

## Xavier University's Summer Reading Camp

### Information about the History of the Summer Reading Practicum

Xavier's Summer Reading Camp has been in existence for over 35 years. It was designed as part of the coursework for the M.Ed. degree and Reading Specialist Program for teachers who want to become master teachers in reading education.

The purpose of the Practicum is two-fold:

- 1) To guide Graduate Students and Master Teachers in the art of teaching reading strategies to students who need additional exposure to the reading process.
- 2) To offer a reading clinic where students in grades 1-8 have an opportunity to strengthen their reading abilities and their enjoyment of reading, through guided instruction that is both fundamental and fun.

### Frequently Asked Questions

The following are the most frequently asked questions each year by inquiring families who send their children to the Summer Reading Camp. We hope that this information will be helpful as you plan your child's summer activities.

#### 1. What are the dates, times, grade levels and cost of the Summer Reading Camp?

**Dates:** Monday through Friday, June 24-28, 2024

**Times:** 8:30am – 2:30pm

- Drop Off 8:00-8:30am
- Pickup 2:00-2:30pm

**Place:** Xavier University Campus, Hailstones Hall

**Grade Levels:** 1 – 8

**Cost:** \$165 per student

***Please sign up for the grade level your child will enter during the Fall school year of 2024.***

\*Please be sure to arrange for your child to be on time for drop-off and pick-up. Our camp staff will be waiting for each student, and we would not want anyone to miss any of the exciting lessons or be worried about not getting picked up!

#### 2. How can I reach the Camp in case of an emergency? What should I do if my child is going to be late or absent?

If you have an emergency during the Summer Reading Camp or if your child will be late or ill for any given day, please contact Ms. Molly Humpert, Reading Camp Coordinator at [klump1@xavier.edu](mailto:klump1@xavier.edu). She will promptly forward the information to one of the teachers for immediate attention.

### **3. What is the dress code?**

Students should wear comfortable clothing for indoors and/or outdoor learning environments.

### **4. Do we serve snacks and meals?**

Since Reading Camp is now an all-day camp, students will have a lunch break in the middle of the day. Students are to bring packed lunches with them each morning. It is very important that any food allergies are listed on the registration forms so that the camp director and teachers can make sure your child has a safe place to eat away from any food allergens. Please make sure your child eats a nourishing breakfast before he/she comes to the camp to sustain him/her until lunch. If your child needs a snack for a medical condition, feel free to send the snack with your child each day of the camp. Please let the staff know, and we would be happy to remind your child to eat his/her snack at the appropriate time.

Remember: When the body is nourished, the mind can flourish!

### **5. Do the children get a break each morning?**

Every day, part of the routine of the Summer Reading Camp is to take a short break, when appropriate, from the camp's activities for a restroom break, water, and movement. Learning time is maximized. Restroom facilities are available when needed, and the campus is equipped with many water bottle filling stations.

### **6. Will the Camp be limited to the indoors?**

We will go outside each day. Please make sure to dress your child according to the weather. These activities are limited to campus. Children will be supervised by their teachers and the Camp Supervisors at all times. A daily schedule of indoor and outdoor activities will be available.

### **7. What materials does your child need to bring to the Summer Reading Camp?**

All materials used in the program are provided by Xavier University and the Summer Reading practicum. Your tuition dollars are used in part to provide disposable materials from writing instruments, to paper, to books. In addition, teacher materials, idea books, games, and trade texts are purchased to supplement the lesson plans of the graduate tutors.

### **8. What is the Staffing Organization of the Practicum?**

**Directors:** Dr. Delane Bender-Slack and Dr. Tammy Zilliox are the Summer Reading Directors and the instructors for the course entitled EDRE 679, Practicum in Reading. They are responsible for the daily organization of the camp, the tutoring schedule, and the consistency of your child's curriculum.

**Supervisors:** There are eleven certified classroom teachers and/or university professors who will instruct your child. They will assist Dr. Bender-Slack and Dr. Zilliox in providing the best grade level curriculum, lesson planning, and instruction.

**Graduate Students:** In addition to certified teachers, graduate students will be assisting with your child's instruction. These students are master teachers completing their Reading Endorsement, K-12 as a highly qualified reading teacher and/or their M.Ed. in Reading. This course is generally the capstone course for their degree.

**Undergraduate Students:** When available, undergraduate students majoring in education are brought in to assist with instruction and supervision. They may work one-on-one with the children or lead a small group of children throughout the week.

### **9. Describe the Curriculum of the Summer Reading Camp.**

Reading Camp is designed to help your child grow in all areas of the reading process: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Reading camp instructors will meet the needs of all learners by creating developmentally appropriate literacy activities that will enhance each student's reading abilities. While immersing your child in rich literacy experiences, teachers will also design lessons that integrate an ecological focus. All materials introduced, practiced, and reviewed are based on the Language Arts Curriculum, grades 1-8, and are developed from the Ohio State Department of Education guidelines. Each class will have its own physical space. First, second, third and fourth grades will be grouped separately based on grade level. Grades 5-6 will be combined into one grouping as will grades 7-8.

### **10. Classroom Visitation**

During the Summer Reading Camp, parents/guardians will not be allowed to visit the classroom while the camp is in progress. The best teaching and learning happen when the student can concentrate and not be distracted by family observations.

There will be an update/newsletter of progress and activities at the end of the Summer Reading Camp.

### **Contact Information**

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our Communications Director, Ms. Gillian Garcia, 513-745-3797 and/or garciag6@xavier.edu. She will forward your concerns to the appropriate person(s). Most questions or concerns will be answered by the next business day of the University.

**We hope to see your child at Xavier's Reading Camp this summer!**