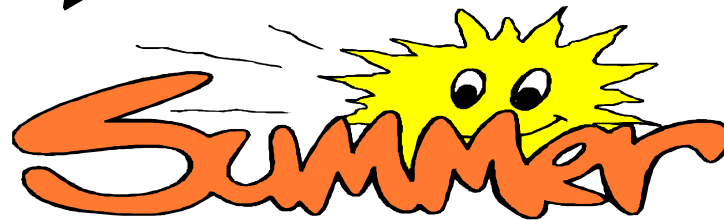




Child Care HELP! Line

2011



Child Care Guide for School Age Children



Choosing a summer school age program that is right for your child(ren) is an important decision. We urge you to visit several facilities in order to inspect and interview the summer school age director and/or teachers. Please refer to the interview questions and resource checklist in the back of this packet to assist you in this process.

Please keep in mind that the information listed in this booklet does not constitute an endorsement by the HELP!Line Center. **All of the information contained in the booklet is reported by the summer school age facilities themselves.** You will need to verify its validity. You, as a parent or guardian, are responsible for determining and monitoring the quality of each program. The final decision must be made by you.

Please note that this not a comprehensive listing of all programs that provide summer school age care. It is a source of information about those providers who chose to be listed in our Summer School Age Guide. For the most complete list of providers who provide summer school age care dial 211 or 339-4357.

We continue to look for ways to improve the Child Care HELP!Line. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact us by dialing 211 or 339-4357 for any further assistance.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK THE DIRECTOR...

- Are policies and procedures clear and communicated to parents?
- What is the child/staff ratio?
- How long has the summer school age program been in operation?
- What is the philosophy of the summer school age program?
- Are the hours flexible? Do I get cancellation and/or sick days?
- Is there a penalty or fee for picking up my child late?
- What would a typical day be like for my child?
- Is the summer school age program closed any certain days? (holidays, vacations, etc?)
- When does the summer school age program begin and end?
- How many other children are enrolled?
- Can I drop in and visit unannounced?
- Do the children understand the routine and rules?
- Does the environment fit your child's personality?
- What kinds of activities do the children do? Is there an extra charge?
- Does your program participate in any camps?

PROGRAM CHECKLIST

This checklist is designed to help you in selecting a summer school age program for your child(ren). When selecting an appropriate summer program, you need to look at the needs of you and your child(ren).

- Child sized furniture is available for the children
- Enough space is available for all children
- Safe outdoor play area is accessible
- Variety of materials/games are available for the children
- Offers multicultural books and activities for learning
- Teachers keep parents informed of activities and child's participation
- Teachers communicate with the parents about any accidents or illnesses
- Teachers spend time with the children and talk to them but also provide time to be alone
- Staff members handle behavior problems appropriately
- Staff know CPR and First Aid
- The other children seem happy and get along with the teachers
- Variety of field trips and gross motor activities available
- Variety of arts and craft materials available
- Meals and snacks are provided and are nutritional

1st Baptist Children's Center (1st BASE)
1401 South Covell Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Phone: 336-0966 or 360-3606

Contact: Melissa Anawski

Ages Served: 5-12 Year Olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: 5 Days \$100.00/week
4 Days \$96.00/week
3 Days \$84.00/week
2 Days \$70.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has an Elementary Education Degree and eleven years of experience in school-age care. A few staff have their degrees in Elementary Education while other teachers are current college students.

Philosophy of the Program: The primary purpose of 1st Baptist Children's Center (1st BASE) is to provide safe, enjoyable, educational and recreational opportunities for school-age children whose parents work. We strive to encourage children in their interests and abilities and also encourage the development of friendships.

Dates of Program: May 19 to August 19

1st Baptist Children's Center (P.E.T.)
1401 S. Covell Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Phone: 336-0966 or 360-3609

Contact: Melissa Anawski

Ages Served: 3 - 5 Year Olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: 5 Days \$130.00/week
4 Days \$115.00/week
3 Days \$100.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:10.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has an Elementary Education Degree and five years of experience with preschool age children. One staff person has a Bachelors Degree in a child related field. The rest of the staff are college students.

Philosophy of the Program: The primary purpose of 1st Baptist Children's Center (P.E.T.) is to provide safe, enjoyable, educational and recreational opportunities for preschoolers whose parents work. We strive to encourage children in their interests and abilities and also encourage the development of friendships.

Dates of Program: May 16 to September 3

Apple Tree Children's Centers

4 Sioux Falls Locations:

	3309 E. 26th St.	700 N. Sycamore
Phone:	339-9571	332-5581
Contact:	Judy Abayakoon	Gina Blake

	4101 Valhalla Blvd.	6400 W. 43rd St.
Phone:	361-7746	361-9875
Contact:	Carol Smith	Latonia Barbour

Ages Served: 5 - 12 Year Olds

Days and Hours: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Fees: 5 days \$150.00/week
4 days \$132.00/week
3 days \$110.00/week
2 days \$94.00/week
1 day \$66.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Philosophy of the Program: At Apple Tree Children's Centers, we value the uniqueness of each child and encourage the growth and development to becoming a responsible individual. Through time-tested processes, learning is experienced through classroom structured settings and supervised play. We believe that all activities, with guidance, are a teaching tool that strengthens the independence, confidence and problem solving characteristics needed to maintain a healthy and productive future.

Activities: The following are examples of the type of daily activities each center will plan.

Pool play	Bread Smith tour	Bike trail hiking	Park play
Kite flying	Battleship Memorial	City Hall	Police Station
Hy-Vee	Humane Society	Children's Theater	Bowling
Trolley rides	Fire Station	Hospital tour	Sand volleyball

Date of Program: May to August

Brandon Mini Lynx Childcare Center
1714 Frontier St.
Brandon, SD 57005
Phone: 605-582-7917 or 605-370-2669

Contact: Vicki Eggert

Ages Served: Kindergarten - 12 Years Old

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Fees: 3 days \$50.00/week
5 days \$65.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Philosophy of the Program: The Brandon Mini Lynx's mission is to provide quality care to all children with an emphasis on playing, learning and respect for others. Our goal is to provide a safe and secure place where children can explore, laugh, interact with others and learn and grow each day. We strive to provide fun learning experiences for the school age children to grow while not attending school. All summer activities are low cost so that all children regardless of parental income can participate. State assistance is accepted. There is also available a live online camera for viewing with password protection. We are a secure facility with a daily schedule in place.

The Child Center
2420 W. 8th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Phone: 332-9200

Contact: Jen Nyhus

Ages Served: 6 - 12 Year Olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Fees: \$20.00 registration fee to hold spot.
\$27.00/day or \$114.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has day care center experience with 5 plus years in planning and curriculum. Both teachers have daycare center experience with school age children. One is a mother and has her CDA.

Philosophy of the Program: Our program mission is to provide a secure and enriching environment for children, thus allowing them to learn and grow into individuals. This environment allows parents to pursue their own careers knowing their children are safe in a quality center. The Child Center is a nurturing, developmentally based child care center. It is their belief that they provide your child with the following opportunities: the opportunity to be happy, to be challenged, and to be prepared.

Activities: Four to five days a week an outing is provided, either swimming or a field trip. Call for more information and the summer calendar.

Dates of Program: May to August

References Available Upon Request.

For the Love of Children
3700 S. Westport Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 362-8851

Contact: Marsha Owings

Ages Served: 5 - 12 Year Olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Fees: \$121.00/week.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director/Coordinator has their CDA and has had several years experience with children. The staff are college students, elementary and high school teachers.

Philosophy of the Program: We keep the children on track with educational activities including weekly reading logs, time tests, field trips, swimming, walks to the park, etc. We have a full lesson scheduled daily.

Activities: Swimming, field trips, park, outdoor play, big field games, educational games and indoor and outdoor activities are offered. Educational groups are offered four days a week.

Dates of Program: May 16 to start of school.

Good News Children's Center
1800 S. Valley View Rd.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 362-6360

Contact: Tammy Westergaard

Ages Served: K to 5th grade (12 years old)

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: \$125.00/week with a \$35.00 registration fee. Allowed 5 credit days.
Swim Patch required from the public pools at the start of the program.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratios
1:14 or 1:9 ratio on field trips.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has an Elementary Education Degree with Reading and Early Childhood endorsements and three years experience as a classroom teacher with twelve years experience as director. One staff has an Associates in Early Childhood while a second staff has a degree in Elementary Education with experience in a child care setting. The third staff has experience with children.

Philosophy of the Program: We are committed to providing Biblically-based age-appropriate experiences in a small group setting allowing each child to progress mentally, spiritually, socially and emotionally at his/her own level of ability while enjoying success. This is primarily done through hands-on activities in learning centers and positive Christian-like role modeling of the staff.

Activities: During the summer we have devotions, encourage reading, offer learning activities, Bible-time, physical activities, music and more. We also transport to Kuehn Pool for swimming lessons. We go on daily field trips such as the Outdoor Campus, area parks, tour area businesses, and swimming at the Sioux Falls Pools. We participate in several service projects around the center and in the community.

Dates of Program: May 23rd, 2011 to August 19th, 2011.

Hilltop
1312 S. Bahnson Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
605-759-8038
www.lsssd.org

Contact: Chesiree Kehr

Ages Served: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Days and Hours Available: M - F, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: \$85.00/week - Financial assistance is available to make the program affordable for families.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Lead School-Age Teacher has a Bachelor's degree. Many assistants also have degrees and all have extensive experience and training. The Director has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with more advanced training.

Philosophy of the Program: The goal of Lutheran Social Services and HUMC is to provide a safe and supervised place for children to have new experiences, increase confidence, expand creativity, and grow emotionally, spiritually and socially in a caring and warm environment during out of school hours.

Hope C.A.R.E. Summer Program
1733 Sherman Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57106
Phone: 335-3873

Contact: Janey Case, Program Director

Ages Served: 5 - 12 year olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: 5 days \$95.00/week
4 days \$85.00/week
3 days \$75.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience of Summer School Age

Director/Coordinator and Summer School Age Staff: The Director has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with over nine years experience in child care. The Site Coordinator has a four year degree and the Summer Assistants are attending college and have experience in child care. All staff are CPR and First Aid Certified.

Philosophy and/or Goals of the Summer School Age Program: The goal is to provide a safe, enriching, recreational program conducive to learning and social interaction. The programs aims to encourage children to pursue their interests and develop friendships, independence and confidence.

Dates of Program: May to August

Imagination Station
207 South Main
Hartford, SD 57033
Phone: 528-5437

Contact: Kristine Johnson

Ages Served: 5-12 year olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: Full-Time Summer: \$98.00/week
Part-Time Summer: Possibility of contracted days at a rate of \$20.00/
day. Discounts for additional children available

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has a CDA as well as many years of experience. The staff attend in-service trainings.

Philosophy of the Program: We stay very busy in the summer time. The children get out and enjoy our small town on daily walks. They go to the library, the swimming pool and have a picnic in the park once a week. The children also do arts/crafts and experiments. Summer is short so we take advantage of every minute.

Activities: Swimming, library, field trips, and daily activities are a few of the activities offered.

Dates of Program: Provide care year around.

Kids Inc.
201 East 38th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57105
Phone: 367-4424

Contact: Jodi Miller

Ages Served: Completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: Based on lunch rate. Each are for 2 week sessions.
Regular is \$230.00
Reduced Lunch is \$170.00
Free Lunch is \$140.00
*Field trips included.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15

Educational Background and Experience: Staff have Elementary Education Degrees or a college education plus experience. College students assist staff.

Philosophy of the Program: Kids Inc. offers activities that keep students engaged in learning during the summer months. Children use skills they learned during the school year while they enjoy theme-based activities.

Dates of Program: May 23rd to August 5th.

MyTea Tykes Children's Center, Inc.
800 E. Ryan Dr.
Tea, SD 57064
Phone: 498-8953

Contact: Danni Elsen

Ages Served: 5 to 12 Years

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Fees: 5 days \$100.00/week
4 days \$68.00/week

*A discount is available if a younger sibling attends the child care center.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director has a Bachelor's of Science in Early Childhood Education. Staff are at least eighteen years of age and have experience working with school-age children. Staff also attend ongoing trainings.

Philosophy of the Program: MyTea Tykes is dedicated to provide a safe, fun learning environment. We strive to meet all developmental and growing needs for children in the Tea area. We meet children's needs by focusing on these distinct areas: physical, intellectual, social, and emotional development. We provide positive learning opportunities that promote the areas of autonomy, self-respect, respect for others, multicultural experiences, physical activities (fine and gross motor skills) introduction of art, science, social studies, math, reading readiness, dramatic play, manipulative activities, music and movement, and working with others.

Activities: MyTea Tykes offers various activities and field trips that promote learning about the environment around them. Children attend the Tea Pool three times a week. A Tea Pool Pass is required. There are additional fees for some of the field trips.

Dates of Program: May to August

Once Upon A Time
100 East Cedar Street
Brandon, SD 57005
Phone: 582-8185

Contact: Penny Polasky

Ages Served: 6 Weeks to 12 Years Old

Days & Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: Summer School Age: \$90.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Director/Coordinator has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with twenty years experience in Early Childhood Education. Staff have a high school education with experience in a daycare with school age children.

Philosophy of the Program: We believe it is important to involve the children in the weekly planning of activities.

Activities: Swimming, field trips, recreation programs, parks, visits to retirement homes, cooking activities, science activities, special days, bike riding, etc, are a few of the activities we participate in through the summer.

Dates of Program: Dates of the program are the last day of school in Brandon until the beginning of school. We are also open year round.

Southern Hills
3400 E. 49th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
605-371-8770
www.lsssd.org

Contact: Brandi Flint

Ages Served: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Days and Hours Available: M - F, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: \$92.00/week

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: The Lead School-Age Teacher has a Bachelor's degree. Many assistants also have degrees and all have extensive experience and training. The Director has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and advanced training.

Philosophy of the Program: The goal of Lutheran Social Services and SHUMC is to provide a safe and supervised place for children to have new experiences, increase confidence, expand creativity, and grow emotionally, spiritually and socially in a caring and warm environment during out of school hours. Southern Hills welcomes all families to come and check out their Hilltop location!

United Daycare
2425 S. Western Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Phone: 332-5940 or 338-0246

Contact: Judy Jacobs

Ages Served: 2 - 10 year olds

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday; 6:45 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: FT: \$78.00 - \$116.00/week, 2nd child is \$72.00
PT: \$61.00/week for 23 hours and \$2.15/hour after that.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:10 for school age children and 1:5 for 2 year olds.

Educational Background and Experience: The Head Teacher has an Associates in Child Development degree and 23 years of experience. The Head Assistant has almost 6 years of experience. The remainder of the staff are college students working on their education degrees or are finished with college and have 3 - 6 years of experience. All staff attend in-service and are CPR and First Aid certified.

Philosophy of the Program: It is the mission of United Day Care Center, Inc. to provide quality daycare services in a loving and Christian environment. United Daycare Center serves children ages 2 through 10 years at a rate based on their family income. It is further the mission of the center to provide an environment for these children that fosters physical, social, cognitive and emotional development. Our goals are to provide interesting educational activities with an emphasis on physical exercise. Children engaged in activities are generally happier. For those who prefer quieter activities, there are those opportunities also.

Activities: Swimming, field trips, visitors, bike riding, outdoor play, gym, and daily activities.

Dates of Program: Summer out of school program
Open all year M - F
Preschool August - May

YWCA Avera Downtown Summer Care
300 W. 11th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Phone: 336-3660

Contact Person: OST Director, Nancy Fallon

Ages Served: 5 to 12 year olds (Must have completed Kindergarten)

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: 4 to 5 Days \$110.00/week

3 Days \$82.00/week

\$30.00 Registration Fee

\$45.00 Family Registration

2nd Child discount and scholarships for those who qualify.

Summer Care Program Fees for Flex Families enrolled intermittent weeks is \$120.00/week plus activity fee.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: We provide children a fun, safe and interactive environment that supports social, emotional, physical and cognitive development through educational activities. We hire caring and experienced teachers and assistants who have a passion for teaching. The YWCA Summer Care Program offers school age children fun-filled days of activities, wonderful staff and a long environment. Classrooms are age appropriate with a schedule of classes and activities throughout the day. The daily curriculum follows weekly themed units.

Philosophy of the Program: Whether you're looking for summer childcare for one week only for the entire season, the YWCA school-age summer care program will fit your needs! This summer you can enroll your child for one week or for the entire summer. We offer weekly themed-based sessions with many activities to keep students wanting to come back for more! We fill these units with cooking, science, arts, crafts, sports, theatre, club days, indoor and outdoor swimming, community service projects, Girls on the Run, special guests, mentoring and much more! Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are included.

Dates of Program: May 18th to August 22nd (starting date can change due to snow days.)

YWCA Avera South OST Program
3510 Ralph Rogers Rd.
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Phone: 362-9438

Contact Person: OST Director, Nancy Fallon

Ages Served: 5 to 12 year olds (Must have completed Kindergarten)

Days and Hours Available: Monday - Friday, 6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Fees: Full time: 4 - 5 days \$110.00/week
Part time: 3 days \$82.00/week
\$30.00 Registration Fee
\$45.00 Family Registration
2nd Child discount and scholarships for those who qualify.

Summer Care Program Fees for Flex Families enrolled intermittent weeks is \$120.00/week plus activity fee.

Regulations: Licensed by the state of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Educational Background and Experience: Our OST Coordinator has 20 years experience with an Associates degree and OST certificate with 2 years of Fine Art Education. Head teachers have minimum of two years of college, majoring in education, early childhood, special education, speech or music or have completed school with a teaching certificate.

Philosophy of the Program: We provide children a fun, safe and interactive environment that supports social, emotional, physical and cognitive development through educational activities. We hire caring and experienced teachers and assistants who have a passion for teaching. The YWCA Summer Care Program offers school age children fun-filled days of activities, wonderful staff and a loving environment. Classrooms are age appropriate with a schedule of classes and activities throughout the day. The daily curriculum follows weekly themed units. Whether you're looking for summer childcare for one week only or for the entire season, the YWCA school-age summer care program will fit your needs! This summer you can enroll you child for one week or for the entire summer. We offer weekly theme-based sessions with many activities to keep students wanting to come back for more! We fill these units with cooking, science, arts, crafts, sports, theatre, club days, indoor and outdoor swimming, community service projects, Girls on the Run, special guests, mentoring and much more! Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are included!

Dates of Program: May 18th to August 22nd (starting date can change due to snow days.)

Youth Enrichment Services
824 E. 14th St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Phone: 338-8061
Web: www.youthenrichment.org

Contact: Cory Lichty

Ages Served: 5-12 years

Locations: 14th St. Learning Center, 824 E. 14th St., 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM, M-F
Eastside Learning Center, 700 S. Sneve Ave., 6:00 AM - 6:30 PM, M-F
River Crossing Learning Center, 5015 S. Crossing Pl., 5:40 Am - 6:30 PM, M-F

Fees: Fees vary and are based on full-time (4-5 days) or part-time (1-3 days); and a discount may be offered for additional child/ren.

Regulations: Licensed by the State of South Dakota. The staff/child ratio is 1:15.

Philosophy of the Program: Children, relax, enjoy the summer, and spend time with friends all while continuing to learn. Educational choices are balanced and allow them to have so much fun they won't even know they are learning. Nutritional breakfasts, lunches and snacks are provided daily. Weekly field trips are scheduled around the weekly themes. Swimming is available. Special opportunities are offered throughout the summer, such as martial arts and roller skating. All of our activities are age appropriate so your child will feel comfortable and be able to have fun, learn and grow.



*Strengthening individuals,
ing people with*

*families, and community by bridg-
resources and support.*

211 HELP!Line

24-hour information and crisis hotline

Dial 211 or (605) 339-4357

- * When you need help finding community information, government information, social service resources, support groups, donation information, child care, volunteer opportunities or financial assistance
- * Resource guides include the Senior Directory, Mental Health Guide, Parent Resource Directory and an E-mail Resource Guide.
- *Accredited by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems

Child Care HELP!Line

Child care resource & referral for parents & providers

Dial 211 or (605) 339-4357

- * Quick access to current child care openings
- * Information on child care issues

Suicide Prevention HELP!Line

Dial 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) 24-hours a day

- * Providing crisis intervention, suicide prevention trainings, suicide information and outreach to families who have lost a loved one to suicide
- *Certified by the American Association of Suicidology

Volunteer HELP!Line

Linking volunteers with community volunteer opportunities

- * Search the web based Volunteer Solutions database