TITLE: (feel free to change it) Day Camps across the Division

When school is out for the summer parents look for a wholesome, educational and fun Day Camp for their children. Summer Day Camps keep kids active and learning during their break which helps to decrease the effect of the "summer slide". All young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Research done over the past century shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer (White, 1906; Heyns, 1978; Entwisle & Alexander 1992; Cooper, 1996; Downey et al, 2004). The Salvation Army helps to solve this summertime dilemma by offering Day Camp options in the locations listed below. (Even if your local Salvation Army Corps isn't listed give them a call and let them know you'd be interested in finding out more about what it would take to have a Day Camp in your area!)

The Salvation Army Corps – DES MOINES, IA

1216 E 25th Ct. Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Phone: (515) 266-3156

Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm

Name of Day Camp: The Salvation Army Day Camp

Date Camp Starts: Monday, June 8th

Date Camp Stops: Friday, August 7th

Hours of Camp: 8am – 4:30pm

Before and After Camp Care if applicable: Early drop off from 7:15am and late pick up until 5:15pm for an additional fee.

Description of activities: Includes a reading program to help children develop and maintain good reading skills, crafts, library visits, field trips, gym games and drama.

Meals/Snacks Included: Yes, we provide a morning and afternoon snack and the Des Moines Public Schools bring in lunch for campers.

Contact Information for more questions: Call the office at 515-266-3156

How to register for camp: Sign-ups are on May 9 and May 30 from 9am-Noon each day.

Cost: Full-time (4-5 days/week) \$75/week for one child, \$65/week for the second child, and \$55 for each additional child. Plus field trip fees \$10-\$15/week per child)

Notes: Camp is available for kids Ages 5 and finished Kindergarten through 12 years old.

The Salvation Army Corps – HASTINGS, NE

400 S Burlington, Hastings, Nebraska

Phone: (402) 463-0529, Fax: (402) 463-0580

Office Hours: M-TH 8-12noon & 1-4:30pm

Name of Day Camp: Wacky Weekdays

Date Camp Starts: Monday, June 1st

Date Camp Stops: Friday, August 7th

Hours of Camp: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Before and After Camp Care if applicable: N/A

Description of activities: Bible Lessons, Crafts, Swimming, Puzzles, Field Trips

Meals/Snacks Included: Yes on snacks and we attend a free lunch program

Contact Information for more questions: Major Ronda Tamayo at 402-463-0529

How to register for camp: Contact Major Ronda Tamayo for an application:

ronda_tamayo@usc.salvationarmy.org

Cost: Call for pricing information

The Salvation Army –LINCOLN, NE

2625 Potter Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503

Phone: (402) 474-6263, Fax: (402) 474-6261

Office Hours: M-F 9am-4pm

Name of Day Camp: Lincoln Summer Day Camp

Date Camp Starts: June 1, 2015 (tentative, call to confirm)

Date Camp Stops: August 7, 2015 (tentative, call to confirm)

Hours of Camp: 9am - 5pm

Before and After Camp Care if applicable: n/a

Description of activities: Structured events such as special guests, outings, field trips and on site events.

Meals/Snacks Included: Yes

Contact Information for more questions: Stanford Bradley or Theresa Tuttle (402) 474-6263 ext. 509,

Theresa_Tuttle@usc.salvationarmy.org

How to register for camp: Enrollment forms are provided at the receptionist desk or from the community center

Cost: \$25.00 per week per child

The Salvation Army – NORTH PLATTE, NE

1020 N Adams Ave, North Platte, Nebraska

Phone: (308) 532-2038, Fax: (308) 532-1931

Office Hours:

Name of Day Camp: TSA Summer Day Camp

We are open Monday through Friday

Date Camp Starts: Monday, May 18

Date Camp Stops: Friday, August 7

Hours of Camp: 8am to 5pm

Before and After Camp Care: Available for additional fee of \$2.00 for 7:30am-8am and \$2.00 for 5pm-5:30pm

Description of activities: Our camp's mission is focused on enhancing literacy and reading. Christian morals and biblical values are taught. Activities include; devotions, weekly scripture memory verse, music with weekly talent shows, field trips to Cody Park, the Swimming Pool, Memorial Park Splash Pad and water wars, crafts, large group games, cooking, science, movies and more.

Meals/Snacks Included: Yes, camp includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.

Contact Information for more questions: Karissa Spiehs at Karissa_Spiehs@usc.salvationarmy.org or 308-532-2038.

How to register for camp: Visit The Salvation Army office at 1020 North Adams Avenue or call 308-532-2038

Cost: \$500 for the whole summer, \$45 per week, \$10 per day, Plus Early Bird fee \$2 and Late Stay fee \$2 if applicable; fee must be paid on the day of service.

Notes: Child Care Subsidy is available through DHHS. We have "Star Awards" for good behaviors, and the children have the opportunity to attend many different camps at Gene Epley Camp in Omaha for only \$20 per camp.

The Salvation Army Omaha Kroc Center – OMAHA, NE

2825 Y Street, Omaha, NE 68107

Phone: (402) 905-3500, Fax: (402) 905-3599

Office Hours: M-TH 5am-9pm, Fri 5am-8pm, Sat 6am-6pm, Sun 1-6pm

Sun Church 9:30am-12:00pm

Name of Day Camp: Camp Kroc

Date Camp Starts: Tuesday, May 26

Date Camp Stops: Friday, August 7th

Hours of Camp: 9am- 4pm

Before and After Camp Care: Available for an additional \$5/day

Description of activities: Soccer, Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball, Archery, Pottery, Movies, Theatre, Singing, Spiritual enrichment, Computers, Painting, Crafts, Nature, Dance, Cooking, Reading, Games, & More! Camp Kroc offers a diverse range of activities that packs in ALL the Kroc Center has to offer and more. It's the perfect place for kids to: discover new interests, develop friendships, be inspired to learn, and, above all, have fun! Special guests drop-in throughout camp, to add to an already engaging experience.

Meals/Snacks Included: Yes – Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks are prepared by our Certified Executive Chef and on occasion the campers prepare their own snacks!

Contact Information for more questions: Gina Ponce at 402-905-3580 or visit www.CampKroc.org

How to register for camp: Contact Gina Ponce at gina_ponce@usc.salvationarmy.org for an application or stop by the Kroc Center's Welcome Desk during open hours.

Cost: 1st Child: Members \$115/wk, Guests \$140/wk Additional Children: Members: \$85/wk, Guests \$110/wk, plus a registration fee per household of \$50.00

Note: Some scholarships are available contact Gina Ponce for more information. Visit the website for information on special Open House dates where the registration fee is waived!

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