

# SPARK Summer Camp Financial Assistance

<b>Fees:</b>	Basic Camp (8:15am-4:30pm)	\$180 residents	\$190 non-residents
	Extended Camp (7:00am-5:30pm)	\$205 residents	\$215 non-residents

- These fees do not include additional field trip fees (if applicable)

## **Financial Assistance:**

If you are eligible for the school district’s Free or Reduced Lunch Program, and are a resident of Coralville or attended the same school during the previous school year as the camp location, then you would also be eligible for a discounted rate for our summer camp programs. Coralville residents must provide proof of residency. Examples would include a utility bill, posted mail with name or a lease agreement.

<b>Camp Option</b>	<b>Full Tuition (Resident)</b>	<b>Reduced Lunch (50%)</b>	<b>Free Lunch (25%)</b>
Basic Camp	\$180	\$90	\$45
Extended Camp	\$205	\$102.50	\$51.25

- Note – these would be prices for individual weeks of camp (not including field trip fees).

## **Child Care Assistance Equivalent Option for Summer Camp Programs**

Families are eligible for reduced or free tuition for Coralville Parks and Recreation Summer Camps or Before and After School Recreation programs if the family is also eligible for Child Care Assistance (CCA) through the Department of Human Services. To apply for this CCA equivalent funding, families must provide to Coralville Parks and Recreation proof of eligibility in the form of a Notice of Decision letter for Child Care Assistance from the Department of Human Services.

To complete the application, the parent or guardian will need to:

Go to the DHS Child Care Assistance website at <http://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare>. On the right side of the webpage, click on “How to Apply”.

Under “Assistance Programs”, click on the DHS Financial Support Application link. Print and complete the application and return it to Johnson County DHS Office, 855 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, 52240. The application is available in both English and Spanish. Applicants may also complete the application online at [www.oasis.iowa.gov](http://www.oasis.iowa.gov).

The applicant will receive a Notice of Decision letter from the Department of Human Services stating the child or children eligible for assistance, dates of eligibility, how many units per day (units are in 5 hour increments) the child(ren) who is eligible for, and the co-pay amount, if a co-pay is required.

Either before the application is made or while waiting for the Notice of Decision, the parent or guardian must contact the program supervisor for the Parks and Recreation program desired. A waiting list may exist for the program. Families may add to the waiting list before applying to DHS CCA. A spot must be open for the child in the program before being accepted into the program regardless of eligibility for assistance.

When the Notice of Decision letter is received, the parent or guardian will provide a copy to the supervisor of the Coralville Parks and Recreation program along with the completing appropriate paperwork required by the program for entry.

Eligibility for free or reduced tuition will be in effect as long as a current Notice of Decision letter is on file with Coralville Parks and Recreation. It is the responsibility of the family to keep the Notice of Decision letter renewed following the appropriate steps with the Department of Human Services. Should the Notice of Decision be revoked, the family will be responsible for any tuition payments for participation that are no longer being covered.

### **Scholarship Opportunity:**

The United Way of Johnson & Washington Counties has a program to fund summer activities for children in need. These “Summerships” as they call them would be able to fund a child in one of our Coralville Parks & Recreation summer camp programs.

The criteria for the “Summerships” are:

- Must be in grades K – 12 in Johnson or Washington counties
- Be recommended for a Summership grant
- Meet the same financial criteria as the school’s free and reduced price lunch program
- Up to \$250 is available for a child for the summer
- Only 5 scholarships are eligible per camp and are filled on a first come, first served basis
- Funds are limited, so apply early

Applications can be found here:

<http://www.unitedwayjwc.org/summerships>