



Students who read over the summer are better prepared to learn when they return to school in the fall.

To assist children in achieving literacy success, PHILADELPHIA READS developed the Summer READS program.

Summer READS services children in 1st through 3rd grade and is comprised of two separate components. SWARM Centers provide science, writing, arts, reading & music enrichment, and Literacy Centers provide reading and writing enrichment. The program's structure enables children to work on these crucial academic areas during the summer while still enjoying traditional summer activities. Summer READS is currently in its 8th year of operation.

In implementing Summer READS, PHILADELPHIA READS is partnering with community based organizations, communities of faith, the Philadelphia Department of Recreation, National School and Community Corps/EducationWorks, the School District of Philadelphia and the Free Library of Philadelphia.

The following locations have partnered with Summer READS to institute academic enrichment in their camp programming. Please contact the programs directly to learn about their fees, hours, start date and other program highlights.

SWARM CENTERS

Four hours a day for six weeks students in elementary grades are immersed into reading, writing, science, music and the arts with the help of Rohm and Haas, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Academy of Community Music and the Mann Music Center.

- Camp USPC
5701 Wynnfield Ave / Gompers
(215) 888-1565
- Eastwick Regional Park Rec Center
79th Mars Place
(215) 685-4193
- Education Works (EW) Learning Center
3149 Germantown Ave
(215) 221-6900
- EW Community Womens Education Project
2801 Frankford Ave
(215) 221-6900
- EW Germantown Beacon Center
80 East Haines St
(215) 221-6900
- EW Girard College
2001 College Ave
(215) 787-4496
- EW Greys Ferry Beacon
3225 Reed St
(215) 221-6900
- EW HERO Community Center
3437 North 17th St
(215) 221-6900
- EW IMHOTEP
2101 West Godfrey Ave
(215) 221-6900
- EW Steal Elementary
4301 Wayne Ave
(215) 221-6900

Holy Cross Parish Summer Camp
144 East Mount Airy Ave.
(215) 242-0413

Hunting Park CDC
3961 N. 9th St.
(215) 226-2300

Hunting Park CDC at Mifflin
3600 Vaux Street
(215) 226-2300

John Greenleaf Whither School
3001 N 27th St
(215) 227-4410

Montgomery Townhouses
2002-14 W Berk St
(215) 236-3820

St Hugh of Cluny
3501 N Mascher St
(215) 634-3060

St Peters Evengelical Luthern Church
2169 74th Ave
(215) 424-5122

The Salvation Army - Phila. Citadel Corps
5830 Rising Sun Avenue
(215) 722-5447

LITERACY CENTERS

Students in elementary grades work with literacy counselors, one-and-a-half hours per day at least three days a week for six weeks, practicing reading and writing skills through fun enrichment activities.

48th & Woodland Playground
1414 S 47th St
(215) 685-2692

African Cultural Alliance of N. America
5521 Chester Avenue
(215) 729-8225

Anti Drug and Alcohol Crusaders Inc
50-52 N 52nd St
(215) 748-8727

Barrett Educational Center, Inc
1300-04 S 24th St
(215) 463-8334

Bartram Beacon Community Center
2401 S 67th Street
(215) 492-5681

Brand New Life Christian Center
6301 Germantown Ave
(215) 844-0790

Byron Story Foundation, Youth Program
1646 Ridge Ave
(215) 769-8544

Camp Butterfly
1824 W Thompson St
(215) 232-5411

Children of Promise
6418 Ogontz Avenue
(215) 224-1177

Citywide Youtharama Inc
6250 Walnut St
(215) 747-5888

Cruz Rec
6th and Master
(215) 763-1420

First and Last Inc
3217 Wharton St
(215) 463-3260

Gaudenzia Centro Primavera
2751 North 5th Street
(215) 423-6766

GESU Summer School and Camp
2751 North 5th Street
(215) 763-3660

Greater Saint Matthew CDC
2319 Fitzwater St
(215) 790-4754

Korean Community Development Services Center
5301 N Water Street
(215) 276-8830 x20

Lackman Playground
1101 Bartlett St.
(215) 685-0370

Linddomfield RAP Center
8800 Cottage St
(215) 892-8986

Mander Playground - E. Park Revitalization Alliance
33rd & Diamond Street
(215) 235-6001 or (215) 685-3894

Markwood Playground
Taney and Pine St
(215) 685-6649

Mitchell Playground
3700 Whitehall Lane
(215) 685-9394

Northeast Family Service Center
7340 Jackson Street
(215) 724-1273

Nu Sigma Beacon Center
1300 W Loudon Ave
(215) 455-5990

Oak Lane Presbyterian Church
6637 North 11th Street
(215) 424-4446

Old First Reformed United Church of Christ
Rivera Recreation Center
(215) 922-4566

Our House Inc
1323 N 52nd
(267) 825-1279

Piccoli Playground
4300 Castor Ave.
(215) 685-1249

Roosevelt Playground
6455 Walker St.
(215) 685-8754

Smith Memorial Playground & Playhouse
East Fairmount Park
(215) 765-4325

St. Martin of Tours Summer Outreach
5450 Roosevelt Blvd
(215) 744-9363

St. Paul's Baptist Church Comm. Center
1018 Wallace St.
(215) 765-2161

United Communities - Sharswood ASI Program
2nd & Wolf St
(215) 952-8577

United Communities - 21st Century Program
1900 S 9th St
(215) 952-8577

Victory Day Camp / Victory Church of God
3218-20 West Cheltenham Ave
(215) 248-6042

Reading During the Summer

- Read aloud together every day. Make it fun. Read outdoors on the front steps or at the beach. Have your child read to you.



- Set a good example. Parents should also read. Turn off the TV and have each person read his/her book, newspaper, or magazine.

- Read the same book your child reads and discuss it together. This develops the mind and builds thought and insight.

- Find books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability. Listen to the tape in the car or turn off the TV and listen to the tape together.

- Visit The Free Library as a family regularly. The library sponsors a summer reading club with easy-to-reach goals.



- Keep a summer scrapbook. Place reminders of family activities like postcards, ticket stubs or photos in a book. Have children write captions and read them aloud as you read the scrapbook together.

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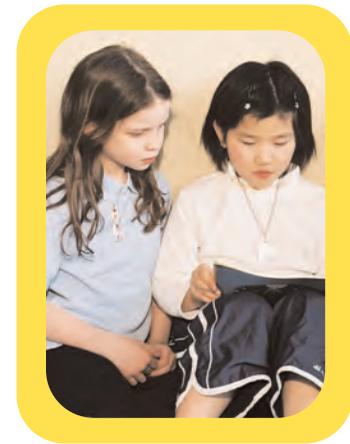
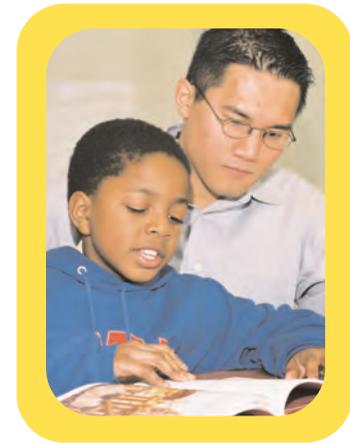
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