“Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.” – A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Purpose

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program is a public and private initiative providing a summer camp experience to children from income-eligible families. Families whose income is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guideline or meet priority criteria (foster-care, homeless or involvement with the delinquency systems) are eligible to apply for a scholarship. According to the 2015 Census Bureau Survey, approximately 75,729 (28.06%) of children under age 18 are identified as living in poverty (*) in Palm Beach County. Many children spend too much of their day without adult supervision or protection. Often, due solely to their family’s inability to afford a summer day camp program, children are left alone in their homes, left in the care of older siblings or unsupervised on the streets. Children who are idle during the summertime are more likely to encounter summer educational slide, join gangs, use illegal drugs or become involved in the juvenile justice system. Without summer camp, hundreds of children are home alone with inadequate childcare and no adult supervision to gain positive outcomes. The summer camp program provides a healthy interactive environment with adult supervision. However, without a scholarship, summer camp is often beyond the reach of most eligible families in Palm Beach County.

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
History

The Summer Camp Scholarship Program (SCSP), established in 1995, has awarded in excess of 36,245 scholarships to Palm Beach County children. Palm Beach County’s Youth Services Department - Outreach and Community Programming Division is responsible for coordinating the operations of the SCSP. Scholarships pay full tuition and associated fees for eligible children to attend day camp during the summer months. To be eligible, the household income must fall within 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guideline or meet priority criteria (foster-care, homeless or juvenile justice involved – http://discover.pbcgov.org/youthservices/PDF/summerCamp/Priority-Criteria-List.pdf). Camps across Palm Beach County are encouraged to apply to be a Summer Camp Scholarship site and offer educational, recreational, and other programming to meet the needs of Palm Beach County children. Parents are responsible for selecting a camp from the list of approved SCSP providers.

Program Summary

In 2017, SCSP approved 111 camps, of which 97 received children with scholarships during the summer. Of the 97 sites, 75 were Regular Summer Camps and 22 were School Readiness Camps located across Palm Beach County. School Readiness Programs provided a curriculum that included educational advancements to prevent summer learning loss.

Since 2015, when SCSP became part of the Youth Services Department, a Super Spelling Bee has been held to encourage sites and campers to learn vocabulary and sight words needed for school. This year, 117 students from 31 camp sites participated in the competition.

In 2016, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved additional funding for youth involved in the juvenile justice system to participate in the summer camps. In 2017, additional scholarships funded by Children Services Council (CSC) served children who participated in the Bridges program. Bridges is a program created to help parents raise healthy, safe and strong children. It focuses on providing children with the best possible start in life, so as they get older, they are less likely to drop out of school, abuse drugs and/or end up in the juvenile justice system. Specialty camps piloted this year focused on sports and special needs for autism and related disabilities. SCSP plans to continue to provide scholarships in these areas of specialization in future years. These are a few highlighted moments to show the services the camps provide to the children in Palm Beach County.

As a result of the services provided throughout all participating camps, 2779 children attended summer camp seven (7) to ten (10) weeks for about nine (9) hours per day, increasing their brain power, building their bodies and developing into Palm Beach County’s leaders!
2017 Poster

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
KEEPING KIDS SAFE ALL SUMMER LONG

Offers eligible children, a full scholarship to day camp for the entire summer.

Age Requirement
5-14*
*Special population up to age 17

Includes all tuition and fees
Applications Open
February 2017
Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Requires 5-year-old children to have completed VPK to be eligible.

Allows parents to choose from participating camps located throughout Palm Beach County that meet their child’s needs and interests.

Families must meet income guidelines.
For information & eligibility requirements 1 (866) 728-1427

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Children’s Services Council
Healthy. Safe. Strong.
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
Palm Beach County Youth Services
Growing Brighter Futures
Friends of Community Services, Inc.
2017 Program Numbers

**APPROVAL PRIORITY**

1. Homeless/Foster Care Involved/DJJ Involved, Bridges
2. Full-time working parents (32 hours or more weekly)
3. Children with special needs that require a supervised daytime environment when parents are working
4. Children of part-time working parents (parents working 25–32 hours per week)
5. Children who are in legal custody of their grandparents or other family members over 60 years of age (must have court custody documents, not a notarized letter)
6. Children of military personnel returned from active duty within the last 12 or 24 months (statement/discharge documents from Veterans Services)
7. Children of disabled parents or disabled child (parents or child receiving SSDI/SSI benefits)
8. Children of parents who are full-time students (ongoing, degree-seeking 12 credits or more)
9. Any other child whose family meets the income guidelines

### 2017 Applicants (Number of Children)

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### 2017 Scholarships Awarded by Camps

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2017 Scholarships Awarded

1,312 (47%)  1,467 (53%)

School Readiness  Regular Camps

2017 Funding Received
Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  $443,686.00
Children Services Council  $2,200,000.00

Total Funds  $2,643,686.00

Average Cost Per Scholarship Awarded Per Child for the Summer
Total Summer Camp Budget Expended  $2,643,582.81
Total Number of Children Received Scholarship  2,779
Total Average Cost  $951.00
Educational Gains Outcomes

Grades K–2

- Scores increased: 556 (68%)
- Scores remain: 152 (19%)
- Scores decreased: 110 (13%)

Grades 3–5

- Scores increased: 626 (68%)
- Scores remain: 187 (20%)
- Scores decreased: 105 (12%)
Educational Gains Outcomes

**Grades 6–8**

- Scores increased: 191 (68%)
- Score remains: 50 (18%)
- Scores decreased: 41 (14%)

**Grades 9-12**

- Scores increased: 10 (17%)
- Score remains: 8 (14%)
- Scores decreased: 41 (69%)
# 2017 Regular Summer Camp Sites

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Camp Name and Location</th>
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<td>A Kid’s World of Fun &amp; Learning</td>
<td>Clifford O. Taylor Kirklane Summer Camp</td>
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<td>A Step Above Early Learning Center</td>
<td>Duo Center</td>
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<td>A+ Kidz Academy</td>
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<td>Adopt A Family</td>
<td>Ephesus Christian Center–Kamp Ephesus</td>
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<td>Atkins Tender Loving Care, Inc. 1133 West 10th Street 2721 RJ Hendley Avenue 1136 West 10th Street 1144 West 10th Street</td>
<td>Estella’s Brilliant Bus 6th Street 7th Street</td>
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<td>Slomin Family Center for Autism and Related Disabilities</td>
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<td>U. B. Kinsey Elementary School</td>
<td>University Learning Center 17th Street 22nd Street</td>
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<td>Washington Elementary</td>
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<td>Westward Elementary School</td>
<td>Young Men Christian Association (YMCA)</td>
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2017 Regular Summer Camp Sites

Commission District Legend
- Hal R. Valeche, District 1
- Paulette Burdick, District 2
- Steve Ramer, District 3
- Steven L. Abram, District 4
- Mary Lou Berger, District 5
- Melissa McKinlay, 6
- Mack Bernard, 7
- ZIP CODE
2017 School Readiness Summer Camp Sites

Achievement Centers at Orchard View Elementary
Achievement Centers - Family Resource Center
Achievement Centers - Pine Grove
Achievement Centers - Village Academy
Carver Reading Eagles (Carver Middle School)
CROS Camps Boynton Beach
CROS Camps Lake Worth
Family Development Center (Acts of Kindness)
Family Development Center (Silver Beach Road)
Inner City Youth, Inc.
KEC/Canal Point Elementary School
Milagro Center
Pahokee Elementary - Summer All Stars
Pahokee Middle School Summer Academy
Pahokee High School
Preparing Tomorrow’s Leaders Today
  Crossroad Academy
  Glades Central High School
  Jeaga Middle School
  Mary McCloud Bethune Elementary
  Turning Point
Plumosa School of the Arts
Starlight Cove Elementary School
2017 Application Intake Locations

Applications were accepted at various locations throughout the County:

**Community Actions Program**
607 South Main Street, Suite 102  
Belle Glade, FL 33430

**Community Actions Program**
1440 Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

**Community Actions Program**
1699 Wingfield Street  
Lake Worth, FL 33460

**Community Actions Program**
810 Datura Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

**Community Actions Program**
6415 Indiantown Road  
Jupiter, FL 33450

**Community Actions Program**
225 South Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445

**Community Services Department**  
Human Services Division Building  
1440 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

**Youth Services Department**
2976 State Road 15  
Belle Glade, FL 33430

345 South Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445

50 South Military Trail, Suite 203  
West Palm Beach, FL 33415
2017 Summer Camp Application Outreach Events

Summer Camp Outreach
No Appointment Needed! Bring your application (signed and fully completed) to:

- **West County Government Complex**
  2976 State Road 15
  Belle Glade, FL 33430
  Saturday, March 18, 2017
  9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

- **1440 MLK Jr. Boulevard**
  Riviera Beach, FL 33404
  **Tuesday, March 21, 2017**
  5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
  or **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**
  4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

- **345 South Congress Avenue**
  Delray Beach, FL 33445
  **Friday, March 24, 2017**
  4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

- **50 South Military Trail, Suite 203**
  West Palm Beach, FL 33415
  **Wednesday, March 29, 2017**
  4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
  or **Monday, April 3, 2017**
  4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
  or **Friday, April 7, 2017**
  4:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

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**Age Requirement**

5-14*

Special population up to age 17

* Requires 5-year-old children to have completed VPK to be eligible.

**Includes all tuition and fees**

Applications Open

February 2017

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BELOW WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

- Social Security Cards for ALL household members
- Children’s Birth Certificates
- ALL ADULTS Photo ID (Driver License, US Passport, Resident Alien Card, Work ID)
- Paycheck Stub for ALL ADULTS in the household
- Proof of Palm Beach County Residency (Utility Bill, Local School Registration, Current Lease/Mortgage)
- For 5-year-old children: Show proof of participation/completion of VPK Program
- Guardianship Affidavit (if applicable)
- Documentation of other Household Income, including but not limited to SSI/SSDI/SSA, documentation such as Family Law Case printout from Department of Revenue & Check History, Copy of Court Ordered Child Support & Custody Documents, Unemployment Checks, if applicable.

For more information, please call Jacqueline Burke at (561) 236-6140
2017 Super Spelling Bee Competition

The third annual Super Spelling Bee Competition was held at the PBC Parks & Recreation Therapeutic Center. Approximately 117 children participated from 31 camps. The top three winners from each grade level were awarded with trophies and recognition.
2017 SCSP Accomplishments

SCSP provided team-building, adult supervision, encouragement of healthy relationships, and mentoring opportunities in 2017.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION  Preparing Tomorrow’s Leaders Today Summer Camp was featured in the 2017–2018 Art & Culture Educational Guide of the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County (PBC). The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County expands across Palm Beach County, and for 40 years, the Council has evolved with a primary focus of enhancing arts education.
Decreasing Summer Slide
Decreased summer slide through educational enhancement—as our children engaged in reading, math, science, history, technology, and arts.
Promoting Pro-Social Behaviors

Programs offer inspiration and strive to validate and empower our children and youth to succeed in life throughout Palm Beach County. Camps inspire children to increase their academic achievements through Reading, Math, Science and Character Development through social emotional learning.

“We meet children where they are and take them to places they never dreamed they could go! Our children always come first.”

- For the Children
Some stories...

We are pleased to provide just a few acknowledgements that we received—one from Sylvia, a grandmother, one from a parent and one from a provider.

“I am Allan and Alexa’s mom,”

thanking God first for HIS blessings towards my family and self. Also, thanking all of you for being the instrument used by God so my children could attend this beautiful camp.

Slomin Family Center has been a beautiful camp for them; they have enjoyed it to the fullest. My son, who has been diagnosed with autism, is not fond of many places. I know, because he has attended other camps.

Here, he is happy. He wakes up each morning, and I do not need to fight with him to go to camp. My daughter, what can I say? She has helped other children to socialize. So, thank you very much for everything. Keep moving forward helping more families and children with special needs.”

–Keila

“On behalf of the children”

and parents throughout Palm Beach County, we say thank you for your amazing leadership, dedication, professionalism and tireless effort. You are a true example of influence and impact. Thank you for being a difference maker in our community.”

–James

The Life Center

Dear Jacqueline,

Thank you so much for working so hard to make sure my grandchildren would have the greatest summer ever. This is their first experience with summer camp and they can’t get to camp fast enough and never want the day to end.

I know you and your staff deserve super kudos for a job well done.

Best Wishes,

Sylvia Fox

and

Corvil Family

6-30-17
We Thank You

Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners serves as the legislative and policy-setting body for County government, enacts Countywide laws and authorizes programs and all expenditures of County funds. They also act as the Child Care Facilities Board, the Solid Waste Authority, the Environmental Control Board, the Transportation Authority and the Zoning Authority.

Administer programs and initiatives of the Board of County Commissioners to ensure the healthy growth, development, education, and transition of children and youth to young adulthood and the workforce.

Children’s Services Council invests its resources in programs that help Palm Beach County children begin life healthily, enter school ready and thrive in quality after-school activities.

FPL is committed to being a responsible corporate citizen and good neighbor to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

To enhance, complement and provide support for the resources and service capacity of the Department of Community Services to meet the needs of underserved or low-income residents of Palm Beach County.