



PS 516 Sunset Park FAQ

Still have questions? Email us at
camp@citygrowers.org.

- **What are the dates and hours of camp?**
 - ◆ On a regular season, camp runs from July 6 - August 7, from 9am-3pm.
 - ◆ We will NOT have camp during Summer 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

- **Do you serve meals?**
 - ◆ Lunch is served daily via School Food. Campers are always able to bring lunch as well, though refrigeration is not available.

- **What do campers need to bring on a daily basis?**
 - ◆ Sunscreen, reusable water bottle, hat
 - ◆ Raincoat/ Umbrella (for rainy days)
 - ◆ Snacks for the day (lunch will be provided)
 - ◆ Swimsuits/Clothes to get wet in (we love sprinklers!), towel, plastic bag

- **What is the staff to camper ratio? Tell me more about your staff.**
 - ◆ For our youngest campers (entering K, we maintain a 1:5 ratio). For campers entering grades 1-5, the ratio is 1:6 or 1:7.
 - ◆ Our staff is a diverse bunch, ranging from college-aged counselors to experienced youth workers. All Group Leaders have a minimum of 3 years working with elementary age youth. We work with the Center for Family Life to employ as many folks from Sunset Park and surrounding neighborhoods as possible. Our entire staff goes through a rigorous training focused on age-appropriate youth development and planning for a summer of fun!

- **Do you offer After Care?**
 - ◆ Yes! After Care is available for an additional cost. When reserved in advance, After Care costs \$8/hour. You may sign up from 3-5pm, or 3-6pm, for as many days/week as you need. Drop in rates are \$12/hour (subject to change with notice). Currently no scholarship options exist for After Care. During registration, please check that you are interested in After Care - a link for registration will be sent in March.

- **Do you take field trips? How do you travel on trip days?**
 - ◆ Yes! We take field trips once a week, and occasionally we travel to local parks for our field days as well. **We always travel by subway.** We ensure that our ratios are 1:5 at a minimum in order to maintain the highest safety standards. Please note: parents are always welcome to join on trip days!

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→ **How do I qualify for a scholarship?**

- ◆ Scholarships are granted to families in District 38 who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Proof of eligibility is required.

→ **How much does camp cost if I don't qualify for a scholarship? When is payment due?**

- ◆ Camp pricing varies depending on the number of weeks you sign up for. We have a two-week minimum.
 - Full Summer: 5 weeks (\$300/week) minus 1 day (\$60/day) = \$1440 total
 - Any two full weeks: \$335/week (July 27-30 is prorated to \$268)
- ◆ A 30% deposit is due upon registration. Payment in full is due by May 15, 2020.

→ **How do I register my child or children?**

- ◆ Register your camper(s) at citygrowers.org/summer-camps.

→ **How do you keep parents and guardians informed about what's going on at camp?**

- ◆ Directors send a weekly newsletter with photos and information about the week that just passed and the week ahead. In addition, a white-board, that can be seen upon arrival, will be updated with weekly information. Finally, informal communication takes place daily at drop off and pick up time.

→ **How many kids in total are part of camp? How many kids are there per group?**

- ◆ Camp hosts a total of 60-65 campers. Each group will have 15-17 campers.

→ **Can my child be in a group with friends?**

- ◆ As long as you requested to be in the same group at registration, we will do our best to group friends together. Please understand that the later in the registration season it is, the harder it is for us to accommodate requests.

→ **Can parents join camp on trip days?**

- ◆ Yes! We take trips every Wednesday. Please be in touch with Camp Directors so we can plan to have you join us.

→ **What if I don't want to send my child the full 5 days per week? Can I make a different schedule?**

- ◆ All Scholarship slots are reserved for families in need of full time childcare for all 5 weeks of camp.
- ◆ Fee for Service spots are also reserved for families in need of full time childcare, and pricing reflects that commitment. If you decide you would like to send your child for less than then full program dates for a week, the cost for that week will not change.

→ **Can you explain your unique pricing model?**

- ◆ To ensure all families have access to high-quality and exciting summer camp opportunities, City Growers offers 45 full scholarships to free-lunch qualifying families living in City Council District 38. This is made possible through year-round fundraising by the City Growers team, and the generous sponsors and donors passionate about our mission. The remaining 15-20 spots are offered at cost, resulting in a below-market-rate price point.