

Immersion Camps



Bienvenidos! Welcome to Spanish Immersion Camp!

It is our goal to provide your children with a safe, enjoyable and enriching experience at Immersion Camp. Please take a few moments to read this information so you will know what your child should bring to camp and who to contact in the Administrative Office with specific questions.

- **AFTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**
1201 McKenna Boulevard, Madison, WI 53719

Use this address, fax, email, and phone number for payments, registration, and general information. Your Account Password is required so please include it with all requests. Please note: you are required to inform the AFTER SCHOOL office in writing of any changes in address, home or work phone numbers, emergency contact or pick-up information, or in your child's health history.

Phone: 608-276-9782

Fax: 608-276-4050

Email:
info@wisconsinyouthcompany.org

Camp & Enrichment Programs Division Director

Contact Jason Anderson for specific camp questions and concerns.

Ext. 21

Registration/Billing Inquiries

Call the Front Office for general registration inquiries.

Contact Kristin Hartzheim for specific billing inquiries.

Contact Rachel DeLap for receipts and funding-related inquiries.

Ext. 10

Ext. 22

Ext. 30

- **Message Center (24 Hour)**

Call this number to leave a message when your child will be late or not attending. Please call before 8:00 a.m. if message pertains to that day.

608-276-9898

- **Camp Site Phone Number (cell)**

608-445-8046

LOCATION - Spanish Language Immersion Camp is located at Randall Elementary School at 1802 Regent Street in Madison. The program is based in the cafeteria. Please enter through the doors off of Chadbourne and go up the stairs to the cafeteria.

CAMP HOURS - Program hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Please inform camp staff in advance if your child will be arriving later than 9:15 a.m. or leaving earlier than 3:45 p.m., as camp activities take place from 9-4 and your child's group may be on an off-site trip as part of the camp day. Early/late fees are assessed for arrival prior to the start and pick-up later than the end of the program. **Please call the message center if your child will be absent.**

SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT - Parents are required to sign their child(ren) in and out of the camp program unless they have authorized independent arrival and departure in writing. The sign-in area is just inside the entrance of the cafeteria. This area also includes important parent information including field trip schedules, location of groups, and a lost and found. Please check this area daily.

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM - Each day will begin with a concentrated theme-based “classroom” session in Spanish language to develop the vocabulary necessary to carry out camp activities related to the day’s theme. Campers will then practice and reinforce new vocabulary through games, songs, dance, crafts, sports, stories and dialogs. Campers are encouraged to use the language whenever possible including meals, breaks, and field trips. Campers will have opportunities to cook and eat authentic foods from countries where Spanish is spoken, and discover how daily life is spent in these countries. Instructors are native or fluent speakers from Columbia, Mexico, Peru, and Puerto Rico and love to share their traditions and cultural practices. The ultimate goal of the program is an immersion experience in language and culture that inspires participants to continue to seek and learn about other cultures and languages.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULES - Schedules including field trips will be posted by the sign-in sheets on Monday morning and throughout the week. Please ask if you need to know a specific time or location for your child’s group.

LUNCH/SNACKS - It is very important that campers start each day with a good breakfast prior to camp, and bring with them a nutritious and satisfying lunch. Children should bring a sack lunch that **does not need to be refrigerated or microwaved**. A morning and afternoon snack, as well as a lunch beverage, will be provided.

CLOTHING - Campers should dress appropriately for camp activities (i.e. gym shoes, **no flip flops**, and socks for active play) as well as for the weather (this includes rain gear and sunscreen). A water bottle and an extra set of clothing are also recommended. Campers should bring a swimsuit and towel on Thursday for our field trip to the beach. **All items should be clearly marked with your child's full name.**

SUNSCREEN AND INSECT REPELLENT - Parents are responsible for sending their child to camp with their own supply of sunscreen and insect repellent and for informing the camp in writing (on the enclosed form) of the brand and strength of sunscreen and insect repellent provided. The camp supply of these items is available only as a backup. As part of the registration agreement, parents are notified of the brand and strength of the camp supplied sunscreen and insect repellent and give consent for staff to apply or direct campers to apply sunscreen and insect repellent. Staff will make every effort to remind campers to apply sunscreen and insect repellent prior to outdoor activities.

PERSONAL PROPERTY - AFTER SCHOOL is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property, including clothing. Children are discouraged from bringing personal items beyond what is needed for the camp day.

PARENT HANDBOOKS that include our program policies are included in this mailing. Please review and refer to this handbook regarding program and administrative policies. Please contact our office if you have questions after reading the handbook.

PAYMENTS – Please see the enclosed Payment Coupon Instructions.

Please share your ideas, comments and concerns with us so we may provide the best possible experience for your child and all of our campers.

Thank you for choosing AFTER SCHOOL’s Spanish Immersion Camp!