

SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOLS
Established in 1987

1920 N. Braeswood, Houston, TX 77030: Infant through Grade 8 Programs
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SNS SUMMER CAMP

Summertime 2010: Outdoor Education: Exploring Our Exciting Natural Environment

Camp dates will be June 1st through August 20th. There will be twelve weeks of exciting activities!

- *On Campus Activities for three and older*
- *Field Trips for students five and older*
- *Special Programs on Campus are held at the Medical Center Campus*

Parents from the Mullins Campus who want their children to participate in Special Programs or Field Trips may do so by calling the Braeswood Office and making arrangements one week in advance. Parents will need to deliver children to the Braeswood Campus to participate and they must be five or older.

Field Trips are taken in our 30 passenger School Tour Bus.

The week of June 28th the Rancho Texcelente IXL Equine Camp will be held with Paso Fino horses and riding style.

Swimming will be held in June and July, usually twice weekly, for students five and older.



THE CAMP THEME FOR SNS is *Outdoor Education*: Campus gardens and wildlife habitats will be built using urban garden and wildlife resources. The Lazy A Ranch (LazyATexas.com) and Rancho Texcelente IXL Ranch (paso.net) and other field trips will be destinations. Maps will be made showing our summer visits and Outdoor Education Notebooks will be made showing new skills and learning. Swimming lessons and Free Swim will be held at Swim Jim. Campers will be stimulated to be creative and challenged intellectually while they grow in responsibility, goal setting, social skills, and recreational skills.

The Lazy A Ranch activities include:

- Observing the daily activities of a working cattle ranch including veterinary care. We talk to our cattle, call them to follow, and lead them gently as they learn their routine.
- Using a map of the ranch, compass, and sun to understand direction and complete tasks
- Making a camp ground, cooking, and resting
- Be a friend/ Make a friend/ Working with others
- Playground, hammocks, and playing games
- Feeding the fish or fishing, working on the ponds plantings
- Planting, keeping, and harvesting fruit and vegetable gardens
- Safety and First Aid
- Animal and plant identification and tracks, wildlife cameras
- Ranch Habitats: ponds, little forests, creeks, pastures, thickets
- Raising chickens, ducks, and cattle and their hatching and birth
- Farm pets: house cats, working cats, and Livestock Guardian Dogs
- Introductory permaculture and developing the ranch water, soil, and planting systems, including compost and soil additions
- Growing safe and nutritious food without chemical fertilizers, growth hormones, and antibiotics. The benefits of grass fed eggs and meat.
- There is no additional charge for the Lazy A Ranch trips if students are registered for camp until 5:00 pm. Late pick up is available.
- Students will leave the campus at 7:30 am promptly and will be served breakfast on the bus. They will return at 5:00 pm, allowing one and one half hour travel time.

The Rancho Texcelente IXL Equine Camp includes:

- The legendary Paso Fino horses, all professionally trained
- Horsemanship instruction in small groups including gaits, obstacle courses, and barrel racing.
- Riding and horse care skills
- All riders wear helmets and parental release is required
- Horse Show on Friday with families invited for a Hamburger Lunch. Reservations are required and there is a \$5 per person charge for adults.
- This camp is open to students at no extra cost if registered for the entire summer, or \$350 if not. Late pick up is available if not registered until 5:00 pm.
- Students will leave campus at 7:30 am promptly and will return to campus at 5:00 pm.

Swimming at Swim Jim includes:

- Swim instruction with a 5:1 ratio for students five and older
- Free swim for a total time in the water of one hour per session
- A drowning prevention presentation will be offered by Swim Jim to staff and parents at the school
- Swimming will be held in June and July, usually twice a week, at no extra cost for campers registered for the entire summer. The charge is \$110 per month otherwise.

FOCUS ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

- In the beautiful SNS indoor and outdoor environments, activities are led by qualified and mature year-round SNS faculty and staff.

- ❑ Ongoing academic exploration in English, Mathematics, Foreign Languages, Geography, Science and Computer topics in the enriched interactive Montessori classrooms.
- ❑ The expanded private music program includes both the traditional and Soft Mozart computer programs. The fee is \$80 per month.
- ❑ All activities, meals, and field trips are included in tuition.
- ❑ Academic, Montessori, coaching, art, music, Spanish, French, Latin, computers, gardening, and pets are all included.
- ❑ Field trips off campus and swimming begins at age five
- ❑ Each campus has a qualified Coach working with children four and older

ROUTINE CAMPUS ACTIVITIES:

- All students, according to maturity and interests, explore the campus with their class.



- Science and nature activities include animal and plant classification drawings and collections, biospheres, nature walks, nest and skeleton collections, growing earthworms and mealworms, pet care.



- Sports and outdoor activities include playground games, softball, soccer, volleyball, croquet, badminton, skating, running and field activities, and splash and sand.



- Expanded time for art and art history, authors and literature, science, geography, music history, composers, music and movement, academic contest preparation, drama, gymnastics, nature, games and sports, practical life, gardening, and animal care



- Practical life activities will include cooking and nutrition, gardening, inviting parents and grandparents, movies and videos, sewing, manners, safety, bus and rail transportation, chess and board games, and babysitting.



- Computer Centers and technology instruction for ages six and up
- Neighborhood project, Cleanup and planting
- Expanded music theory and playing simple instruments
- Choir and voice training leading to Boychoir and Girlchoir



- Geography and science, garden and animal projects



- Wading pool and sand activities, sprinkler, sink and float toys

- Miller Outdoor Theatre and Picnic

OFF CAMPUS FIELD TRIPS FOR YOUNGER ELEMENTARY

- Off campus athletics include swimming lessons and free swim
- Stella Link Library will be a regular visit, twice per month
- Field trips will be chosen from the following:
 - Museum of Fine Arts
 - Fort Bend Museum School Programs: Three from: Gallery Tour, Textiles, Archeology, Cottage, One Room Schoolhouse, Chore Time, Victorian Games, Walking Tour Law and Order, Morton Cemetery
 - Houston Museum of Natural Science
 - Museum of Health and Medical Science
 - Armand Bayou Nature Center
 - Houston Zoo
 - Forbidden Gardens, Katy, Imperial China exhibit
 - Oil Ranch
 - Hermann Park Fishing, Picnic, Cabin, and Water Park Play
 - Palace Lanes Bowling
 - AD Players: The Big Dipper
 - Miller Outdoor Theatre and Picnic

OFF CAMPUS FIELD TRIPS FOR AGE 5

- Stella Link Library will be a regular visit, twice per month
- Field Trips include
 - American Cowboy Museum
 - Houston Fire Museum
 - Houston Museum of Natural Science: Exhibits, Butterfly Center, Exploring Science and Nature activities, and Focused Field Trips
 - Museum of Health and Medical Science
 - Nature Discovery Center, Bellaire, Beginning Birdwatching
 - Oil Ranch
 - San Jacinto Museum of History: Texas History movie, special exhibits, San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park, and the Battleship Texas
 - Houston Zoo
 - Hermann Park Water Park, Log Cabin, Picnic

UNIFORMS AND SUPPLIES

Uniform Requirements are available at the front desk and five complete sets per week are needed. They are ordered on the internet at the school website. Students must be in complete required uniform every day, and cannot leave campus otherwise.

Sunscreen should be applied before coming to school and also brought in the bag. Water bottles are needed for off campus events. Some activities and field trips will have special needs of which you will be informed by note. Please send in the bag every day: school hat, gym shorts and T-shirt, socks and underwear, swimsuit and small towel, and a zip-lock bag for wet clothes.

Lazy A Ranch: Jeans and riding boots are permitted. School shirts and tennis shoes are required.

Rancho Texcelente IXL: Jeans and riding boots with heel required. School shirts are required, T-shirt or Polo, with white button down required for Friday Horse Show.

