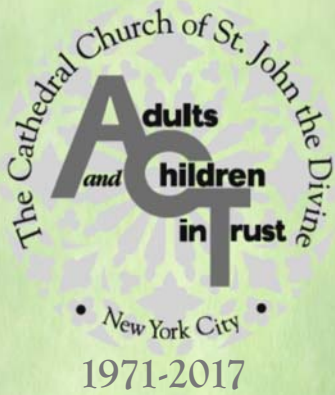


2017 SUMMER CAMP FAMILY WELCOME LETTER



Special Reminders

Camp Hours:

9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

- Medical forms must meet DOH requirements, include all inoculations, and have the signature of a doctor before starting camp.
- We require registration and payment into the Extended Day Program one week in advance of the start date.
- Go to www.actprograms.org for forms and weekly newsletters.
- Please accept our invitation we're sending the end of May to register on our MyCampLink App to get the latest updates on your mobile phone and use other unique features.

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From the Executive Director/Co-Camp Director:

Jose V. Torres, MSW

I am pleased to announce that Marie Del Tejo will be co-directing the camp so I can concentrate more of my energy on year-round operations. My focus on summer camp forces me to delay plans into the academic year, and several projects need to get underway sooner rather than later.

I'll be present, and as per past seasons, will join campers on the camping trips among many other

activities. As Marie takes on a larger leadership role beyond that of unit leader, she will have Brian Morris by her side. Brian has been appointed Associate Camp Director, taking on the role of coordinating themes, events and programming. Brian comes to us with years of administrative experience in Day and Sleep-a-way camps and new eyes to keep things fresh. Many veteran staff like Orissa Woods, Alex Garcia, Howard Russel and others will continue their work with us.

We will miss two people in particular: Nancy Torres, who has been in the forefront as well as behind the scenes for over 30 years as Theme Coordinator. Most recently she developed preliminary camp plans and trained new staff to take on and plan theme and special events. She's transitioned to become Grandma. We will also miss four-year veteran Mini-Act Coordinator Lori Coleman, who is busy at home taking care of her newborn, Maddison.

From Co-Camp Director: Marie Del Tejo, M.ed

When I was hired as a Mini-ACT head teacher in the summer of 1990, Jose V. Torres (Executive Director) informed me with pride how diverse ACT are. Having taught and directed at an international preschool for several years, I wondered how any program could be as diverse as that of an international school.

I soon learned he was right. Diversity is what sets ACT apart from many other programs in our neighborhood that I have come to know in my 33-year education career.

ACT's diversity transcends skin color, financial recourses and cultures found in its campers' staff and supporters. Our policy to accept campers on a first-come first-serve basis yields a population that spans the broad range of religion and spiritual practice, ability, sexual orientation, language, social class, and economic level. "Diversity is not about how we differ," Ola Joseph said. "Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."

There is no better time than now to embrace tolerance and diversity. Our theme of "Around the World" in eight weeks exposes campers to new and sometimes familiar events and activities. You are welcome to join in and share the experience with campers and get in on the ACT. Let me know if you are interested in performing, cooking, playing, teaching and/or sharing your culture with the campers. The collaboration is endless and I can guide you.



**2017 Camp
Event Calendar** Is enclosed with this mailing and available on the Mycamplink app and our website.

THINGS EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- If your child is absent, please notify the ACT Camp Office by 9:00am at 212-316-7530.
- Finalize general arrival and departure plans with your child and the front office. Please note that we may not be able to notify campers of personal changes once the camp day gets started.
- Leave valuables at home. A.C.T. IS NOT responsible for lost or stolen items (baseball gloves, iPods, iPads, iPhones, games, etc.). Toys are NOT permitted at camp.
- Check the *Lost and Found* near the A.C.T. office daily for missing items.
- Bring a labeled water bottle and water shoes to camp every day.

COMMUNICATION

Download and read the weekly Monday newsletter from our website or the Camp app. Extra hard copies will be available for pick up at the A.C.T. Camp Office and canteen.

In addition to our weekly newsletter, the camp app, the summer camp brochure, and website include all the information you will need to get started. Each Monday around 2pm you will receive an e-mail/newsletter with details about weekly plans. It will also be posted on our website and through our MyCampLink App for review.

The core of our exciting camp program is carefully planned months in advance and we add final touches as we determine how best to bring theme ideas to life.

Timing of events are sometimes changed and will be noted on our App calendar.

We rely on parents to read the material in our brochures, newsletters, e-mail and text messages to stay in touch.



CANTEEN ACCOUNTS

Campers, parents, and Cathedral staff enjoy stopping by to purchase goodies and necessary supplies from our camp store. Operating hours will be posted. Backpacks, A.C.T. T-shirts, desserts, ice cream, popsicles, Snapple, OJ and other special treats are available for purchase including gluten free products.

Young Preps does not have a schedule canteen visit.

Accounts are required for campers who wish to purchase items (5.9-13.9 years old). Campers visit the canteen two or three times per week. We welcome any suggestions.

Cash purchases by campers during program hours are not permitted.



LUNCH REMINDERS

- Bring lunch with camper's name on lunch bags. Do not send glass containers in lunch bags. Label all clothing, tote bags, and other items. Campers are asked not to share lunch in order to prevent allergic reactions.
- Each group is given a block of lockers for their backpacks. In front of each block of lockers is a large labeled lunch bag with the group's name. Lockers are shared and campers are asked to remember their locker number. Locks on lockers cannot be used.
- Place labeled lunch bag (paper or plastic) with camper's name into the large group lunch bag each day. (Glass bottles are prohibited.)
- Group lunch bags are refrigerated shortly after arrival.
- Groups eat picnic-style at outdoor locations.
- Campers may not leave the campus to purchase food.

WATER SHOES, TOWELS AND SNEAKERS HANDY

- Send a bathing suit, water shoes, and a towel each day in a carrying bag. Label all items.
- Water rides are coming, the splash area will be opened, water games are scheduled and lake trips are planned.
- When campers know their schedule, they should plan to arrive wearing bathing suits and have a second change of clothing handy.
- Dry sneakers are a must each day for campers' safety. *Crocs should not be worn since they do not provide support needed for active games.*

PICNIC ON THE LAWN.

July 13, 2017 5:30-7:30pm
(see page 7 for more details)

MEDICINE AT CAMP

Our camp is not certified to administer medication other than over-the-counter topical ointments, sunscreen or insect repellent. If your child needs to take prescribed medication during camp hours, please call our Health Director, Marie Del Tejo, for assistance. Key staff are trained in CPR/First Aid-lay responder level. Unit Coordinators are certified at Professional Rescuer level. The Health Director and limited staff are certified in administering Epinephrine.

FIRST DAY ARRIVALS

9:25- 9:30 a.m.

A.C.T. staff and teachers greet campers at designated areas outdoors on the Cathedral grounds at 9:25 a.m. There will be ample time to speak with counselors that afternoon or anytime after the first day of camp.

3.10-5.8 YEARS OLD

YOUNG PREPS: 9:25 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Locate direction signs by the check-in tent near the security booth and follow instructions. After the first day of camp, go directly to the meeting area once personal belonging and lunch are dropped off at designated area.

5.9 - 13.9 YEAR OLD CAMPERS

PREPS, VOYAGERS, PIONEER DIVISIONS:

9:25 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Go to the A.C.T. check-in tent for directions. 1st-9th grade meeting areas are posted by the check-in area. Supervisory staff wearing "SUPER STAFF" tee-shirts will direct you.

DEPARTURES

Daily Pick-Up at 4:00p.m.

Arrival and departure locations remain the same unless posted otherwise. Camp ends daily at 4:00p.m.

OPTIONAL SESSIONS:

8:00am- 9:25am and or 4:10-6:15 p.m.

LATE FEE of \$10.00/15 minutes is imposed for pick-up after 4:00p.m

DIVISION MEETING AREAS:

- ◆ Under 5.9= ACT classroom & Great Lawn by the Pulpit
- ◆ 5.9-7.8 yrs. Great Lawn by the Pulpit
- ◆ 7.9-10.8 yrs. Playground by ACT entrance
- ◆ 10.9-13.9 yrs. Lawn by Cathedral House.

Opening meeting is extremely important as counselors review the schedule, take attendance, prepare for special events, and conduct Warm-up games. Some groups depart promptly at 9:45am for scheduled activities. Please make every effort to arrive promptly at 9:30 so your child has time to refocus and bond with friends.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

REQUIRED FOOT WEAR: rubber sole sneakers or sandals with closed toes. No open toe footwear such as clogs, sandals or crocs except when involved in a water activity.

SUN PROTECTION: apply a layer before coming to camp. Bring your own and staff will help remind and apply as appropriate.

WATER DESIGNATED TRIPS: deep end swimmers will be tested and given colored wristbands.

A.C.T. TEE SHIRT: current colored t-shirt must be worn on trip days. If t-shirt is not worn, a charge will be added to camper's account for a new one.

BUDDY FOR THE DAY: Campers are assigned a buddy at all times. Buddies change periodically. All campers are in the presence of a counselor at all times.

ESCORTING: The Youngest Preps and the first grade Preps are escorted to restrooms and water stations. Older campers are escorted by a buddy when going to the restroom.

WATER ACTIVITIES : Campers are to bring footwear, bathing suit, and small towel for water activities.

CAMPUS CARE AND PARKING

We are privileged to use the extensive indoor and outdoor facilities at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Campers must respect the buildings and grounds. Children damaging and/or destroying property will be suspended and parents will be required to pay for repairs and/or replace property destroyed at its original value. Please discuss this with your child.

PARKING IS AT THE DISCRETION OF SECURITY STAFF

Due to the Cathedral School expansion project and construction, vehicle's will not be permitted to enter onto the grounds. Campers can be escorted by camp staff at arrival and departure times with advance notice from the 110th or 112th street gate.

- Arrival/escorting from 9:15- 9:30
 - Pick up from 4:00-4:10
- Call 212.316.7530 office to make arrangements.

ABOUT OUR FORMS

All forms and newsletters are available on our website (www.actprograms.org) and the MyCampLink App.

Please return forms to the office by the time your child arrives at camp.



SPECIAL CLOSING DATES:

- 7/4 **Tuesday:** Camp is closed on Independence Day.
- 7/28 **Friday :** Camp closes at 4pm. Sunset Session not available.
- 8/11 **Friday:** Camp closes at 4pm. Extended Day Sunset Session is not available.

ALL ABOUT YOUNG PREPS: 3.10 TO 5.8 YRS OLD BY JUNE 1ST

As you know, our traditional location for our youngest campers, previously referred to as MiniACT, has been the Cathedral school building. Due to construction that facility is not accessible.

We have two age groups below 5.8 years old: the Investigator and Navigator. Each group has a different meeting area. Both groups will use the lower playground for art, waterplay, recess, games, lunch and dismissal. Rest time will be held in a designated classroom past the ACT camp office.

THE FIRST DAY : Please arrive between 9:25–9:40 daily. Go directly to designated cubby area at the rear of the ACT hall. Signs will be posted. Leave personal items and lunch at designated areas according to group name. Group assignments and locations will be posted on group board. Bring items listed below in a plastic shoe box. Label all items with your child's name and place in his/her cubby. Lunches go into group named lunch bag.

YOUNG PREP NAVIGATORS

group go to the lawn 9:30 a.m. daily after personal items are left by their locker at the end of the ACT hallway. Leave your plastic box on the cart by the lockers each Monday morning.

A canopy tent will designate their meeting area next to our new garden area on the great lawn. Teacher will wait there to greet and meet each child.

Each child will have his/her own way of greeting one another and saying good-bye to parents. Staff will assist in this process. Scheduled activities are posted on the YOUNG PREPS information board.

EARLY PICK UP and DISMISSAL

Each afternoon Young Preps end with the two groups coming together for presentations and songs at the lower playground.

We do not encourage families to pick up campers before 4:00 p.m.

However, on those rare occasions when early pickup is unavoidable, we require adults to pickup an Early Dismissal Form for campers at the A.C.T. front office. Please present the form once you get it from the front office to your child's Head Teacher. Escorts must be listed on your "Pick Up Authorization" form on file.

YOUNG PREP INVESTIGATORS

go to the classroom past the ACT office at the rear of the hallway.

You will notice cubbies designated for the Investigator. Leave your plastic box and personal items by your child's name.

You can help engage your child in his/her first classroom activity by escorting him/her to an activity area. Please do not linger in the classroom for more than 15 minutes. Staff will work with you to make this summer camp experience memorable. Scheduled activities are posted near the cubby area for your information.

YOUNG PREPS THINGS TO BRING

• **Dress Code:** Dress your child appropriately for outdoor play.

Sneakers and play clothes must be worn every day.

Be prepared! Your child's clothing will get soiled. Campers spend lots of time outdoors on lawns, in gardens, and the playground. No open toe sandals, crocs, or clogs, please!

• **Swim Wear:** Your child will visit the water area daily. Please send a bathing suit, small towel, rubber sandals or "jelly slippers" and sunscreen. All items should be clearly labeled with a waterproof marker. Swimsuits and towels will be sent home on Friday. Please return them to camp each Monday.

• **Extra Clothing for Camp:**

Pack a complete change of clothing to be left at camp throughout the summer. The following items should be packed in a plastic shoe box: shorts, tee-shirt, socks, underwear and sneakers.

• **Backpacks:** Teachers will send home art projects and notices inside children's backpack. Backpacks are the easiest and most comfortable way for a child to carry personal belongings. A weekly newsletter will be e-mailed to parents. Copies are available at the front office.

• **Lunch Boxes:** Young Preps are asked to bring lunch to camp every day in a **paper/plastic bag**. Lunches are refrigerated. Bags should be clearly labeled with your child's

name and should never contain soda or glass bottles. You may pack extra food for your child to enjoy during snack time. We supply water, fruits, vegetables and crackers for daily snack.

Young Preps is a nut free zone

• **Toys and Personal Belongings:** A.C.T. is not responsible for items lost at camp. We ask campers not to bring toys or valuables to camp. Label all your child's clothing so that we may return items that reach the Lost and Found.

• **Rest Mats:** Campers must bring a rest mat on the first day of camp. It can be a thick towel, thick exercise or bathroom mat.

JULY SESSION DIVISION: 5.9 TO 13.9 YRS OLD by September 1

TRIPS FOR 5.9 -13.9 YRS. OLD campers by September 1

(These are listed on the Trip Permission Form)

Schedule of trips will be forwarded in a separate cover letter that requires parent's authorization. There is a 1:5 ratio on all camp trips. Children who do not wish to attend a planned division trip should not attend camp that day.

DIVISIONS:

- ◆ Preps: 5.9-7.8.yrs. old.
- ◆ Voyagers: 7.9-10.8 yrs. old.
- ◆ Pioneers: 10.9-13.9 yrs. old.

While we pride ourselves on maintaining traditions, old timers will note changes in themes and program offerings. Campers will be honored and receive a special gift based on their **longevity**. Optional activity periods increase over time as campers move into higher age groups. More clubs and challenging choices lie ahead.

THEMES

Our themes keep things fresh and exciting. They are the common thread used by staff to create a quilt of activities often displayed on a theme

day. Details are included in our theme calendar to be mailed mid May.

JULY FESTIVAL

The July Camp Global Carnival will kick off on Thursday, July 20th and continue Friday, July 21st. Each group focuses on designing booths and presentations around a cultural theme. Groups will use prescheduled periods to make props, costumes, and banners to enhance the animated environment. Special entertainers are part of the festivities. Paper "ACT money" will be given to each camper so they can pay their fare for the water rides, the games they create, Events they can enter .



AQUA DAYS IN AUGUST

August 2nd and 9th

A day of water fun is planned each week of the August Specialty Camp when two giant waterslides are placed on the driveway. Campers should bring a bathing suit or change of clothing.

5TH GRADE AND PIONEER CAMPING TRIP

Campers going into 5th grade can join the Pioneers on our annual camping trip from Wednesday, July 12th through Friday July 14th at Stokes State Forest near Branchville, New Jersey.

All campers sleep in enclosed all-weather tents. Food and equipment are provided. **A \$55 FEE IS DUE PRIOR TO THE TRIP DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. CAMPERS THAT HAVE PAID AND DON'T ATTEND WILL GET A REFUND.**

Campers must bring personal gear including rain jackets and rain pants and other items listed in the box below. Theme activities are planned and will be outlined in our first newsletter. Campers that are not attending can remain with a fourth grade group or help in the camp preschool-age program. Mr. Torres, Co-Camp Director, will accompany campers on the trip and can answer questions and concerns.



CAMPING TRIP ITEMS FOR SURVEYORS AND PIONEERS

- Bathing suits and two towels
- Lunch for Tuesday (Pioneers) or Wednesday (Voyagers)
- Sweater or wool jacket
- Ground cloth and sleeping bag or warm bedding and bed sheet.
- Rain jacket and pants
- Plastic bowl for cereal
- 2 long pants, long sleeved shirts
- 6 pairs of socks in plastic bag
- Sweat pants and shorts
- Sneakers, hiking boots (leather/rubber sole) and water shoes (or old sneakers)
- Underwear for each night
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Bathroom toiletries: tooth brush, toothpaste, soap
- A.C.T. tee-shirt & 2 other tee-shirts.
- Hat and sunscreen (labeled)
- Water bottle & 8-10 oz. plastic cup for drinking.

AUGUST SESSIONS 2, 3, AND 4

Session 2 & 3: Specialty Groups: 5.9 TO 7.8 YRS OLD by September 1

Group assignments and counselors change for campers previously enrolled in July Session 1. Campers are greeted at the Great Lawn next to the guard's booth each day by their group leaders. The Sports Specialty Groups will have a Skills and Drills sports lesson in the morning then practice games in the afternoon. The Arts Specialty Groups will have one art techniques lesson with an art instructor and then class time practicing the technique used by professional and renowned artists. Their weekly schedule also includes community lunch with friends in other groups, a time for water games, group games, other art and sports activities, gardening and cooking. Campers will also have club choice periods for a change of pace. Each day ends with a community team game, dance or general announcements.

Aqua Days
On 8/2/17
8/9/17

Session 2 & 3: Specialty Campers: 7.9 TO 13.9 YRS OLD by September 1

Our unique design of August Camp allows campers (known in August as specialists) to create their own schedule for each week by selecting three courses of interest. Campers can change their selections at the end of the first day of each camp session.

After picking up a schedule at the welcome tent by the guard booth, specialty campers go directly to first period course at 9:25 a.m.. Class locations are posted by the A.C.T. Camp office area as well as the welcome tent. Specialists who attend Sunrise will be escorted to their first period course by group leaders.

Coaches (sports) and mentors (arts) will greet them at the start of the day and will also dismiss them at the end of the program day at 4:00 p.m. or escort them to Sunset 4:10 p.m. Coaches and Mentors escort campers between each course and take attendance at the start of each course. Specialists will follow the same three courses and end the week demonstrating what they have learned in sports courses and exhibiting what they have learned in arts department.

SESSION 2: AUGUST SPECIALTY: JULY 31-AUGUST 4 (1 WEEK)

SPECIALIST COURSES

Select four courses from the categories below. Each student is schedule for three courses

DO-IT-YOURSELF

DO-IT-YOURSELF ARTS courses focus on projects students learn to create reflecting their interest and replicate at home.

- Puppetry & Paper Mache
- Tie dying & Jewelry
- Paper Craft (from pulp to design)
- Wire & Wood

STUDIO ART

STUDIO ART focus on learning specific techniques that will enhance the outcome of projects using a variety of materials based on know artists.

- Painting & Collaging
- Printing & Sketching
- Mosaic & Sculpting
- Slow motion Clay Animation

Select four

STAGE CRAFTERS

Let the performer in you shine in front or behind the scene. Learn lyrics and dances to favorite tunes. Learn new tricks or perform in front of friends.

- Musical Theatre
- Karaoke & Wii Dance
- Commercials and auditions
- Acrobatics and Stunts

GAMES

GAMES is a time to enjoy playing with friends while staying active.

- Gaga & 9 squares
- Paddle Games & Gym Games
- All about balls Games

SPORTS CLINICS

CLINICS are designed to help you be more competitive in traditional sports by knowing rules, strategy and skills to succeed.

- Softball or wiffleBall
- Basketball/ Touch Football
- Soccer/Floor Hockey

SESSION 3: AUGUST SPECIALTY: AUGUST 7-AUGUST 11 (1 WEEK)

SPECIALIST COURSES

(Must be over 7.9 to 13.9 years old as of September 1st)

Select four courses from the categories below. Each student is schedule for three courses

DO-IT-YOURSELF

DO-IT-YOURSELF ARTS courses focus on projects students learn to create reflecting their interest and replicate at home.

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- Softball or wiffleBall
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- Soccer/Floor Hockey

Session 4 Adventure Campers: 5.9 TO 13.9 YRS OLD by September 1

Each themed day is loaded with fun and new adventures. Starting off with Fishing at Central Park Meer, Bake-Off challenges, trip to Darlington Beach or/and Bronx Zoo and ending with Games Festival. Youngest campers explore the cathedral grounds and be visited by special guest performers. Older campers get to explore the city while looking hidden treasures from clues provided. This week campers will participate in special projects and activities at art, sports and water games stations. Campers will get to win prizes through out the week while preparing for our minute challenges. We will end our week with ACT's annual minute games and tug of war. Will you be able to earn the top sport on our Minute Challenge Plaque the summer? Start practicing. Adventure at Adventure Camp awaits you.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Sunrise and Sunset Sessions warm the hearts of working parents. Campers may be dropped off between 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. and can remain as late as 6:15 p.m. There will be structured and unstructured play opportunities for campers' enjoyment. Remember, this service is not included in tuition and advanced registration is essential. Same day registration is not possible.

WHEN:

Sunrise Session is held from 8:00 a.m. on. We cannot accept children after 9:00 a.m. This ensures a safe and smooth transition into the program day. Campers are escorted to groups at 9:25.

Sunset Session is held from 4:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Parents of children not picked up by 6:15 p.m. and registered in the Extended Day Session will be charged a late fee of \$10.00/15 minutes.

WHAT:

Informal and structured activities are offered to campers. They may in-

clude working in the garden or in a quiet area, sports on the lawn, games in the gym, art, GaGa and free play. Buffet snack is available during the Sunset Session

WHERE:

Young Preps through 7.8 yrs. old campers are separated from older campers and go to the **playground next to the Cathedral School.**

7.9-13.9 yr. old campers use the **play area near the A.C.T. entrance across from the security booth** for Extended Day Sessions.

In case of bad weather, campers move indoors, and locations are posted on a sign by the security booth. All campers must be signed out by authorized escorts.

HOW:

When arriving, escort your child to the gym (in the event of rain) or to the assigned playground area.

Staff assigned to work in the Extended Day Program will wear A.C.T. ID

badges for identification purposes. Campers must be checked in and out by authorized adults at the designated location shown below. Please inform your child of changes in plans prior to arriving camp.

Extended Day payment is due at time of registration to secure a space. While placement has not been a problem, we do reserve the right to limit registration at any time based on staff availability.

All payments are due one week prior to starting date. Please note that you are not considered registered in the session until payment is received.

Sunrise Session:

(No drop off after 9:00 a.m.)

8:00 a.m. until camp starts

\$40 per wk. per child

Evening session:

4:10 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

\$50. per wk. per child.

NO Credits or Refunds

No exceptions

PICNIC ON THE LAWN.

July 6, 2017 5:30-7:30pm

An old tradition has been revived. We are organizing an evening for campers and families to enjoy a loving evening on the Great Lawn.

Our food menu is based on our July theme of Around the World. This will be a fundraiser in support of our financial aid program.

We will ask families to make a minimum contribution of \$25 and bring an international dish for ten. Grilled hot dogs will be included as long as they last. We may have Yankee tickets as a door prize or more. Details about this event will follow in our first newsletter.



ABOUT MyCampLink

You were asked to join our Camp (MyCampLink App as a parent. Our unique ID code is **14849**. This will allow you to access the App. It is a mobile friendly App for I-Phone and android users. The message system will allow us to immediately contact you in the event of an emergency, major change in schedule, late arrival of a bus, etc. Our division heads will be able to send unique messages so be sure you choose your child's division when registering. Important calendar dates are listed and easily transferable to your personal calendar. Links to forms, Newsletters, our website, social media page, staff contact info, current picture and videos of campers in "ACTion" are all available. Questions or concerns should be expressed in person or by e-mail.

MAKING THE BEST OF THE A.C.T. EXPERIENCE

We look forward to your participation and await your arrival. A.C.T. has provided a memorable experience for thousands of children since 1971. Safety and communication are top priorities. Your support and feedback are essential. We will do all we can to make sure children are happy, comfortable and learning. Parents or campers with concerns about staff, other children, or events are encouraged to discuss these concerns with counselors, division head or camp directors. Each division has a head coordinator and specialists are supervised by the assistant director.

SUPERVISORY TEAM :

Co-Camp Director: José V. Torres
Co-Camp Director: Marie Del Tejo
Associate Camp Director: Brian Morris
Registrar: Tanya Glenn
Receptionist: Ana DeJesus

Young Preps Coordinator: Marie Del Tejo
Preps Coordinator:
Voyager/Aug. Grp Coordinator: Orissa Woods
Pioneers Coordinator: Chelsea Katz

Extended Day Head: Sharen Mercado
Sunrise Supervisor: Alex Garcia
Sunset Supervisor: Siobhan Goddard

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 Facebook: www.facebook.com/actatthecathedral

A.C.T. IS CELLPHONE FREE

We understand and appreciate the need to stay in contact with children as they travel around town on their own or with friends. At camp, we expect campers and staff to remain in the moment, focused on the experiences we provide, and attentive to friends. Camp is a safe place for children to practice problem solving skills without parental guidance.

Campers are not permitted to have a cell phone or any communication device in the "on" position. Only select supervisory staff can use cell phones during program hours. While we discourage bringing communication devices to camp and are not responsible for damage or loss, campers going home on their own may bring a phone that must remain "off" at all times until they depart.

Supervisory staff have walkie-talkies on the grounds at all times and cell phones on trips. Communication is instant. Our new MyCampLink App will be used to keep you abreast of unforeseen events. Our office is the central point of communication in the event of an emergency or questions.

Staff is trained and certified to handle emergencies. We have various drills we employ throughout the season. If you have an emergency, call our office at 212.316.7530. End of day plans with other children should be made before camp begins. A camper's cell phone will be confiscated if they are used improperly and will be returned to camper at the end of the day on the first infraction.

