



Tate's Day Camp

The Fun Professionals

Staff Information for 2025

Dates: All Staff Orientation is May 19-23, 2025. The camp season is from May 27-August 1, 2025. Specialized instructors must also attend specific training to be scheduled prior to May 19.

Important Dates:

- Re-entry interviews are scheduled as applications are received from returning staff.
- New applications are screened and interviews are scheduled based on the candidate's experiences, skills, and strengths.
- May 19-23 (Monday-Friday) All Camp Orientation and Training **(MANDATORY)**
- May 27 First Day of Camp
- Family Fun Night – July 18 (Friday)
- August 1 (Friday) Last Day of Camp
- Scheduled staff meetings will be held on specified Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 PM.

2025 Tate's Day Camp Weeks

Week 1 | May 27-30 | Monster Mania (4-day week)

Week 2 | June 2-6 | Carnival

Week 3 | June 9-13 | Atlantis

Week 4 | June 16-20 | Masters of Mayhem

Week 5 | June 23-27 | Child vs. Wild

Week 6 | June 30-July 3 | Halloween in July (4-day week, closed July 4)

Week 7 | July 7-11 | Wonka World

Week 8 | July 14-18 | Aliens Among Us

Week 9 | July 21-25 | Spellbound

Week 10 | July 28-August 1 | Wild Water

Essential Functions:

Because every staff member is actively involved in the quality education and recreation of children, there are "essential functions" that are vital for all camp employees. "Essential functions" include but are not limited to:

1. The ability to communicate and work with groups, participate in various camp activities according to the age and skill levels of the child, and provide necessary instruction to campers.
2. The ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior management techniques.
3. Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
4. The physical ability to participate when necessary with campers in all activities including running.

Counselor / Staff Job Description:

Minimum Qualifications

- ◆ Desire and ability to work with children outdoors.
- ◆ Ability to relate to one's peer group.
- ◆ Ability to accept supervision and guidance.
- ◆ Ability to lead activities.
- ◆ Good character, integrity, adaptability, enthusiasm, sense of humor, patience, and self-control.
- ◆ High School graduate or equivalent, or graduating senior, or completion of the Tate's Day Camp CIT program.
- ◆ Ability to fulfill all of the essential functions for the job.

Responsible To

Camp Directors / Program Directors / Team Leaders

Camp Goals

Meet and exemplify the specific responsibilities of Tate's Day Camp, reflecting the goals of the camp and camper. (Found in the staff handbook)

General Responsibility

To identify and meet camper needs.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Learn the likes/dislikes of each participant.
2. Recognize and respond to opportunities for problem solving in the group.
3. Develop opportunities for interaction between campers and staff.
4. Provide opportunities for the group so that each individual experiences success during camp.
5. Provide opportunities for discussion of individual or group problems or concerns.
6. Help all campers develop confidence in themselves and their abilities while nurturing social development.
7. Check the medical information of your group and be aware of any allergies or problems.

General Responsibility

To carry out camp programs.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Guide groups and individual campers in participating successfully in all aspects of camp activities.
2. Carry out established roles for supervising camper health and safety.
3. Develop written weekly activity plans and lead the activities with your group. Activities should incorporate the camp's weekly themes.
4. Supervise all aspects of the campers' day.
5. Instruct campers in emergency procedures.
6. Help campers plan their participation in special events and activities.
7. Teach and lead activities with unit groups as assigned.

General Responsibility

To fulfill other staff administrative roles.

Specific Responsibilities

1. Must participate in staff orientation and training.
2. Must attend scheduled staff meetings.
3. Work with other staff members during special events (examples: closing programs, fun nights, picnics, and campouts).
4. Set a good example for campers and others including cleanliness, punctuality, sportsmanship, and dress.
5. Encourage respect for personal property, camp equipment, and facilities.
6. Maintain good public relations with campers' parents.
7. Submit weekly plans on time.
8. Submit time cards for biweekly payroll.
9. Inform the directors of any camper, parent, and / or staff problems.
10. These are not the only duties to be performed. Some duties may be assigned or reassigned as required.



TATE'S DAY CAMP PERSONNEL POLICIES 2025

Tate's Day Camp reserves the right to alter, amend, or change any handbook policy at any time and for any reason.

1. Time off: All staff members, except directors, may have up to **one week of non-paid vacation time to be taken during consecutive days**. Vacation must be requested in writing by May 1, 2025. Those not requesting vacations by the May 1 deadline should expect to work all ten weeks that the camp is open. (Anyone hired after May 1 will be given an opportunity to submit vacation). If a staff member's vacation falls on the day of a campout, special event, or Family Fun Night, he/she will not be expected to attend. Staff are expected to work Fun Nights and camp special events unless that is the staff person's scheduled week of vacation. Staff may not take a vacation on the last week of camp, unless arrangements have been made in writing with the camp director, prior to accepting employment. This is because we lose many of our certified school teachers during the last week of camp.
2. Orientation and Training are required for everyone unless specific arrangements are made in writing with the camp director prior to accepting employment.
3. Sick policy: If any staff member is absent (as in calls in sick) they need to speak with a director. In some instances the staff member must obtain a doctor's note documenting the illness. After two absences, a meeting will be called with the Camp Director and Staff Development Director to discuss eliminating the cause of the absences or possible termination of employment.
4. Due to the safety of campers, punctuality is vitally important! You are responsible to provide your own reliable transportation to and from camp and be prepared to begin before your designated shift. We expect everyone to be in his or her assigned position and ready to go when the designated shift begins. Please take care of activity preparations, clocking in, and picking up mail from your staff mailbox before your shift and camper-related duties begin.
5. Mandatory Staff Meetings will be held on Thursday nights during specified weeks. You are not expected to be at a meeting during your week of vacation, but you must attend all other scheduled meetings. Staff meetings will be paid hourly. (Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
6. No personal phone calls or texts are to be made during shifts. (See use of phone in the Staff Handbook)
7. All staff members are expected to refrain from gossiping and encouraged to consult with a director if a problem arises. Excessive gossip may lead to termination of employment.
8. No staff members shall leave the campgrounds during their shift without obtaining permission from a director.
9. **Dress code:** the following items should be worn daily as part of the Tate's Day Camp staff uniform: khaki shorts, staff T-shirt, tennis shoes or hiking shoes (closed-toe shoes), socks, staff nametag. Other appropriate optional items include: a sweatshirt or jacket on chilly mornings, ponchos, one piece bathing suits for females / tasteful swim trunks for males, hats and sunglasses. (Staff should wear appropriate length, hemmed khaki shorts, not long pants or cut-offs.)
10. Standards of Conduct: The following conduct is prohibited and may lead to immediate termination.
 - a. Harming a child or fellow staff member including but not limited to corporal punishment, sexual harassment, violence, or child physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.
 - b. Drinking, taking, or possessing alcohol or illegal drugs at camp or coming to work with a hangover. There is No Smoking at camp.
 - c. Illegal activity including but not limited to underage drinking, underage smoking, illegal drug use, or contributing to underage drinking, smoking, or drug use.
 - d. Cursing, threatening, intimidating or gossiping about a child, parent or fellow staff member.
 - e. Fighting.
 - f. Behaving in a reckless manner.
 - g. Falsification of employee records, employment information, or other camp documentation.
 - h. Unsatisfactory job performance or poor attitude.
 - i. Removing or borrowing camp property without prior permission.

- j. Abuse of camp property.
 - k. Engaging in criminal conduct whether or not related to job performance.
 - l. Insubordination, including but not limited to failure or refusal to carry out the instructions of a supervisor or director.
 - m. Posting inappropriate personal information, blogs, messages, and/or photos in public places including online areas such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Tik Tok, or other social networking sites are prohibited. Personal websites are allowed as long as they do not detract from your image as a positive role model for children.
 - n. Other types of conduct injurious to security, personal safety, employee welfare and the camp's operation may also be prohibited and may lead to termination.
11. Maintaining your health is required. We ask that staff members get adequate sleep, eat properly, and stay physically fit. Working with children in a camp setting is extremely demanding, and our campers deserve you at your best.
 12. All staff members must have a written health history on file. This "history" is an annually updated record of one's past and present health status that is completed by the individual or by the parent/guardian if the staff member is a minor.
 13. Each staff member must register attendance through our time clocks before his/her shift begins and after his/her shift ends. No staff member may clock-in another staff member, whether for convenience or misrepresentation of arrival time. Those violating this policy may be subject to immediate termination.
 14. Staff will be paid every two weeks by direct deposit according to the payroll dates published in the Staff Handbook. In the event a payroll or petty cash check is lost and must be reissued, the staff member must pay any bank service fees and/or charges. Staff are only paid for their scheduled shifts unless they are asked to come in early or stay late by a director. (i.e. you may not accumulate extra hours by clocking in early or clocking out late without director approval.)
 15. Body Piercing: Staff may wear up to two small stud earrings in each ear and one clear stud in the nose. For safety reasons, no dangling earrings or hoops are allowed. No other visible body piercing is allowed. Having a tattoo is fine; however, inappropriate tattoos (including but not limited to references of death, drugs, sex, or violence) may not be displayed at camp.
 16. Hairstyles: All hair must be kept neatly groomed, clean and out of the staff member's face.
 17. Confidentiality: Each employee is responsible for safeguarding confidential information obtained in connection with his/her employment. In the course of your work, you may have access to confidential information regarding the campers, camp, or other employees. It is your responsibility to in no way reveal or divulge any such information unless it is necessary for you to do so in the performance of your duties. Access to confidential information should be on a need to know basis and must be authorized by the director.
 18. Staff should not bring personal equipment from home unless checking with a director first. (i.e. Water balloon rocket launchers, sports equipment, iPods, etc.) Tate's Day Camp is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of such items. Pets and weapons are not allowed at camp.
 19. Staff members are expected to work all special events such as Family Fun Nights, picnics, or campouts unless the event falls within the staff person's scheduled vacation week, or unless a director schedules them "off." **Staff are not paid hourly for special events** and will receive a bonus for working the event.
 20. All staff members must pass a drug test. After the initial test, random tests may be conducted throughout the summer.
 21. As outlined by the Fair Labor Standards Act Section 13 (a) (3), Tate's Day Camp, being a seasonal recreational establishment and "not operating for more than seven months in any calendar year" is exempt from minimum wage and overtime requirements.
 22. Tate's Day Camp is an Equal Opportunity Employer in accordance with federal laws. All employees will be an at-will employee and any agreement to the contrary must be in writing and signed by the director of Tate's Day Camp.



2025 Staff Pay Scale

Staff Name _____ Date _____

___ Base pay \$14.00 / hr.

(choose all that apply and add .25 per year returning)

___ Returning for 2nd summer .25

___ Returning for 3rd summer .25

___ Returning for 4th summer .25

___ Returning for 5th summer .25

___ Returning for 6th summer .25

___ Returning for 7th summer .25

TOTAL 2025 Hourly Rate _____

1st year = \$14.00 / hr.

2nd year = \$14.25 / hr.

3rd year = \$14.50 / hr.

4th year = \$14.75 / hr.

5th year = \$15.00 / hr.

6th year = \$15.25 / hr.

7th year = \$15.50 / hr.