

Not too late to sign up for camp

With a mere two weeks left to the school year in DeKalb County, that all-too-familiar panic may be settling in for many parents as they begin to seriously consider what their children will be doing this summer.

Camp is a natural consideration. It gives children an opportunity to do things they may not ordinarily do during the school year and a chance to make new friends. These days it seems there's a camp for just about every interest, including outdoor adventure, dance, football, tennis, crafts and even circus fun.

However it's time to act fast as many camps began registration as early as February.

Below is a listing of a few camps in DeKalb County that we checked with that had openings as of Monday, May 11:

Circus Camp

Two locations:
Friends School
862 Columbia Drive, Decatur
Davis Academy
8105 Roberts Drive, Atlanta
(404) 370-0001
www.circuscamp.org

Described as "very interactive" and 15 camps in one, this camp runs weekly from June 1 to Aug. 7. Designed for children ages 5 and older, Circus Camp teaches juggling, trapeze, tightrope walking, puppetry and more. Campers perform an end-of-the-week show for parents. Cost is \$235 a week for the Decatur location and \$275 a week for the Dunwoody location. A "Try Me" day is offered on Mondays for \$60.

Decatur Recreation Tennis Camps

Glenlake Tennis Center
1121 Church St., Decatur
(404) 377-7231
www.decalurga.com

Tennis & Swim Camp

This 9 a.m. to noon camp is for children ages 7 to 15 with 90 minutes of daily tennis instruction followed by a snack and then splash time at Glenlake Pool. Cost is \$90 a week for Decatur residents and \$115 a week for non residents. Weeks available are:

- June 8 – 12
- June 22 – 26
- July 13-17
- July 27-31
- Aug. 3-7

Decatur Recreation Camps

(404) 378-1082

The city of Decatur has an extensive offering of more than 50 camps, including traditional all-day camps, leadership camps, special interest camps (beekeeping, cartooning, chess, hot glass, filmmaking, etc.) and sports camps (volleyball, baseball, soccer, softball, lacrosse, table tennis, etc). Cost varies widely from \$55 to \$325.



Kids packing into the Clown Car. Photo provided by Circus Camp

A full rundown of all camps can be found at www.decalurga.com, go to "Leisure" and then click on the "Playbook" link.

The following traditional day camps focus on arts and crafts, group games, nature/environmental activities, swimming and field trips:

D.R.E.A.M. Camp

This day camp is for children ages 11 to 14. Seven one-week sessions are scheduled for

June 8 – July 24. Cost is \$155 weekly for Decatur residents and \$180 weekly for non residents. Camp is held at the Decatur Recreation Center, 231 Sycamore St., Decatur.

Ebster Explorer Camp

There are three two-week sessions between June 8 and July 17 planned for this camp designed for children ages 5 to 11. Held at Ebster

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Recreation Center, 135 Trinity Place, Decatur, the per session cost is \$200 for Decatur residents and \$250 for non residents. The final one-week session (July 20-24) is \$110-\$135.

McKoy Safari Camp

Children ages 5 to 10 can attend any of the seven one-week sessions of this camp held at McKoy Park, 534 McKoy St., Decatur. Cost is \$145 for Decatur residents and \$170 for non residents.

Decatur-DeKalb Family YMCA

1100 Clairemont Ave., Decatur
(404) 377-9622
www.dgyymcaatlanta.org

The Decatur-DeKalb YMCA offers five full day camps and four half-day camps. There are also opportunities to focus on horseback riding, basketball, general sports and golf.

Dream and Discover Camp and Triple Threat Gymnastics Camp are for ages 5 to 12. The Swim and Dance camps are set up for ages 6 to 9, and Leaders-in-Training Camp is for those ages 13 to 15. These are all full-day camps with a weekly cost ranging from \$125 to \$210.

The Super Hero, Princess, Tumbling Tykes and Dance/Music camps are half day, held from 9 a.m. to noon for children 3 to 5. Cost ranges from \$65 to \$95.

South DeKalb Family YMCA

2565 Snapfinger Road, Decatur
(770) 987-3500

Traditional Camp

This traditional camp is a full-day camp that allows campers ages 5 to 12 to explore new themes each week. Focuses on character development, arts and crafts, sport and indoor swimming. This camp is based at the South DeKalb Family YMCA facility on Snapfinger Road. Fees are set on a sliding scale based on income. For those with income less than \$35,000, cost is between \$68 to \$88 per week.

Pine Ridge Summer Camp

Indoor and outdoor sports, theme games, arts and crafts, and character development are the focus of this camp for children ages 5-12. Camp is held at Pine Ridge Elementary School in Stone Mountain. Cost ranges from \$68 to \$77 per week.

PushPush Theater

121 New St. #4, Decatur
(404) 377-6332
www.pushpushtheater.com

Theater and Film Camp

Two three-week camps in June and July (from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) designed for those interested in what takes place on stage and in front of the camera as well as the action be-

hind the scenes. The process of making the staged performance will be documented and prepared as a short "making of" documentary to be screened following the live performance. Separate camps for youth ages 8 to 12 and 13 and older. Cost is \$230 per week or \$600 for three weeks or \$1,000 for six weeks.

Callanwolde Fine Arts Center

980 Briarcliff Road, Atlanta
(404) 872-5338
www.callanwolde.org

A full range of arts camps are offered at Callanwolde ranging from ballet, theater, photography, jewelry and metal smithing and more. Here are a few:

Kaleidoscope

For ages 6 to 10 this camp focuses on painting, drawing, pottery, mixed media, and fiber arts. Cost is \$245 for members and \$255 non-members per two-week session for this camp that runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sessions are June 9 – 18, July 7 – 17 and July 21 – 30.

Teen Photography

Teens can learn the basics of photography and traditional darkroom printing in this camp June 29 – July 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$200 for members and \$210 for non-members.

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