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General Information

When was UF Youth Programs founded?

UF RecSports Youth Programs was founded in November 2023, with the first summer camps launching in summer 2024. These programs were created to provide engaging recreational opportunities for youth in our community, fostering lifelong wellness through sports, outdoor adventures, and creative activities at UF's premier recreation facilities.

What screening do employees go through to ensure they are equipped to work with campers?

All Youth Programs staff are UF students that undergo a competitive selection process, including group interviews and a DCF Level II background check. Once hired, they receive training in group facilitation, emergency procedures, and youth supervision techniques. All Youth Programs staff are required to have up-to-date certifications in First-aid, CPR AED, and Epinephrine Auto-Injector.

How are safety and security ensured during Youth Program activities?

Safety is our top priority! Our camps maintain low camper-to-staff ratios, and all staff are trained in emergency procedures. Facilities are secure, and strict check-in/check-out procedures are in place to always ensure camper safety.

What is the camper to counselor ratio?

The camper to counselor ratio on average is 1:6, but never exceeds 1 adult per 10 campers in a group.

What types of support are offered to children with special needs in Youth Programs?

We strive to create an inclusive environment for all campers. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's needs with us prior to registration so that we can discuss whether we can provide the necessary support and accommodations for your camper.

How do I sign up for RecSports Youth Programs?

To sign up, create a CampDoc account for your campers by following this link:

<https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=ufrecsports>

Where are we located?

We have three different camp locations depending on the week that you sign up for! The three locations include Southwest Recreation Center (SWRC), Student Recreation and Fitness Center (SRFC), and Lake Wauburg. At SWRC, camp is hosted in the basketball courts and activity rooms around the building, as well as the turf fields outside the building. We also like to adventure to the museums across the street. SRFC is located in the center of campus, creating easy access to camp "field trips" during the day to the Reitz Union, Plaza of the Americas, and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (The Swamp). Additionally, located at SRFC is the Florida Pool where campers can swim each morning. Lake Wauburg is located just 13 miles from campus and hosts two shores for campers to enjoy. The North

Shore is home to the Cypress Lodge, a swim area, kayaks, paddleboats, and plenty of outdoor space for campers. South Shore features a ropes course for ages 9-12 and ample area for all campers to play games outdoors!



Financial Information

Do we provide discounts?

We provide a discounted rate for some of our programs to people with active [RecSports memberships](#). To find out more about if you qualify or to receive the discounted rate, please email rsyouthprograms@ufsa.ufl.edu.

What is the refund policy?

To be considered for a refund, registrants must opt into the insurance option when prompted via CampDoc®.

What EIN can I use for tax purposes?

Our EIN is 59-6002052.

I need a receipt for camp for tax or state reimbursement. How do I get this?

You can access a receipt of payments with registration information in the *Account* section of your CampDoc account by clicking on the 'print' button highlighted in yellow below.



The screenshot shows the 'Account' section of the CampDoc portal. On the left is a sidebar with links: 'Account', 'Protection Plan', 'Custom Labels', 'Trusted Contacts', and a '+ NEW PARTICIPANT' button. The main area has a search bar labeled 'Filter by Name or Description' with a 'Search line items' input field and a 'SEARCH' button. To the right of the search bar are two buttons: a yellow 'Print' button and a 'Y' button. Below the search bar is a table header with columns: 'DATE', 'DESCRIPTION', and 'AMOUNT'. The 'AMOUNT' column has a right arrow icon and the numbers '1 2 3' between double arrows.

Can I use Personalized Education Programs (PEP) scholarships for summer camp?

Yes, parents have successfully used PEP scholarships to cover the cost of camp. Please reach out to your PEP representative for approval prior to registering for camp to ensure you qualify.

I have officially registered! How do I make my next payment?

All payments are pay-as-you-go and must be made in your CampDoc portal. For more information regarding payments, [click here](#).

Summer Camps

Registration

How do I register my camper for camp?

Registration is completed online through our registration partner, [CampDoc](#), which can be accessed via our official UF RecSports page. Parents select their desired camp(s), provide camper details, and complete necessary waivers. Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Do you keep a waitlist once camp is full?

Yes, we do keep an active waitlist. If a space becomes available, we will contact you on a first come, first served basis.

How much is due at the time of registration?

A \$75 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot in each week of camp. The remaining balance is due 30 days prior to the start of camp. If payment is not received in full, the spot will be relinquished to the next participant on the waitlist.

My camper has a friend coming to the same camp. Can they be in the same group?

During online registration, campers have the opportunity to request to be in the group with two campers. This request must be mutual, and the campers must be in the same age group (Juniors [5-8] OR Seniors [9-14]). We make an effort to honor cabin requests, but they cannot be guaranteed.

Camp Logistics

I'm registered! When will I receive more information about camp?

You will receive more detailed information about camp in emails sent 30 days and 7 days prior to the start of camp. If we have any questions about your camper's account, we will call you before the start of camp.

Are electronics allowed at camp?

We do not allow electronics at camp. No cell phones, iPads/tablets, CD players, laptops, video gaming devices. Camp is a chance to "unplug" and connect to each other and nature.

When does check-in begin?

Check-in for camps based out of Student Rec and Southwest Rec begin at 7:45a and 7:30a for campers attending Camp Wauburg.

Where are the drop-off and pick-up locations?

Location is dependent on the camp's main location.

- [Southwest Recreation Center](#): Courts 5 & 6 side entrance
- [Student Recreation and Fitness Center](#): Ground level double doors accessed via the service road located between the Florida Gymnasium and the Infirmary
- Lake Wauburg: Past the gatehouses, beside the main road for [North Shore](#) and [South Shore](#)

Always be on the lookout for our Youth Programs signs and our staff in wearing light blue shirts!

What do I do if I need to pick-up my camper outside of the available check-out windows?

To help camp run smoothly, we ask that you let us know at least 24 hours in advance. If this isn't possible, please call 352-273-2424 when you are on your way so we can coordinate check-out.

Do you have a lost and found?

All items misplaced at camp are kept with the Camp Director at each camp's location. After summer, they are kept for one month at the Southwest Recreation Center.

Is there a swim assessment at camp?

Yes! Swim tests are dependent on the type of waterfront activity we have planned (pool vs. lake):

- **Pools:** For swim activities involving a pool, campers must pass a swim test, led by an on-duty certified lifeguard or swim instructor to have the option to swim without a life jacket. Swimmers must be able to do the following without becoming exhausted:
 - Enter the water from the side and totally submerge.
 - Tread or float for 1 minute (or combination)
 - Rotate 1 full turn and orient to the/an exit.
 - Swim 25 yds on either their front or back.

PASS/FAIL is determined by the certified lifeguard or swim instructor on duty. Please keep in mind that the shallow end of the Florida Pool is 4.5ft deep. Campers can retest each Monday. All campers will be given a wrist band for easy identification of swim ability.

- **Waterfront:** For swim activities involving Lake Wauburg, or other aquatic activities that involve similar unconfined bodies of water, all campers **must** wear a life jacket if in the water, regardless of swim ability.

Do you provide lunch and snacks at camp?

To provide a safe and healthy environment for all our campers, snacks and lunches need to be provided from home for all campers. Food sharing is prohibited due to allergies and dietary restrictions.

Are all activities co-ed?

Yes. All activities at camp are co-ed.

What if my camper doesn't know anyone?

Upon arrival, counselors greet each camper and get to know them. After our All-Camp Welcome on Day 1, campers are divided into small groups based on age and are encouraged by counselors to actively participate with their group throughout the week.

Does my child need any money?

No. There are no opportunities to purchase anything while at camp.

Year-Round Programs

First Fridays (Parent's night out)

How do I register my camper for First Fridays?

Registration is completed online through our registration partner, [CampDoc](#), which can be accessed via our official UF RecSports page. Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Where is pick-up and drop-off located?

Both are located at the side entrance to courts 5 and 6 at the Southwest Recreation Center. Please follow the blue signs to our location.

Can I pick up my child early?

Absolutely! You can pick up your child anytime before 9:00p from the side entrance to courts 5 and 6.

My child does not like pizza. Can my child bring their own food?

Yes. Please note that we do not have a fridge or microwave available for participants to use.

Youth Aerial Adventures & S'mores

How do I register my group for Youth Aerial Adventures & S'mores?

Registration is completed online through our registration partner, [CampDoc](#), which can be accessed via our official [UF RecSports Youth Programs webpage](#). Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

I do not want to participate, but I would still like to attend with my group. Is this allowed?

Yes. There is a small fee to cover park entry and materials that can be paid through CampDoc. Ages 5 and under are free to attend.