

Welcome to Explorers Camp!

We are so excited to spend our summer with your child!

Camp starts at **9:00** and ends at **3:00**.

Explorers Camp drop off is at **Room 1** and pick up is on **Elm Street** (Northbound). The counselors and campers will be outside on the tables.

Each day we will play an outdoor and indoor game, have time for snack and recess, do an art project, have lunch, and swim at the pool. We will also have at least one theme day each week and one field trip (either outside of camp or in-house) which will be noted on the session calendar. Some of the games or activities on the calendar may change based on the weather or availability of materials, but all theme days and field trips will be as scheduled.

We ask that your child wears **closed-in shoes** to camp and bring a set of flip-flops or sandals to wear at the pool. We will be playing a lot of different active games, so closed-in shoes will work best.

Your child will need to bring the following items to camp every day:

- **Water bottle**
- **Snack**
- **Lunch (no refrigeration available)**
- **Swimsuit**
- **Towel**
- **Sunscreen**



Please send your child with **spray-on sunscreen**. Counselors are not allowed to apply regular sunscreen to campers, but we are allowed to spray them. We have a block of time after lunch where all campers will be able to change into their swimsuits and ask a counselor to spray sunscreen to make sure they're covered! Please label your child's sunscreen as many campers have the same brands!

We swim every day at Gary Morava from 1:15-2:45pm. Counselors will be assigned a time for their group to go to the concession stand. Each group will

have 15 minutes at the concession stand. If your child wants to purchase something at the concession stand, I would recommend sending no more than a few dollars to spend. They will be responsible for holding on to their own money.

Explorers campers will be wearing red wristbands at all times while swimming. These wrist bands indicate that the explorers' campers are only allowed to swim up until the 4ft lane line. We do not do swim tests for this age group.

Please do not send your child with anything valuable including game devices, toys, cards, fidget spinners etc. They will **not** be allowed to use their electronics during camp time.

A camp lost and found will be laid out each Friday for parents and campers to look through. There will be one table set up near the front desk and another outside the pool office.

If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Danielle (Explorers camp coordinator) or your child's counselor at drop-off and pick-up time, or call Prospect Heights Park District at (847) 394-2848. You can also access: <http://www.prospectheightsparkdistrict.org/Summer-Camps/general-info.htm>
Thank you!

Meeting the Counselors!

My name is **Danielle** and this is my 4th summer here at Gary Morava! I am super excited for this to be my second summer as the Explorers Camp Coordinator. I just graduated from Illinois State University with an Elementary Education degree with an ESL and reading endorsement. I will be student teaching this upcoming Fall in a 3rd grade classroom at Betsy Ross Elementary School! I can't wait for a fun-filled summer with all our new and returning campers!

Counselors:

My name is **Kaitlyn** and this is my 4th summer in Explorers Camp! I will be a Senior at Elmhurst College studying Special Education. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family. I'm super excited to meet my new campers!

My name is **Yesenia** and this is my 4th summer at Gary Morava! I have two kids and look forward to having a fun summer with my family!

My name is **Lucas** and this is my second summer at Gary Morava! I will be a Sophomore at Drake University and am studying Pharmacy. I am on the club wrestling team at Drake as well. I'm so excited for my second summer here!

My name is **Lauren** and this is my first summer at Gary Morava! I am going to be a Junior at Elmhurst College and I'm studying speech pathology. I am pumped for first summer here at Gary Morava!

My name is **Eitan** and this is my first summer here at Gary Morava! I am going to be a Senior at Northern Illinois University, and I am studying Elementary Education. I attended camp here when I was a kid, and I can't wait to be a counselor now!

My name is **Alex** and this is my first summer here at Gary Morava! I am going to be a Junior at Case Western Reserve University and I'm studying biology. I am so excited to meet my new campers!

My name is **Kamila** and this is my first summer at Gary Morava! I just graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in speech pathology. I am so excited for a fun-filled summer!

My name is **Maria** and this is my first summer here at Gary Morava! I currently attend Harper College and am studying forensic science. I can't wait to meet my new campers!

My name is **Melanie** and this is my 3rd summer at Gary Morava! I am going to be a Junior at Harper College studying nursing. I was a counselor in Adventure Camp, and I'm so excited for my first summer in Explorers Camp!