

# Bixby Summer Program

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

In keeping with Bixby's founding philosophy, we offer a summer day camp program that provides continuity of care in a relaxed setting for preschool-5<sup>th</sup> graders utilizing all of our 3+ acres. Your options include: Preschool Sessions, Preschool Full-Days, Elementary Session or Elementary Full-Days. In addition, we offer Special Classes taught by both outside organizations and Bixby teachers.

Enrollment schedules are flexible--paid monthly, and based on either a monthly or a daily rate, so you can sign up for as little or as much time as you need.

For elementary students, a unifying theme permeates the Day Camp program. This summer, we are excited to offer . . .



## **VOLCANIC MOUNTAINS!**

Volcanoes exist in a wide variety of climates and landscapes; every continent has at least one volcanic mountain. While other volcanic mountains are entirely under the sea! We anticipate students will enjoy "visiting" different parts of the world as they learn about volcanoes, their eco-systems, and the people who live nearby.

## **DATES OF OPERATION**

Current & Incoming Bixby Students	May 31 <sup>st</sup> -August 26 <sup>th</sup>
Former & Non-Bixby Students	May 31 <sup>st</sup> -August 12 <sup>th</sup>

## **HOURS**

The school is open from 7:15 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Monday-Friday

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Monday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day
Friday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher In-service Day

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Bixby Summer Program is open to:

- All current Bixby students and their visiting elementary-aged relatives
- Any incoming Bixby students
- Former Bixby students and non-Bixby students will be accepted on a space available basis with a minimum enrollment of two contiguous weeks.

## **LUNCH & SNACKS**

A balanced lunch including an entrée, fruit, vegetable, and (often homemade) dessert is provided each day. Snacks are provided during the day in preschool and at 3:00 p.m. for those children staying into the late afternoon. In addition to milk, soymilk or water is available for those with dietary

needs. A menu for each month will be available by the first program day of the month. Students may choose to bring their own lunches (no soft drinks, nuts or candy). There is no discount for students who bring their own lunches. *The kitchen will be **closed** the week of July 4-8. Teachers and students will provide their own lunches and snacks this week.*

## **SUNSCREEN**

Each student should come to school wearing sunscreen. Students re-apply sunscreen after lunch and/or after swimming. Currently, Bixby uses Rocky Mountain Sunscreen for Kids SPF 35 or 50 (subject to change). If your child must use a different sunscreen, you must provide it and label it with your child's name.

## **PRESCHOOL DAY**

Preschoolers enjoy a program consistent with our offerings during the school year. Your child can look forward to the start/continuation of weekly swim and gym programs that complement literacy, science, math, construction, music, movement, physical, dramatic, social, and artistic activities. We utilize our wonderful play areas, extending what we do in the classroom to the outdoors for a large proportion of each day. Teachers will support and encourage project investigations as interests emerge.

Incoming preschoolers, who transition into the program during the summer, will begin on a date scheduled by the Preschool Director as space allows.

## **PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION**

Note: Grade level is determined by the grade level for the 2011-12 school year

Will your child be attending kindergarten this fall? If so, this message is for you!

*Current Bixby Preschoolers:* During the week of May 31st, rising kindergarteners will transition to Bixby's Summer Elementary Day Camp program. Students will begin each day of transition week in Bixby's kindergarten, which will be team-taught by a preschool teacher and a summer kindergarten teacher. After transition week, your student will be able to attend the Elementary Day Camp (continuing to work with the same summer kindergarten teacher[s]) as well as enroll in Special Classes offered to kindergarteners, if you choose. Use the Current/Incoming Bixby Student and Special Class forms for enrollment. If you need assistance integrating your child outside of transition week, please speak with or email Jack Kim, Preschool Director ([preschool@bixbyschool.org](mailto:preschool@bixbyschool.org)), about timing your child's transition.

*Incoming Bixby Kindergarteners:* Rising kindergarteners new to Bixby are welcome to attend anytime during the summer.

- Day Campers - We strongly encourage you to enroll your child for at least two contiguous weeks (at least 3 days within each of those weeks) in order for your child to make a smooth transition. Children who arrive at 7:15 a.m. (and later) will be supervised in the gym area until 8:30 a.m., when the kindergarteners who are present will be gathered by the summer kindergarten teachers to begin activities together as a group. (Those arriving after 8:30 should go directly to the kindergarten room.) While the kindergarteners will spend significant portions of their day with peers, they will have some mixing with first graders during swimming and some play times (see day camp schedule below). Use the Current/Incoming Bixby Student forms for enrollment.
- Special Classes – Kindergarteners may enroll in Special Classes offered to them. For Bixby offerings use the Special Class enrollment form. For Special Classes offered by outside

providers (AVID4, Modern Knights, Parlando School for the Arts, etc.) enroll directly with the provider.

If you need assistance integrating your child into Bixby's Summer Day Camp, please speak with or email Elizabeth Hubert, Academic Director or Pat Baker, Executive Director, ([elementary@bixbyschool.org](mailto:elementary@bixbyschool.org)), about your child's transition.

## **ELEMENTARY (K-5<sup>th</sup>) DAY**

Note: Grade level is determined by the grade level for the 2011-12 school year

What is a "typical" Bixby summer day like? The short answer is it is a mix of freedom within structure. Research continues to show that some of the most powerful learning (cognitive, social, physical) occurs when children are playing and participating in activities that require imagination, planning, negotiating, decision-making, and varying amounts of movement and concentration. So the core of our program is designed to allow for the kinds of interactions that support growth through engaging indoor and outdoor games (including our beloved dodge ball and ga-ga), arts/crafts, open/creative play, free swim, sandbox and water play, gardening, and cooking. Bixby's summer staff will "open" a variety of activities/crafts/play areas inside and out based on factors like: interests, ages, numbers, weather, and time of day, which encourage the children to join something that engages them. Rising first graders, incoming, and current Bixby students will be afforded some Lower Yard time when experienced staff members are available to supervise. In addition, activities related to our theme will be built in from time to time, in which most, if not all, of the children will participate.

Below is a *general* outline of an elementary summer day:

7:15-8:30 a.m. Supervised open play in the gym

8:30 a.m. Kindergarteners go to kindergarten room with their teacher(s)

Activity/play/craft choices explained and opened for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. These will rotate throughout the morning. On Wednesday mornings, we will have our popular Wednesday Adventures hike into one of the several open space areas nearby: fish for crawdaddies, identify scat on the trail, climb on boulders, roll down Tantra Hill—you just never know!

11:30 a.m. Group Time

11:45-12:10 p.m. Lunch

12:15-12:45 p.m. Bixby Reads! (Read aloud or independent reading)

12:45-1:30 p.m. Bixby Swims! Younger children swim, older children play

1:30-2:15 p.m. Bixby Swims! Older children swim, younger children play

2:15-3:00 p.m. Activity/play/craft choices explained and opened for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders

3:00 p.m. Snack

3:15 p.m. Activity/play/craft choices explained and opened for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders

5:00-5:45 p.m. Five o'clock gym games

- Students here during the afternoon are responsible for providing their own labeled swimsuits and towels for swimming; goggles are optional.
- Use the Current/Incoming Bixby Student or Former/Non-Bixby Student form as appropriate for enrollment.
- Special Classes – In addition to time in the day camp, children may enroll in the Special Classes offered for their grade. For Bixby offerings use the Special Class enrollment form. For Special Classes offered by outside providers (AVID4, Modern Knights, Parlando School for the Arts, etc.) enroll directly with the provider. (See the Special Class handout, which is a separate document.)

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