

Dear Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to PSC's Kids College! We have been providing high-quality summer camps to our local area for 33 years and this year is no exception. Our goal is to constantly improve services. Here are some changes to Kids College that will enhance you and your child's experience:

- ❖ We are collaborating with the United Way of Northwest Florida. Senior volunteers will be participating in the program to provide a *unique intergenerational element*. The Seniors are part of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) and volunteer within the school district while school is in session.
- ❖ We will continue to work with our wonderful teenage volunteers with Chain Reaction, but have increased community collaboration with The Global Corner and Central Credit Union of Florida.
- ❖ One of Pensacola State College's missions is to increase cultural events and opportunities on campus. We are now offering art, music, dance, and language classes that will introduce a global perspective to the campers. In addition, campers will even be able to learn about animals from around the world, which is sure to be a popular class!
- ❖ More fieldtrips are planned to offer real-world experience in relation to the classroom content. Field trips are weather and staff dependent and will be announced prior to the start of specific camps.
- ❖ We have expanded the age range of who we serve and now offer gymnastics classes to 4-5 year old children as part of Kids College.
- ❖ Pensacola State College is a phenomenal resource of learning opportunities. A new camp called "Be a PSC Pirate" is available during three of the weeks this summer. Campers will have enriching experiences as they explore different departments on campus. From learning how to fold a flag from the Veterans Affairs Center to artistic experiences in the Anna Lamar Switzer building, this camp will provide a unique perspective of the college!

Additionally, the following improvements are based upon the feedback we received from the surveys last summer:

- ❖ We have changed our hours of care to offer a more flexible schedule for working families. Campers can now be dropped off anytime between 7:00am and 8:15am for the morning session and can stay as late as 5:30 after the afternoon session completes at 4:45pm.
- ❖ Increasing the window of drop off time will also reduce the wait time that has occurred in the past.
- ❖ Finally, the high request rate for specialized sports instruction prompted us to plan more opportunities this summer. In addition to the "Sports Sampler" camp, we have added: golf and disc golf. We are currently working with a tennis provider for tennis and pickle ball instruction. Those dates will be announced shortly.

Don't forget...PSC offers you added security for your child as officers patrol campus and monitor KIDS COLLEGE throughout the summer!

From our entire teaching team, we thank you for your patience and thank you for joining us this year! We look forward to meeting you and your child(ren)!

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