

Little Star School Enrollment Draw FAQs

Initial enrollment is open for new families March 17th - March 26th for **both our summer camps and school year programs**. All applications received during that time will be considered equally (registration is not first-come, first served). If interest exceeds capacity, we will have a randomized lottery for the spaces available, with priority given to families experiencing financial insecurity or need care to access support services (see below for more information). We do our best to enroll everyone who registers, and ask for your patience and flexibility during the process. Families will be notified no later than April 14th about their enrollment status. We will accept applications on a rolling basis after March 26th.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to improve our registration process.

FAQs

How will the draw work?

For any student whose family is not currently enrolled at Little Star in 2024-25, registration will be open for all our camps (Little Star, Outdoor Adventure Camp, and Archery camp) and our school year program from March 17-March 26. If there are more people interested in a camp than we have space for, we will randomly draw names for spaces. Families will be notified no later than April 14th about their enrollment status.

Why did you make this change?

With increased demand for spots in our camps and our school-year program, we realized that the first-come, first served model greatly favored those with access to technological resources and availability on the exact day in question. It caused stress and frustration for families. By creating a registration period for a randomized draw, we can make the process more equitable for everyone.

What does it mean if I'm on the waitlist?

Enrollment changes regularly, both for summer camps and our school year program. If someone drops out of camp, we offer their spot to the campers on the waitlist. This could happen at any point, from April until the week before camp. For the school year, we will do our best to enroll everyone who applies for at least some of their requested days. If we cannot make this happen,

Summer Camp FAQs

What will happen if I need all 6 weeks of camp? Will I go in a draw for all 6 weeks?

We will have a draw for each week individually, so you may get all of the 6 weeks, or just some of them. For Outdoor Adventure Camp, we will prioritize all campers getting at least 1 week.

I'd like all 6 weeks of camp but want to ensure that I don't take a space for a family at risk or in need. Can I ask for 6 weeks but express that I'd drop 1-3 weeks for a vulnerable family?

Absolutely. Just send us a note with your information.

If my 2 year old is at Little Star, can I register my 6 year old before the public?

Yes, please use the earlier March 10th registration. Please note that we will prioritize currently enrolled students, then siblings, as we register students.

What if I am facing financial insecurity or need care to seek support services?

Please email emilynelson@littlestarschool.org or call the main office at 509-996-2801, and we may be able to prioritize your enrollment and help you access financial aid or state subsidies through the DCYF/WCCC program. [Room One](#) is also a great resource for support services, please contact them at 509-997-2050.

What if I don't get in or get the coverage I need to work?

If you are not selected in the draw, you will be put on the waitlist for our camps and we will contact you when spaces become available. For those 5 and up, we are lucky to have a wide variety of camps available from other organizations in the Valley. To learn more about options for kids this summer, visit our website: Littlestarschool.org/summer-camps.