



Columbia's Little Lions Camp

Parent Orientation 2026

Meet Our Team

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Today's Agenda

1. The Clery Act
2. Our mission
3. Sessions and times
4. Arrival and Dismissal
5. What to bring to camp
6. Swimming 101
7. Our day at a glance
8. Requirements
9. Procure
10. Campers ONLY webpage
11. Questions?



The Jeanne Clery Act

At Columbia's Little Lions Camp, your child's safety is our top priority. We, Columbia University, comply with the Jeanne Clery Act, a federal law that requires us to maintain and share information about campus safety and crime. Including crime reporting, campus facility security, law enforcement authority, incidents of alcohol/drug use, response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence, and stalking.

Our adherence to the Clery Act ensures transparency and a secure environment for your children. For more information, please contact us!



Our Mission

We are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment where every camper can thrive.

Our mission is to foster a space where respect is paramount: respect yourself, respect each other, respect the space. We believe in the importance of having fun, building a strong community, and learning new things.

Our goal is to help campers form lasting friendships, grow as individuals, and create unforgettable memories. Together, we embark on a journey of discovery, growth, and joy, ensuring that every moment at camp is filled with laughter, learning, and fun!



Sessions



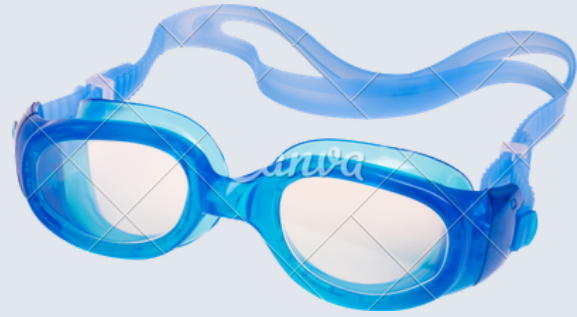
Further information regarding session details can be found on the website



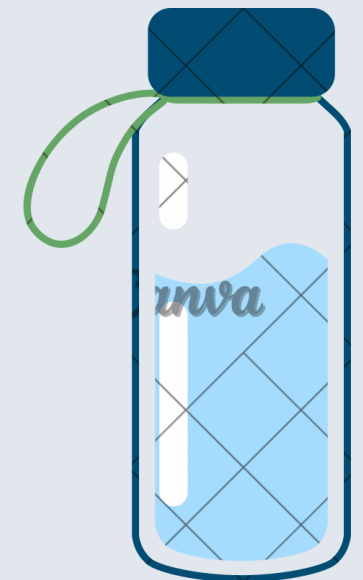
Session 1: June 15th-18th *no camp on the 19th	Session 6: July 20st-24th
Session 2: June 22rd- 26th	Session 7: July 27th-July 31st
Session 3: June 29th-July 2nd *no camp on July 3rd	Session 8: August 3rd-7th
Session 4: July 6th-10th	Session 9: August 10th-14th
Session 5: July 13th-17th	



What to Bring



- Sneakers
- Extra socks
- NUT FREE Lunch (we will refrigerate)
- Refillable/**Labeled** Water Bottle
- Towel, Swimsuit, Goggles
- Dry Bag for Swimsuit
- Emergency Clothing
- Sunscreen SPRAY



-We will provide a Kosher, NUT FREE afternoon snack with a Gluten Free option



*We are a NUT FREE camp, please double check that no nuts are brought in lunches to ensure the safety of campers.

*Please let us know if your camper has any food needs, this will help us better support!

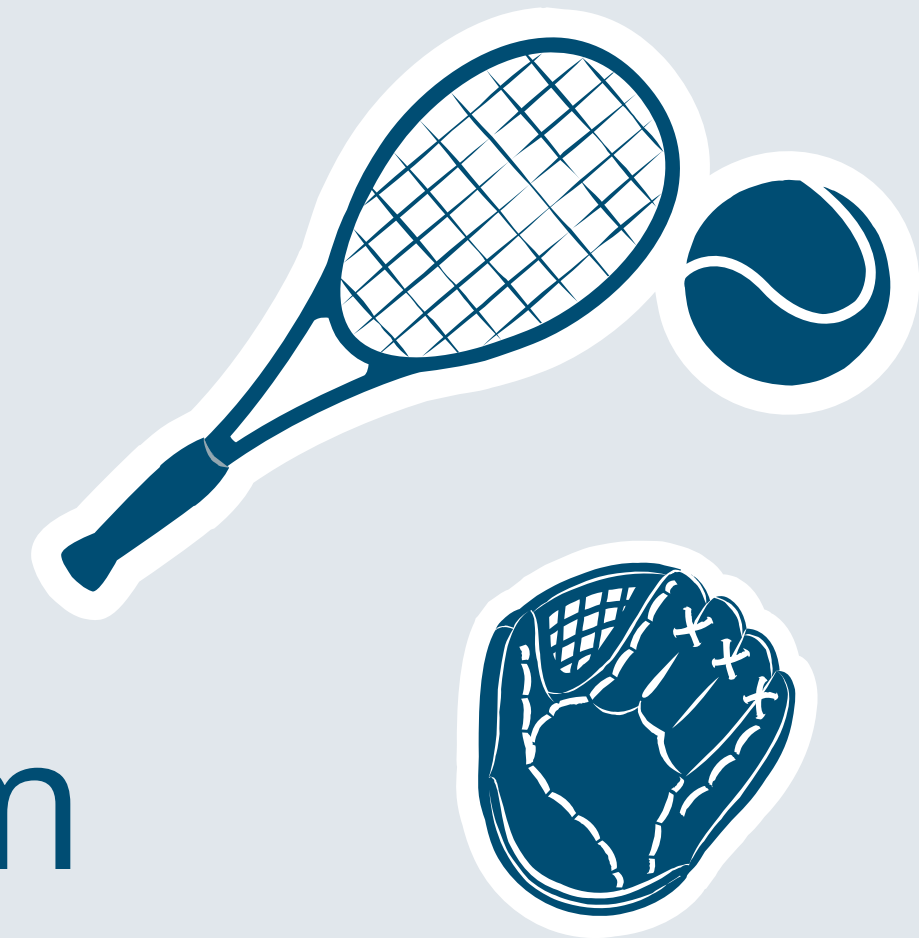
Times

Arrival: 8:15 am-9:00 am

Pick up: 3:00 pm

Post Care: 3:00pm-5:30pm

Post Care Swim: MTWR 3:00pm-5:30pm



Entrance to Dodge Fitness Center

Campus for families with Campus Access

On campus, find the
Scholar's Lion Statue



Check in:
4th floor
8:15-9 AM

Pick up:
3rd floor, by the
elevator
3 PM
Post care 3-5:30 PM

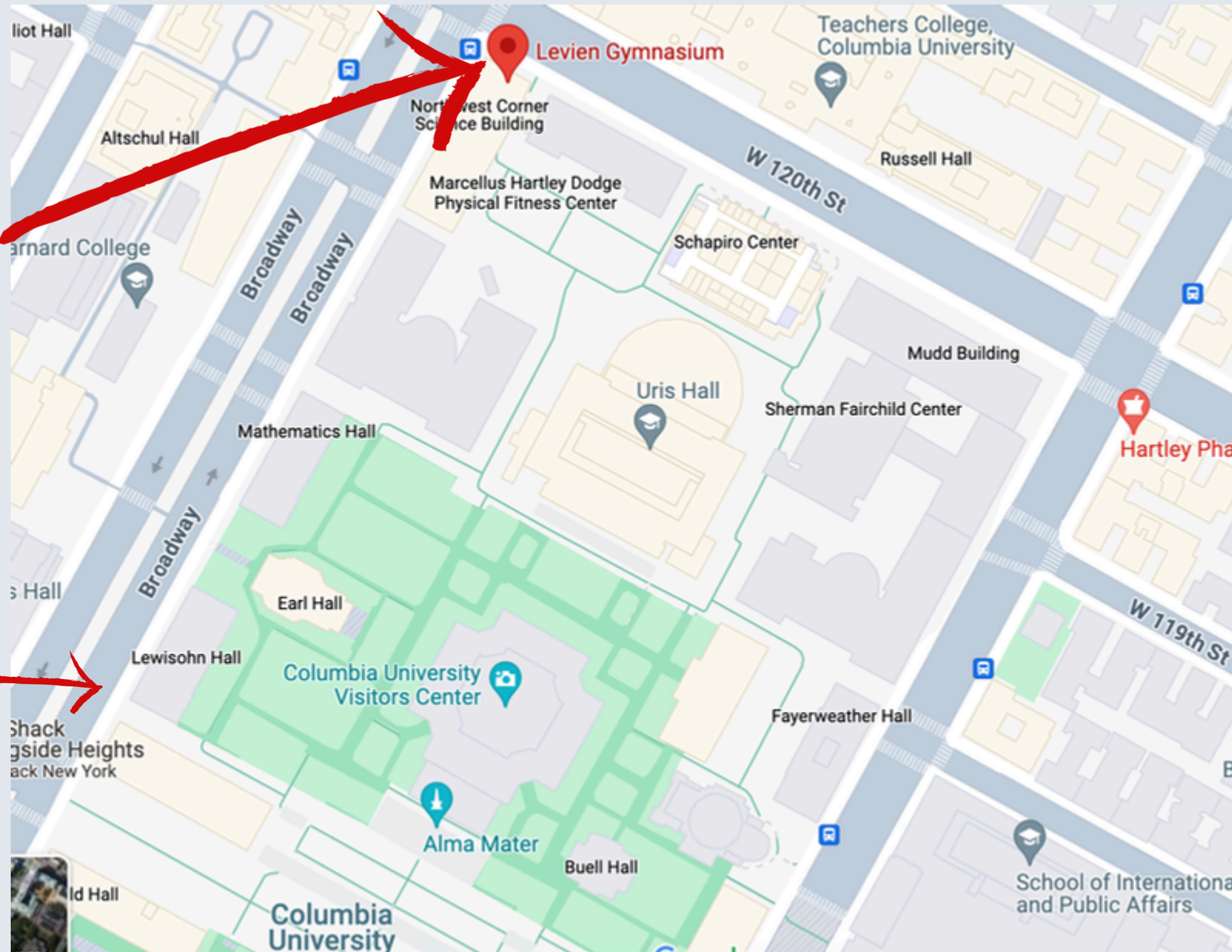
Walk downstairs to enter
Dodge Fitness Center



Entrance

Levien
Gymnasium
Entrance

1 Train



1: Entrance for Drop off and Pick up for families without Campus Access

Look for
camp
counselor
here!



We will have
a Little Lions
Camp
Counselor
stationed:

8:15 - 9 AM

2:45 - 5:30 PM

DO NOT TRY AND SCAN AN ID FOR ENTRY INTO THIS BUILDING

**Camp Staff
will let you
into the
facility**



**Do NOT use
this scanner!**

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8:15 - 9 AM

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3: Walk up the stairwell

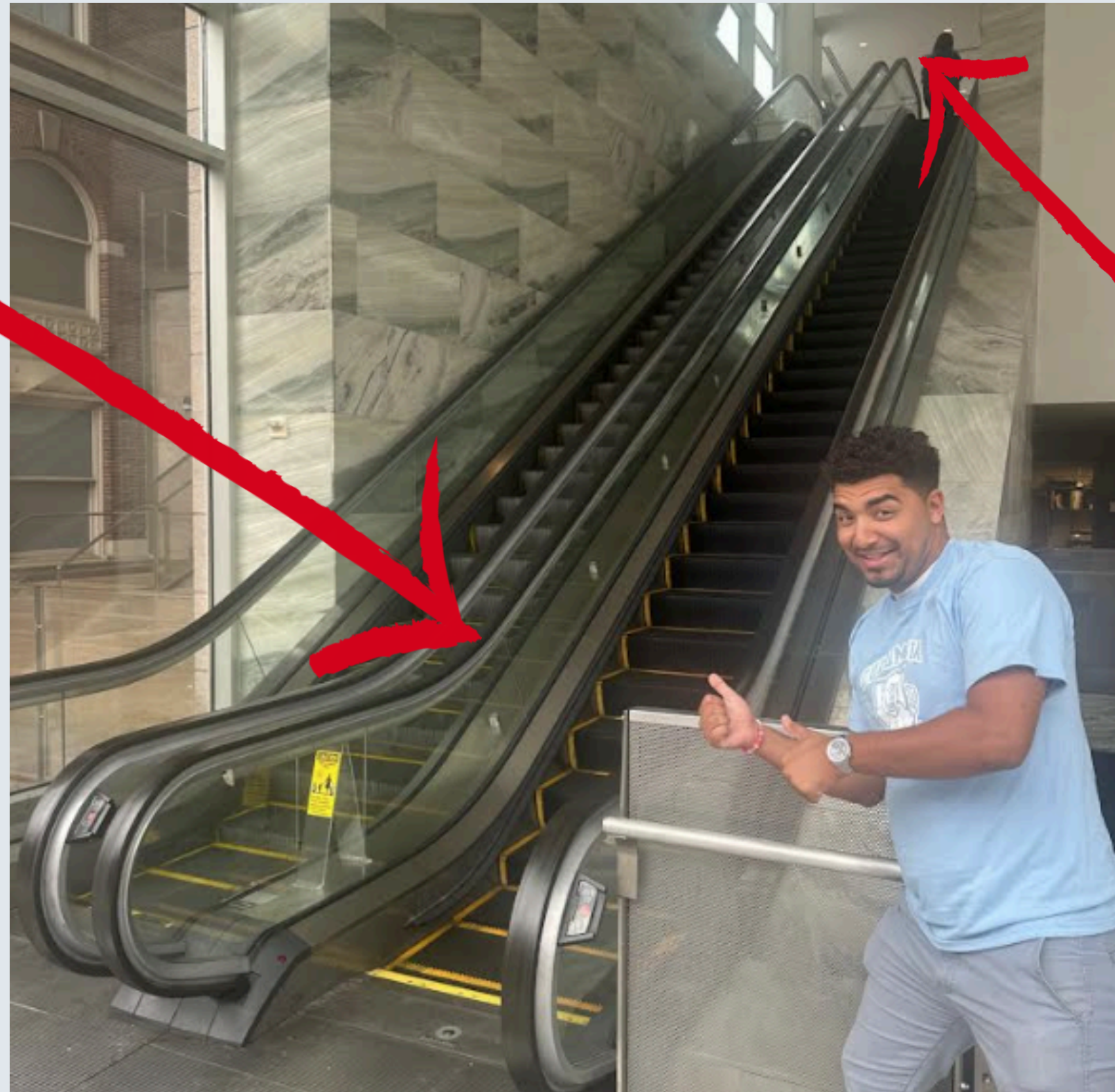
Head up
the stairs



If you need,
there is an
elevator
here, take
it to the 4th
floor

4: Take the escalator

You're
almost
there!



Elevator to
the 4th floor
will bring
you to the
top of the
escalator

5: Head outside

Head
outside and
go to the
right
(south)



Dodge
Fitness
Center is
just around
the corner!

Entrance to Dodge Fitness Center Campus

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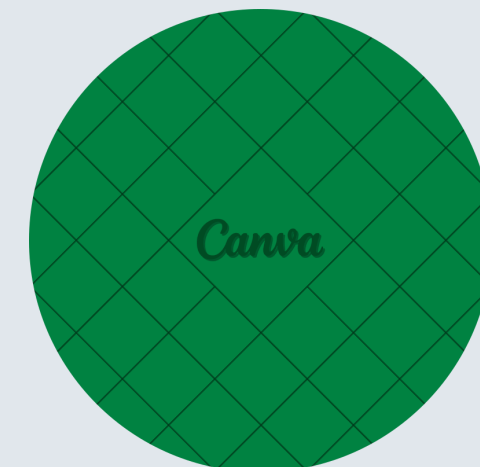
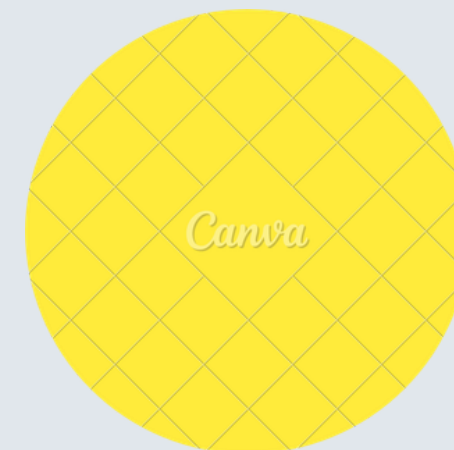
Swimming 101

On the first day of camp, all campers will undergo a **swim test**.

Buddy checks will be conducted daily to ensure safety.

Pool temperature will be 79-81 degrees. This is cold for many campers. Campers may have the opportunity to earn a Friday swim based on their performance as a team and pool availability.

Campers will be identified by colored bracelets indicating their swim level: red bracelets require a 1:4 counselor-to-camper ratio in the water, yellow bracelets a 1:8 ratio, and green bracelets indicate that a counselor will be coaching from the deck.



Sample day varies by age, weather, etc.



Time	Activity
8:15-9:00	Check in, Squash Courts
	Lunches to fridge, backpacks and water to gym with campers
9:00-9:15	Blue gym/hallway, head down to swim
9:30-10:15	Swim
10:15-11:00	Blue Gym: Box Ball
11:00-11:40	Lunch
11:45-12:45	Outside: Parachute games
12:45-1:00	Bathroom/Wash Hands
1:00-1:50	Outside: Steal the Bacon
1:50-2:00	Bathroom/Wash Hands
2:00-2:45	Blue Gym: Bridge Tag, Soccer Skills
2:45-3:00	Cleanup / Snack / Be Ready for Pick-Up



Requirements

Before campers arrive on their first day, we require that guardians have...

- 1** Settled any remaining camp account balances
- 2** Completed the Google Doc for *each* camper-1 form per camper
- 3** *Physical* copies of medical forms
Campers without physical copies provided will not be able to participate in camp activities.
- 4** Have downloaded our Procare App



Procure

We are excited to continue using the Procure App for Columbia Little Lions Camp! This app is essential for all guardians to ensure the safety and smooth operation of our camp. By downloading the app, you can:

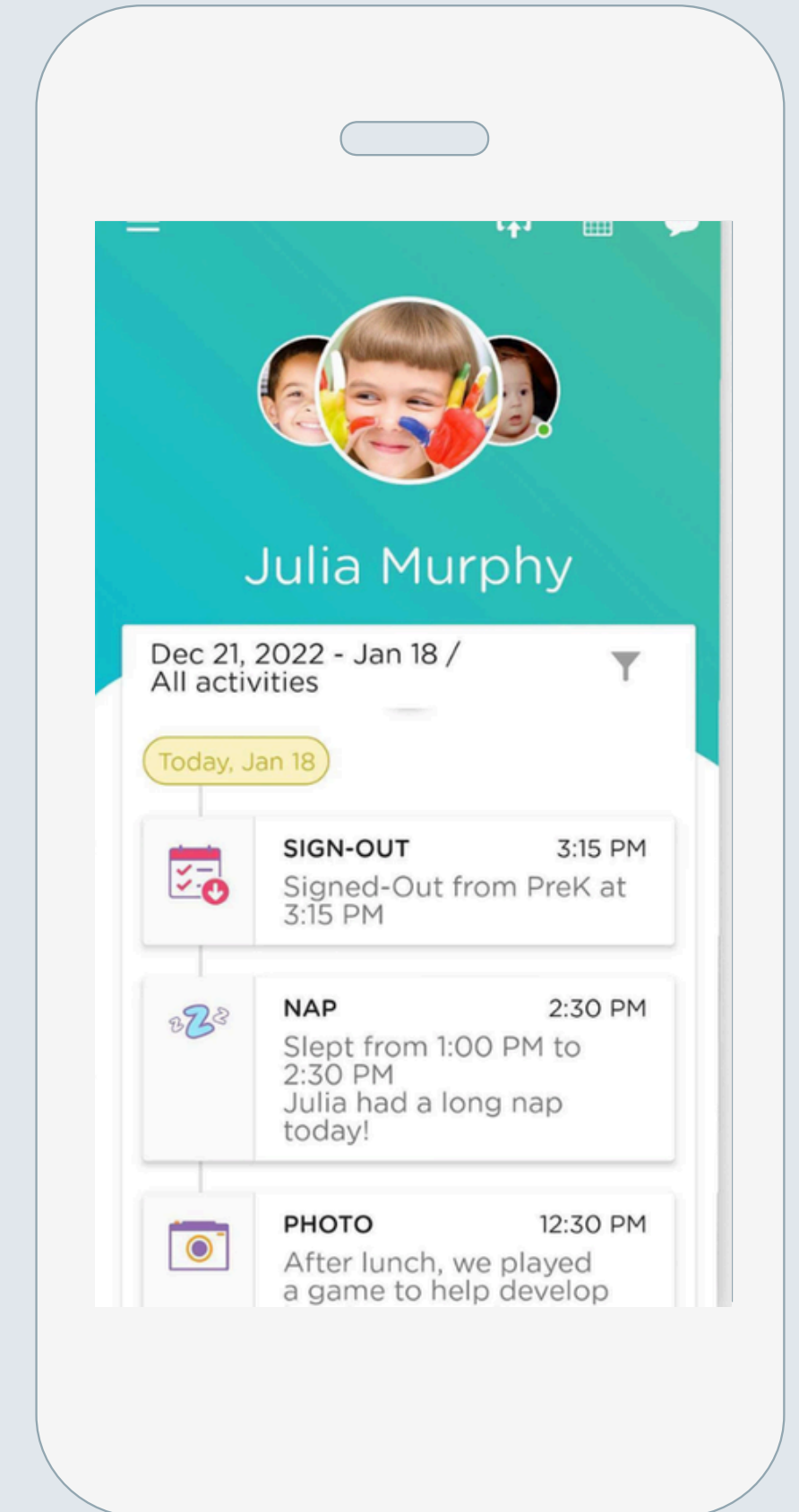
- **Check campers in and out** for secure arrivals and pick-ups.
- **Add carpool members** (adults who are allowed to escort your campers).
- **Communicate with our team** throughout the day.
- **Receive important updates** about camp activities and changes.
- **Share individual moments** with photos and highlights of a camper's day.

It's crucial for all guardians to download the app to facilitate safe pick-ups and drop-offs, maintain clear communication, and stay informed. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe and enjoyable camp experience for our Little Lions!

Procare



Please download
and complete your
camper's profile
prior to their first
day.



ARE YOU
READY?

CAMPERS ONLY
PAGE



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Questions?





THANKS!

Need to contact us?

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212-854-2233

<https://perec.columbia.edu/littlelionscamp>

**We look forward to
seeing you soon!**