

## IMPORTANT DAY CAMP INFORMATION – PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

### Key Dates

<b>Friday, March 2</b>	Applications and Deposits due.
<b>Monday, March 26</b>	Acceptance packages and waiting list letters mailed.
<b>Friday, April 20</b>	Balance of tuition due.
<b>Monday, June 25</b>	First Day of Camp!
<b>Thursday, August 2</b>	Last Day of Camp.

Camp is held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be a holiday and on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> camp will be in session to make a complete four-day week.

### The Parish Camp's Mission Statement

St. Matthew's Day Camp serves the children and families of the Parish and the surrounding community. The Camp provides a diverse recreational experience through a safe and structured program that emphasizes friendship, caring, self-esteem and fun. It provides both campers and staff the opportunity to enjoy the Parish grounds and the company of one another, and to develop physical, social, and personal skills, in a Christian setting, as a complement to their family upbringing and formal education.

We are committed to operating as an Episcopal Day Camp, supporting the spiritual growth of our children. As part of the Parish's outreach, the Camp will continue to offer a number of "camperships" to children from the wider community who would otherwise be unable to attend.

### Admissions Policy

St. Matthew's Parish Summer Day Camp gives an admission priority to Parish members and returning campers. Criteria for Parish Membership are established by the Clergy and will be consistent with all other Parish programs. While we would like to have all applicants attend camp, maintaining proper age and gender balance and limitations on the facilities available for camp often mean that not every child can attend. For the youngest class of children (just having completed kindergarten and entering first grade), since the criteria for returning campers are not applicable, those Parish members who apply will in almost all instances be admitted. For returning campers, St. Matthew's Day Camp considers other factors such as siblings of continuing and previous campers, pastoral concerns, and repeat applicants. A waiting list is kept of those we could not accept. Our youngest campers have finished Kindergarten **and are entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade next fall**. Our oldest campers have finished 5<sup>th</sup> and are entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next fall. **TO BEST SECURE A SPOT FOR YOUR CHILDREN, YOU ARE URGED TO HAVE THEM BEGIN ATTENDING THE SUMMER BEFORE FIRST GRADE.**

Campers who successfully complete this year's program with **no less than eighteen full days' attendance at Camp (no more than six days absent)** will be considered "returning campers" next year. Those with more than six unexcused absences will generally lose their priority – vacations are not normally considered excused absences. The Vestry and Day Camp Board believe that enforcement of this attendance policy is appropriate stewardship of the wonderful resource that the Day Camp offers the Parish community.

### Tuition

Tuition for Summer 2012 will be \$1000, with a deposit of \$50 due at the time of application and the balance of \$950 due April 20.

St. Matthew's Day Camp welcomes all families; in fact, a large number of our campers are not members of the Parish. To be considered a member of the Parish of St. Matthew for purpose of admission, an applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must have been an active and pledging member of The Parish of St. Matthew for at least two years prior to the application. In keeping with the parish bylaws and the canon law of the Episcopal Church, the four requirements for maintaining active membership at Saint Matthew's are as follows: the recording of one's name on the parish's register of baptized members, regular participation in Sunday worship, involvement in a parish activity or ministry, and making an annual financial pledge in support of Saint Matthew's. You don't need to have been baptized or confirmed as an Episcopalian in order to become a member of Saint Matthew's.

If you have questions regarding Parish membership, please call the Parish office at 454-1358.

The Day Camp may be reached in the off-season by calling our information line at 573-7787 ext. 160. Questions and messages may be left on the voice mail at any time. We can also be reached by email: [daycamp@stmatthews.com](mailto:daycamp@stmatthews.com)

**St. Matthew's Parish Day Camp**  
**CAMPER APPLICATION** – *Return this Portion with Deposit by March 2.*  
*Additional Copies of this Application are available in the Parish Office.*

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Are Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Members of the Parish of St. Matthew? Yes    No  
*Please see box on reverse side for definition of Parish membership.*

Have you applied to St. Matthew's Day Camp in previous years and not been accepted?

Yes    No    If so, which year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please note: Children who will be repeating Kindergarten in the fall should apply next year.)

Child's Name:	Boy Girl	Date of Birth:
Did this child attend St. Matthew's Day Camp in 2011?    Yes    No		
What grade will this child be entering in Fall 2012?    1   2   3   4   5   6		

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Applications with a deposit of \$50.00 per child, payable to St. Matthew's Day Camp, are due by Friday, March 2. **(Late applications forfeit any preference or deposit refund, and will be placed on the wait list.) Please send only the deposit amount at this time.** If your application is accepted, the deposit is not refundable. If we are unable to accept your application, your deposit check will be returned. For more information, please consult the Important Day Camp Information page.

**Send completed Application and deposit checks to:**  
**St. Matthew's Day Camp   P. O. Box 37   Pacific Palisades, CA 90272**

# Tentative Camp Calendar 2012

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
June 25 First Day of Camp	26	27	28	29 NO CAMP
July 2	3 World Day	4 NO CAMP	5	6 All-American Hot Dog Cookout (Camp in Session)
9	10 Costume Day	11	12 Olympic Day	13 NO CAMP
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23 Tournament Day	24	25 Beach Day (Girls 5-8)	26 Girls' Overnight (Girls 5-8)	27 NO CAMP
30	31 Family Night	August 1 Thanksgiving Day	2 Last Day of Camp	3 NO CAMP

PLEASE NOTE: This is a tentative calendar. A detailed calendar will be included in the camp paper the first week of camp.