

Summer Camps

Frequently Asked Questions:

We've compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions but if you don't find the answer to yours, don't worry – pick up the phone and ask, we'll do what we can to resolve it.

Q: Are the camps residential?

A: No they aren't. The camp starts each weekday morning and finish in the afternoon.

Q: What age do they need to be to join the camp?

A: We take children from the ages of 6 to 16 years.

Q: What time do the camps start and finish?

A: The camps start promptly at 10am but we suggest you're at the centre for 09:45am so we can get your child(ren) booked in and ready to go. The day finishes at 4pm and because we have other activities running straight after, please be on time.

Q: Do I need to book the camps beforehand or can we just turn up?

A: Ideally we would prefer if you booked – even if it's only 48 hours in advance. We take safety very seriously and so the number of children we have on a camp dictates the number of instructors we allocate. You can take a chance and turn up but we can't guarantee a place.

Q: Can my child(ren) come for half a day?

A: Yes, the morning session runs from 10am until 1pm and the afternoon is 1:30pm to 4pm. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start time so we can get them booked in and ready to start on time.

Q: Can they come for more than one day?

A: Yes, they can come for any combination that you want so a full week, a full day, a half day or any combination that suits you. We usually find that children who are a little nervous will come for a half day to begin with and after that we see them several more times throughout the week because they've made new friends and found a bit of confidence

Q: Is lunch provided?

A: Lunch is provided for all children who are booked in for a whole day or a full week. Lunch is not included on half day camps.

Q: Is there a discount for siblings?

A: Yes, there's a 10% discount for additional children but only for a full day or full week. The discount does not apply for half day camps.

Q: Are siblings kept together on the camp?

A: Wherever possible we will try and keep siblings together but there are occasions where a young child wouldn't keep pace with a much older one.

Q: What do they need to bring with them?

A: Please make sure they have old clothes on then they'll need to bring a towel, swim gear and old trainers with them. We will supply all the necessary equipment such as wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets.

Q: Will the camp be cancelled if the weather is bad?

A: It hasn't happened to date. Rain is part of the Irish summer and when out on the water, getting wet is all part of the fun anyway! There is the possibility that we may have to alter the itinerary at short notice if the wind is too strong but the camps should be able to go ahead.

Q: Are the camps supervised or do I need to stay with them?

A: The camps are fully supervised by our experienced and qualified staff from the time you drop them to the time you collect them. There's no need for you to stay – it frees up your time to go and do something else. If you wish to stay there is a restaurant on site and plenty of seating.

Q: If I stay, can I join in?

A: No, this is a kids only camp. If you wish to do activities you are most welcome to stay and hire kayaks, join the cruise, play mini golf etc. Standard rates apply.

Q: How deep is the water?

A: This is a question we are asked a lot and unfortunately there is no straightforward answer. The Kenmare Bay is tidal and the depth can vary significantly between low and high tide.

Q: My child can't swim; does that mean they can't take part?

A: Not at all – several hundred people come through our gates every year that can't swim and it's not a problem. All children are supplied with buoyancy aids (life jackets) and the wetsuits also provide extra support. Plus they are supervised whilst out on the water.