



# The International School

## Language Immersion Summer Camp

### Frequently Asked Questions

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## Language Learning

**Q. What exactly does “language immersion” mean? How much of my child’s camp day will be spent immersed in the target language?**

- The International School and TIS Summer Camp are very proud to provide true immersion experience for children learning Japanese, Chinese and Spanish. The following explanation is adapted from our website, [intlschool.org/immersion](https://intlschool.org/immersion):
- Words, facts, numbers – give them to a child in isolation, and they mostly go “in one ear and out the other”. Like the rest of us, children learn best when they have context and interest in the subject at hand. That is why *true immersion* is so important.

- We encourage children's natural ability to learn language **from the first moment of school or summer camp** when teachers greet new students in the chosen language. Teachers speak only the chosen language, and children quickly learn and love that this is how we communicate.
- **Immersing in culture as well as language.** The cultures of our international faculty permeate every aspect of school life - stories, habits, customs, songs, celebrations, materials and learning resources.
- **Our camps are led by skilled teachers with native-level fluency.**
- **Campers are immersed in their target language for at least 80 percent of the summer camp week.** Research shows unequivocally that the more time a child spends hearing and using a language, the more fluent she will become.
- **Daily exposure to other languages and cultures** that fosters a world perspective. Our students hear Chinese, Spanish and Japanese in the hallways and playgrounds, they attend cultural festivals, and they know teachers from all around the world.
- TIS provides a **true immersion experience**, enabling our students to become truly bilingual, confident world citizens.

**Q. Will my child be fluent in the target language after she/he finishes summer camp?**

The goal of our summer camp language immersion program is to give students a fun experience in learning language. Our teachers have native-level fluency in the language they teach and your child will likely know a lot more Spanish, Chinese, or Japanese than they did when they started camp! We cannot say that campers will achieve fluency – camp sessions are only two weeks long and fluency is something that requires years of learning.

We do know that many of our campers attend TIS during the school year or other language-immersion schools. Our language immersion summer camp aims to supplement and practice their school-year learning and keep up their skills for school in the fall.

For students who do not get much language education during the school year, our camp programs provide basic language skills, cultural enjoyment, and a solid basis that can easily be built upon in the coming years.

**Q. I want my child to learn as much in his/her target language as possible. What can I do at home to help my child learn the language?**

The most important thing you can do for your child during their learning process is to encourage and praise them for learning a new language. It can be challenging and tiring to spend a day immersed in a brand new language. We recommend that you do not “put your child on the spot,” by asking them to “say something in Japanese!” Keep in mind that although most children learn language rapidly, you may not hear your child speaking much Chinese, Japanese, or Spanish at home – you may hear your child speaking with the teacher in the target language at pick-up or drop-off.

You can also check your local library for other language resources. They likely have children's books in the target language you can check out or they might host events, like story time in another language or language groups.

### **Q. Will every adult interacting with my child have fluency in the target language?**

All of our summer camp teachers have native-level fluency in the language they teach. Whenever possible, we hire teachers' aides and other camp staff who have native-level fluency or substantial experience in the target language, (with the exception of emergencies, when English is required for understanding.) Your child will be spending most of their day with their teacher, who will only speak in the target language. This includes lunch and recess. There are times throughout the camp day when your child will be enjoying other elements of summer camp, such as Sports and Games or Yoga. These teachers will be speaking English to the campers. Camp administrators, such as the camp director, camp registrar, and administrative assistants, will likely speak English to campers.

## **Registration & Enrollment**

### **Q. How and when do I register for summer camp?**

Visit our website ([intlschool.org/summer-registration/](https://intlschool.org/summer-registration/)) to see when registration opens for the following camp season. Registration is available online through UltraCamp. When you register, the non-refundable reservation fee of \$100 per child, per session is due. This amount is applied towards your summer camp balance.

Registrations are processed and campers are enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. We will continue accepting registrations for all camp groups until a group is full. After that point, you may elect to put your child on a waitlist. When possible, we will open secondary sections of popular camp groups.

### **Q. What if the camp I want is full?**

We enroll camps on a first-come, first-served basis. Our camps tend to be popular and some traditionally fill up around the end of February. Any registrations we receive after a camp is full will be placed on a waiting list. Otherwise, we will contact parents on the waitlist as space opens up in a camp due to cancellations or transfers. If you receive such a call or email from us, please respond within 24 hours so that we can contact other parents on the waitlist if you are no longer interested. If you elect to remove your child from the waitlist and not enroll in summer camp at TIS, we will refund your reservation fee. We do the best we can to accommodate every family interested in attending TIS summer camp.

### **Q. Do you offer early drop-off and after-camp care? How do I sign up?**

Yes! Early drop-off is available from 7:45am to 8:15am and is included in the cost of the camp. **Please note that early drop-off is NOT available the first day of each camp session.** Parents need *not* sign-up in advance for early drop-off and will be instructed on where to leave their child one week prior to the start of camp.

Global Kids after-camp is available every day that camp is open until 6pm. Parents must sign up for Global Kids in advance and there is an additional fee.

### **Q. I have never been to TIS before. Can I tour the campus?**

We would be happy to schedule a campus tour for your family. Contact the summer camp director ([summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org)) to schedule a tour.

### **Q. Do the camp groups fill up quickly?**

Our camps are popular and the popularity of certain age groups or language tracks varies slightly from year to year. Please register early! Check our website [intlschool.org/summer-registration/](https://intlschool.org/summer-registration/) for registration updates. Even our most popular camp groups will likely take a few weeks to fill. After a camp group is full, we maintain a wait list. When possible, we will open secondary sections of camp groups.

## **Payment**

### **Q. How much do camps cost? Do you offer any discounts?**

Visit [intlschool.org/summer](https://intlschool.org/summer) for the current year's rates.

We offer a **sibling discount of 20%**. Families with two or more children enrolled in TIS summer camps will receive a 20% discount (for each child beyond the first) on the less-expensive camp.

Sorry, we do not accept one-week enrollments, nor can we give discounts for enrolling in multiple sessions.

### **Q. How do I pay for camp?**

When you register, you will pay the non-refundable \$100 reservation fee (per child / per session). This will be applied to your camp balance. If you register online, you can pay with a credit card or by e-check.

**If you register online and pay by credit card:** you will pay as you "check out."

**If you register online and want to pay by check/cash:** select this option when you check out. We must receive your payment within two business days of your reservation in order to keep your child's spot in that camp group. Payment can be mailed or hand-delivered to any campus receptionist.

**The remaining balance will be due on the first day of your camp session** and can be paid online through your camp account (if you registered online) or with cash or check. We will have a payment drop box available the first day of camp.

For mail-in payments:

The International School  
Attn: Summer Camp Payment  
025 SW Sherman St  
Portland, OR 97201

### **Q. If my plans change, can I get a refund for cancelling or can I change to a different camp session?**

Transferring more than one week before your scheduled camp begins is free and permitted as long as space is available. Transferring camps more than one week before your child's camp start can be done through your [UltraCamp](#) account, if you registered online.

Last-minute changes present a challenge to our camp that can affect staffing, supply ordering, and registration processing. Therefore, there is a \$50 fee for any transfer of camp section or session made less than one week prior to the start date of the camp session.

Cancellations are permitted at any time. However, the \$100 reservation fee (per child, per session) is non-refundable.

If you registered with a paper form, all changes to camp enrollment must be made in writing and can be sent via email to the camp director.

## Camp Groups & Group Selection

### Q. What are the camp groups? How large are the groups?

There are 5 different camp groups for each language track - yellow, orange, purple, blue, and green groups. The groups are divided by age and language fluency. See below for a chart that provides details on the groups. Camp groups are typically 8 to 16 children.

Camp Group	Grade (Fall 2020)	Language Fluency Level
<b>Yellow Camp</b>	<b>PreK &amp; LowK</b> (3-4 yrs old) Half day or full day <i>Must be completely potty trained</i>	Open to all fluency levels
<b>Orange Camp</b>	<b>Kinder and 1st</b> Full day	Beginners or students with limited prior experience in the language
<b>Purple Camp</b>	<b>Kinder and 1st</b> Full day	Need at least 1 year language immersion experience or equivalent
<b>Blue Camp</b>	<b>2nd-4th Grade</b> Full day	Beginners or students with limited prior experience in the language
<b>Green Camp</b>	<b>2nd-5th Grade</b> Full day	Need at least 2 years language immersion experience or equivalent; children should be able to speak, read, and write in the target language

### Q. Can I request that my child be in the same camp group as their friend?

Yes, you may, and we make every effort to honor these requests. Please note your request on the summer camp registration, where you are prompted to indicate this request.

### Q. I'm unsure about my child's fluency level in the target language. Which camp should I enroll them in?

The summer camp pricing and group chart on the previous page (also available online at [intlschool.org/summer](https://intlschool.org/summer)) provides helpful guidelines for selecting a camp group. We try to provide adequate opportunities for campers to be grouped with other campers with similar fluency levels and ages. If you are uncertain, please give us a call.

Our **yellow, orange, and blue camps** (for preschoolers, campers entering K/1<sup>st</sup> grade, and campers entering 2-4<sup>th</sup> grade, respectively) are geared towards beginning speakers, with little or no experience in the target language.

Our **purple camp** is for campers entering K/1<sup>st</sup> and requires at least 1 year of language immersion experience or equivalent. Our **green camp** is for campers entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades and requires at least 2 years or equivalent. When deciding between green and blue camps for your child, keep in mind that we expect green campers to feel comfortable speaking, reading and writing in their target language.

Also, please be aware that even with these guidelines, camp groups tend to have campers with varying levels of fluency. Our summer camp teachers are seasoned and easily make accommodations for students of all levels – they can assign more challenging projects to more fluent campers, for example. Please direct any remaining questions about camp groups to the summer camp director at [summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org).

**Q. Can I change my child's camp group after camp has started because his/her language fluency is much different than others' in the camp group?**

As much as possible, we try to keep campers in the same groups that they were originally enrolled in to provide continuity for all the children. Our summer camp teachers are seasoned and easily make accommodations for students of all levels – they can have more fluent campers help others, or assign more challenging projects, for example. If you find that your child needs more support or more challenges in the target language, do not hesitate to contact his/her teacher or the camp director to share your concerns. Likely, we can make appropriate accommodations. In unusual circumstances, we can look into the possibility of changing camp groups, providing that there is space in the other desired camp.

## **Medical & Safety**

**Q. What procedures do you have in place to ensure campers' safety?**

Safety is our very first priority at TIS Summer Camp. Our staff is trained to provide close supervision, appropriate medical care, and generally attend to the campers' needs and whereabouts. We take the following safety precautions on the TIS campus:

- All of our building and playground gates are locked and can only be accessed with a code (this will be provided to campers' parents before the start of camp.)
- We employ a full-time Health & Safety Coordinator during summer camp and he/she is fully equipped and trained to respond to emergencies. Our Health & Safety Coordinator helps supervise recess and does campus security "sweeps" several times a day, to keep apprised of campus activity.
- All of our camp staff members are trained in CPR and have medical kits in each classroom. These kits travel with the camp group wherever they go (outside, to sports and games, etc.)
- Our campus is completely nut-free to protect our students and staff with nut allergies.
- All of our camp staff members are trained on our campus procedures for emergencies, allergies, check-in/check-out procedures, field trips, and other situations that require heightened awareness. These procedures are modeled after school-year procedures, monitored by our Operations and Compliance Manager.
- Our teachers take attendance several times per day – if children are not accounted for at the start of the camp day, one of our camp administrators will call a parent or guardian.
- We staff our camp groups according to our childcare license. We hire 1 staff person for every 8 children in our yellow, orange, and purple camps (children entering K or younger) and at least 1 adult for every 15 children in our blue and green camps (entering 2-5th grade.)
- Our camp director and other administrators have quick access to parent information, which is kept confidential. We will contact families promptly if there is any concern with a child's safety at camp. Our camp registrar and administrative assistant are available to answer phone calls and deliver messages.
- We do practice fire drills once per month to be prepared for emergencies.
- At pick-up time, we ask for ID from all adults picking up campers. Adults who are not on the "authorized pick-up list" will be asked to wait until a staff member can make contact with a parent or guardian.

### **Q. My child takes medication daily. Can camp staff administer it?**

Our summer camp staff can administer medication that is in its original container. Prescription medication must be accompanied by a note from the child's doctor, indicating the time and dose needed. This medication should be delivered, in person, to the reception area on the first day of

camp. The Health and Safety Coordinator, camp director, administrative assistant, or registrar will take, store, and administer the medication. **Please do not leave medication in your child's cubby or classroom.** For questions about allergies, Epipens, and inhalers, please see "My child has allergies and uses an Epipen or inhaler...."

### **Q. What if my child gets sick while at camp?**

Children who say they are ill or who seem ill will be taken to a camp administrator or the Health and Safety Coordinator, who will assess the child for illness – asking questions, taking temperature, etc. The staff member will call a parent and consult about appropriate steps. Children who have a fever (above 100 degrees F) will be sent home and will not be permitted to return to camp until their temperature has returned to normal, but not before 24 hours have passed. (For example, if a child is sent home from camp at 2pm with a fever and his/her temperature is normal by bedtime that evening, she/he cannot return to camp until the following day at 2pm. This is to prevent infections from spreading to others.) Children who are otherwise too ill to remain at camp (vomiting, etc.) will also be sent home and will not be permitted to return to camp until they are no longer experiencing symptoms or discomfort.

During the registration process, parents are asked to indicate whether they permit camp staff to dispense over-the-counter medication to campers, such as children's Tylenol or anti-itch cream. Camp administrators will dispense these, as necessary, to campers who have permission. Parents will be called in the event that administrators dispense these medications.

If a child is discovered with head lice at camp, he/she will be sent home. Parents will be asked to purchase and administer a head-lice treatment and thoroughly check that all signs of lice have disappeared. Children may return to camp after these steps have been taken and a staff member has checked the child's head. Lice checks are done discretely. Other parents in the same camp group will be notified that a case of head lice has occurred. Maintenance will be contacted to deep-clean the classroom.

### **Q. My child has allergies and uses an Epipen and/or an Inhaler. How will the staff care for my child?**

Children who have allergies are required to bring **TWO** Epipens or inhalers (if the doctor prescribed them to treat allergies,) to keep at camp. These must be labeled with child's name and contain the label from the pharmacy with instructions. One epipen/inhaler will be kept in the classroom medical kit and brought with the children wherever they go. The second will be kept at the reception desk.

On the first day of camp, bring epipens and inhalers to the reception area (in-person) and deliver to a camp administrator. We will distribute them to their proper locations. All camp staff will be kept aware of campers with allergies and will have received training and information on procedures on how to address allergic reactions.

## Daily Life at Summer Camp

### **Q. What time does camp start and end every day?**

Camp begins at **8:15am and ends at 3:30pm** for full day campers (half day campers leave at 12:00pm). We offer early drop-off and after-camp care, if needed. Note that early drop-off begins at 7:45am and is NOT available the first day of each camp session. Please see "[registration and enrollment](#)" for more information on signing up for additional childcare.

### **Q. What are the dates and themes of camp sessions?**

See [intlschool.org/summer](http://intlschool.org/summer)

### **Q. What kinds of things will my child do at camp every day?**

Most of the camp day will be spent with the language immersion teacher. He/she will plan engaging, interactive lessons and projects focused on language learning. You will receive at least one email per week with specific information on what your child's teacher has planned for the coming week.

Your child will also participate in weekly or bi-weekly camp activities, such as sports and games, yoga, multicultural music and movement, and gardening. These activities are run by specialist teachers. We also offer special days at camp, such as an outdoor field day, an ice cream social, and field trips for orange, purple, blue, and green groups. Parents will be notified well in advance of special events.

### **Q. Will my child go on field trips? Can I chaperone?**

Orange, purple, blue, and green camp groups will take a field trip once per session, as related to their session theme. (Parents will be notified in advance of the details relating to this trip.) The yellow campers (3- and 4-year-olds,) will not be going on these trips, for safety reasons.

We ask that parents not chaperone trips. While we would love to share the fun with you, all adults interacting with our campers during the camp day must be put through a background check and

training process. It is not reasonable to complete this process for a parent wanting to chaperone one field trip. We will be more than adequately staffed on off-campus trips. Our on campus adults to camper ratios are 1 adult for every 10-15 children. (1:10 for children entering kindergarten or younger.) For off-campus trips, we will bring 1 adult for every 5-8 children. (1:5 ratios on field trips are for groups with younger children.) We promise to take photos to share with families!

**Q. My child already attends The International School during the school year. Will summer camp at TIS be “more of the same”?**

Our campers learn a lot each summer, but teachers work hard to make summer curriculum more hands-on, interactive, and creative than what they typically teach during school. Our summer campers will learn through time spent outside, games, songs, and student-led projects. Like TIS during the school year, our camps are also inquiry-based, meaning that they can be as creative and engaging as the campers who are involved in them! In addition to teachers' summer curriculum, campers will love practicing yoga twice weekly, participating in sports and games twice weekly, and taking “cultural movement and music” classes, like Taiko drumming. Campers look forward to our camp stand-by of field days, ice cream socials, and field trips (for orange, purple, blue, and green campers.)

We are fortunate that many of our summer camp teachers are also teachers at TIS during the year – summer campers who also attend TIS may know their teacher or have the same teacher they had during the school year. They may be in the same classrooms or be part of a camp group with other campers from their school-year class. This is a great benefit for campers thinking about applying to the International School or who are planning on attending in the fall. Children get to know our campus, staff, and even meet some of their future classmates.

**Q. My child does not attend The International School during the school year. Will there be other kids also new to the community at summer camp or will everyone already know each other?**

About half of our campers are associated with TIS and about half are campers who join us from other schools, or even other countries. Some of our older campers do not attend TIS but look forward to our summer camp every summer. There will certainly be campers who know each other, but many others who are new. Teachers work hard to facilitate getting-to-know-you activities and facilitate friendships between campers.

We often have a group of campers attending summer camp who are thinking about applying to the International School or planning on attending in the fall. They are fortunate to learn about our campus and routines, meet our teachers, and get to know future classmates during the summer.

**Q. Can my child use a microwave to heat up his/her lunch or have help from a teacher in doing this?**

We have NO microwaves available in the classrooms. It is required to pack an ice pack in Students lunch boxes.

**Q. During the camp session, will there be events or performances that I can attend?**

We are proud to host an “end-of-session celebration” for all camp groups at the end of the session! Parents and families will be invited to see their children’s work showcased in a short skit, presentation, or see art hanging. Parents will be notified in the beginning of the camp session about the specific date and time of the celebration. Parents are welcome to visit camp another time – please arrange visits in advance with the camp director.

**Q. What kind of expectations do you have for campers’ behavior?**

Our behavior & safety is outlined on our summer website as follows:

The International School strives to provide a fun and safe environment for all our campers. We expect all campers and their parents/guardians to behave in a manner that is safe, appropriate, and friendly. If a camper behaves in a way that the staff believes to be unsafe, inappropriate or unfriendly, we will address the situation by speaking with the child and, if needed, the parents. The International School reserves the right to expel or temporarily exclude a camper for repeated or extreme misbehavior. In the event of expulsion or exclusion, no refund will be issued. Please speak with a child’s teacher directly or with the camp director for inquiries about your child’s behavior at camp.

**Q. My child has a birthday during camp. Can I send him/her with a treat to share with the camp group? Will there be opportunities for camp to celebrate my child’s birthday?**

Please let us (camp director and/or child’s teacher) know if your child has a birthday while they’re at camp and we would be happy to sing “Happy Birthday” (in the target language!) You are welcome

to bring in a treat to share, although our childcare license forbids sharing of homemade treats – this helps us keep our campers with allergies safe. Something purchased from a store or bakery is fine, as long as it contains no nuts or traces of nuts. We also ask that parents bring in an ingredient list.

## Pick-Up & Drop-Off

### **Q. Who do I contact if my child will miss a day of camp, arrive late, or be picked up early?**

When at all possible, please arrange missed camp, early pick-up, or late-drop off (for appointments, vacations, etc) in advance with the camp director. Simply send an email to [summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org) and the camp director will let you know where to drop off/pick up your child (for late drop-offs/early pick-ups.) In the event that your child is ill or there is a last-minute change of plans, please email the camp director or call 503-226-2496 xt.100 and speak to one of our receptionists. Our receptionists are available during the hours of 7:30am and 4pm. If you need to leave a message, please do so via email ([summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org)). We do not refund tuition for missed days of camp.

### **Q. Where do I go on the first day of camp to drop off my child? Where do I pick up him/her at the end of the day?**

The summer camp is located on The International School campus, at 2305 S Water Ave, Portland, OR 97201. Please note that GPS navigators are not always reliable sources for good directions to The International School, so please take a look at the directions on our website ([intlschool.org/contact](http://intlschool.org/contact)).

Parents will receive an email 1 week prior to the start of the camp session with specific locations (classrooms) for drop-off. There will be lots of people and signs to help you when you first arrive.

### **Q. How do I give permission for adults to pick up my child at the end of the day?**

During the registration process, parents will have the opportunity to list people who have permission to pick up their child.

If authorized pick-up people need to be added after the registration process *and you are adding them before your child's camp session begins*, you can either:

1.) add an authorized pick-up yourself through your UltraCamp account (if you registered online) OR

2.) email the camp director ([summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org)) with a new authorized pick-up.

*Once your child's camp session begins, all new authorized pickups should be requested in writing via email to [summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org).*

People added to the authorized pick-up list after the camp session starts will need to report to a camp receptionist and show ID.

## Parent Communication with Camp

### **Q. Who do I call if I have questions?**

We are always happy to hear from you! Please email [summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org) or call 503-226-2496, ext. 100.

### **Q. How can I get a message to my child during the camp day? Do you allow the children to carry cell phones?**

We do not allow children to carry cell phones during the camp day. If parents request that children use a cell phone after camp to arrange for pick up, they may keep phones in their backpack or cubby in the classroom, but are not permitted to use cell phones until camp is over. We recommend that campers do not bring cell phones at all and that families arrange pick-up plans prior to dropping off their child at camp. We have several administrative assistants answering school phones during the day who can deliver messages to children. Please call 503-226-2496 xt.100 and indicate that your child attends summer camp.

### **Q. How will the camp teachers communicate with me to let me know how my child's day was?**

You will receive one email or printed newsletter per week with information about activities planned for camp. Parents are always welcome to find their child's teacher at pick-up or drop-off and inquire about their child's day. If you need to have more than a short conversation with a teacher, please contact the summer camp office to set up an appointment. Parents can also email the camp director and ask for information.

### **Q. Who do I contact if my child will miss a day of camp, arrive late, or be picked up early?**

When at all possible, please arrange missed camp, early pick-up, or late-drop off (for appointments, vacations, etc) in advance with the camp director. Simply send an email to [summer@intlschool.org](mailto:summer@intlschool.org) and the camp director will let you know where to drop off/pick up your child (for late drop-offs/early pick-ups.) In the event that your child is ill or there is a last-minute change of plans, please email the camp director or call 503-226-2496 xt.100 and speak to one of our receptionists. Our receptions are available during the hours of 7:30am and 4pm. If you need to leave a message, please do so via email

## What to Bring & Wear

### Q. What should my child bring to camp? What should he/she wear?

#### What to Wear: ALL CAMPERS:

- Campers should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for summer weather. We keep our campers busy with outside time and projects, so camp clothing should be able to get messy/dirty.
- Campers should wear comfortable shoes that allow them to run around outside. Sneakers, Crocs, Keens, or similar shoes with a back strap or heel are recommended. Flip flops and "wheelie shoes" are not permitted, as they can cause injuries.
- There will be special camp days (field days, water fun days,) when we ask campers to bring a bathing suit, towel, and shoes that campers can wear in the water (old sneakers, crocs, keens, water shoes, or similar shoes with a back strap.) Parents will receive more information about special camp days in weekly newsletters and emails.

#### What to Bring: Yellow Camps- children ages 3 and 4

- A packed lunch (both full and half day campers will need a lunch) **\*NO NUTS, PLEASE**
  - A change of clothes – label each item with your child's name
  - Sunscreen labeled with your child's name
  - A filled water bottle with your child's name on it (there will be opportunities throughout the day to refill water bottles, as needed)
  - Pillow and blanket for nap time (if your child is in a yellow or orange camp and is a full-day camper)
- \* Children are welcome to bring **one** special stuffed animal or doll to camp, (to be used only*

at nap time.) Please leave all other toys at home. We will have plenty of fun activities and toys here at camp.

### **What to Bring: Orange and Purple Camps- children entering Kindergarten and First grade.**

- A packed lunch (both full and half day campers will need a lunch) **\*NO NUTS, PLEASE**
- A change of clothes - label each item with your child's name
- Sunscreen labeled with your child's name
- A filled water bottle with your child's name on it (there will be opportunities throughout the day to refill water bottles, as needed)

### **What to Bring: Blue and Green camps- children entering grades 2 - 5**

- A packed lunch **\*NO NUTS, PLEASE**
- Sunscreen labeled with your child's name
- A filled water bottle with your child's name on it (there will be opportunities throughout the day to refill water bottles, as needed)

### **Q. Can my child bring his/her cell phone, iPod, iPad, hand-held video game or other technology to camp?**

Our focus at summer camp is language immersion, interacting with staff, other campers, and enjoying all of the wonderful opportunities our camp has to offer. Cell phone, iPods, and game boy devices can be distracting and can also get lost or broken. Please leave all of these items at home. The International School cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, broken, or damaged personal items.

### **Q. Can my child bring toys from home to play with at camp?**

We have lots of great toys and materials here at camp and we ask that personal toys be left at home. We do allow our yellow campers (3 and 4-year-olds) to bring in one stuffed animal or comfort object to use during nap time.

## **Our Faculty & Staff**

### **Q. What kind of training and qualifications will camp teachers and other camp staff have?**

All of our summer camp teachers have native-level fluency in the language they teach. Most teachers' aides are fluent, as well, or have substantial experience in the language. Many of our

teachers also teach at TIS during the school year and hold a teaching certificate, often issued from the teachers' native country.

All of our camp staff members are certified in CPR and first aid. We also have a Health and Safety Coordinator on camp staff.

**Q. How many adults will be supervising my child every day?**

There is one teacher per camp group. For yellow, orange, and purple camps (with young campers), if camp groups exceed 8 students, there will also be a teacher's aide in the group. This may vary slightly, at the discretion of the camp director. Parents will be notified of teacher and teacher aide assignments one week before the start of camp.

There are other adults available to help supervise and attend to your child's needs, including the camp director, camp registrar, administrative assistants, Health and Safety Coordinator, and others.

**Q. Who will my child's teacher be?**

We hire many teachers, teachers' aides, and other staff who also work at the International School during the school year. Parents will be notified 1 week in advance (via email) of teaching assignments.

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