

# 2025 Summer Camps



## **Agreement Overview**

- -Boys & Girls Club will provide services for 5 camps: 1 in each school district & city-wide theatre camp
- -Not to exceed \$180,000
  - -Current budget in agreement \$155,000
  - -Retain \$25,000 contingency funds to potentially increase participants & programming
- -Boys & Girls Club's nationally-ranked policies & procedures
- -Due to timeline, recommending sole source, with RFP for 2026



## Overview of City-sponsored camps

- 1. West Aurora District 129: Hill Elementary
- 2. East Aurora District 131: Johnson Elementary
- 3. Oswego School District 308: Wheatlands or Homestead Elementary
- 4. Indian Prairie District 204: Fischer Middle School
- 5. Theatre camp (city-wide)\*: Jefferson Middle school/WAHS auditorium

#### **ALL CAMPS:**

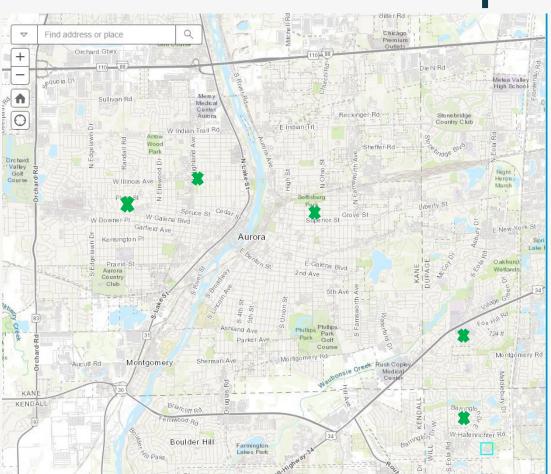
- -June 9 to July 3
- -Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-2pm
- -1st-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (must have completed during current school year)
- \*grades 3-8 for theatre camp



## **Locations for Summer Camps**

## **Key**

City of Aurora camp locations



## Other camps offered in our Community

- 1. West Aurora District 129: multiple camps through 21st Century w/FVPD & BGC, athletic camp registration for various schools also open: www.sd129.org
- 2. East Aurora District 131\*: STEAM Camps: www.d131.org/news/register-for-summer-steam-camps/
- 3. Indian Prairie 204\*: STEM Camps now open: <a href="https://www.ipsd.org/Page/2642">www.ipsd.org/Page/2642</a>
- 4. Oswego 308\*: www.sd308.org/Departments-and-Programs/Programs/Summer-School-and-Programs/index.html
- 5. Resource Guide provides information on over 50 organizations that offer various programs & resources, including FVPD, Aurora Township, and more: <a href="https://www.aurora.il.us/Recreation-and-Amenities/Youth-Activities-and-Services">www.aurora.il.us/Recreation-and-Amenities/Youth-Activities-and-Services</a>

\*Other summer camp programs & sites are still being finalized



#### Inputs

#### Locations:

West Aurora SD 129 East Aurora SD 131 Indian Prairie SD 204 Oswego SD 308

## Staffing

COA Enrichment camps
25 Adult Staff
6 College students
10 High School
Students

#### Drama Camp 4 Adult Staff

3 High School students

#### **Community Partners**

**School Districts** 

Field trips

Supplies

## 2024 highlights & enrollment

## Outputs

275 students 1st-5<sup>th</sup> participated in the full and half-day summer enrichment camps provided by the City of Aurora.

30 students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> participated in the City of Aurora Summer Drama Camp provided by the City of Aurora.

### City of Aurora=305

- SD204 Fischer=63
- SD308 The Wheatlands=77
- SD131 O'Donnell Elementary School =57
- SD129 Hill Elementary = 78
- Drama Camp =30

#### **Short Term Outcomes**

Hours youth are in a safe environment during out-of-school-time.

 Indicator: Of the 136 responses from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders: "I feel safer during the day at the summer camp program." 131 students (96%) agreed.

Youths develop positive peer relationships with others in the program.

- Indicator: Of the 136 responses from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders, "I learned how to work as part of a team at camp," 125 students (92%) agreed.
- 121 students (88%) agreed when asked, "I would ask a friend to join me at camp because I like it."
- Of the 136 responses from 2<sup>nd</sup> –
  5<sup>th</sup> graders, "I would like to come
  to camp again next year," 120
  responses (88%) agreed.

Drama students discovered everything involved in staging a successful performance.

- Of the 24 students surveyed, all 24 agreed that the production was well planned and well delivered.
- Out of the 24 students surveyed, all 24 acknowledged that they gained a deeper understanding of the various roles involved in putting on a production.

# When Selecting Camp Sites:



## Summer School

-Many school districts need to provide space for their summer school courses



# District Summer & Sport Camps

-Space for district-funded summer programs have priority



## Construction

-Summer is when many significant updates/construction projects are done

- -At least 5 classrooms (break them up into grades 1-5)
- -Gymnasium/cafeteria (could be same space. Used for recreation/lunches)
- -Playground (preferred but not necessary. Great for physical activity/sunlight)
- -Safety features, including but not limited to, fire/carbon monoxide alarms, AED machines, locked doors/staff for check in/check out, air conditioning, etc.

- School Districts: websites/social media, parent groups, email blasts
- Youth & Family Resource Fair: sign ups in person
- Neighborhood groups: share information at meetings
  - Youth Resource Guide
- City of Aurora Youth Services website, social media posts, COA Communication team

# Marketing





## Timeline:

1. Breakfast & lunch programs, in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Food Bank (applications close in April)

- 2. Applications to families in our afterschool programs (roll out in April)
  - 3. Hiring Staff/Background Checks/orientations
  - 4. Final push at the Youth & Family Resource Fair: April 30

## Timeline (continued):

- 5. Certificates of insurance, vendor approvals & other procedures
  - 6. Theatre camp: rights for shows/contracts
  - 7. Other programs/collaborations

