

Summer Camp

History and Information

The Northeast Palatine Summer Camp is a unique partnership of several public and private entities coming together in a spirit of cooperation to give over 100 at-risk, low-income youth in Palatine the opportunity to enjoy three full weeks of summer day camp. No single agency has ownership of this program, and without the many partners, this program would not be possible. Partners that are committed to making this program a success include: The Buehler YMCA, Palatine Police Department, Palatine Township, Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine Park District, Partners for Our Communities (POC).

This program, derived from the Cook County Sheriffs Police Camp, began years ago in cooperation with the Edgebrook Community Center (a satellite POC center), located in the northeast section of Palatine. The Palatine Police Department assumed the leadership role from the Cook County Sheriffs Police when this area became incorporated into the Village of Palatine.

In collaboration with several agencies, the POC provides children the opportunity to participate in the Northeast Palatine Summer Camp. The camp runs from approximately 10am to 4:30pm, Monday – Friday, depending on the day's activities. Participants range in age from 7 years old to 14 years old, but also include some older past camp participants who volunteer as junior counselors. Over 150 volunteers from area businesses and organizations provide mentoring and support.

Summer camp participants enjoy daily trips and a wide variety

of educational and recreational activities including: water parks, outdoor educational centers, team building, games, crafts, and ballgames.

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