

CAMP

Explorations

SCHOOL-AGE ADVENTURES

Where School Ends and The SUMMER Begins!

Great Outdoors

Water Play

Creative Expressions

June 11 To August 31

S.T.E.M.

Camp Explorations Awaits In 2018!!!!

Dear Parents,

Welcome familiar faces and new friends, we are very excited to invite you all to participate in a summer of fun and adventure with us!

For those of you who are new to our program, our summer camp offers your child unique and exciting opportunities to explore their interests, build lasting friendships, and participate in new experiences! Your child will engage their bodies and their minds as they enjoy challenges, visit exciting places and exercise their creativity individually as well as with their friends.

Our program is planned with weekly topics. Each topic is accompanied by its own challenges, field trips and unique opportunities. We will be taking advantage of the fact that we are located in downtown Chicago and utilize some of the amazing locations near us to further enrich your child's summer experience. A description of our weekly topics are included in this packet, along with all the information you need to register your child with our program.

We will also be having several larger projects culminating in big events; this year we will have a live cooking show, an interactive game night and a play performance. Please read on in the packet to learn more!

We look forward to seeing you and your child this summer! If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

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Summer Camp Staff



Jimmy Cnota: Camp Director

Jimmy spends most of the year overseeing our center's enrichment programs.

During the summer, he is the Camp Director of our Summer Camp. If you want to know about your child's day or details about in-class activities, field trips or other experiences that are coming up on the camp calendar, Jimmy is the guy to talk to!

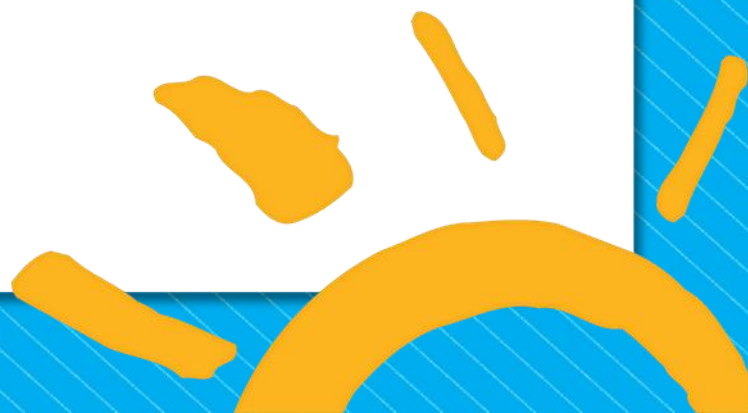
JimmyC@BELECEC.org

Bobby Dobroski: Business Manager

Bobby is in charge of Billing and Enrollment at the center.

If you have any feedback, questions or concerns about the camp program, please feel free to contact him at any time!

**BobbyD@BELECEC.org
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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the camp for?

Our summer camp is for families who are employed through Northwestern Medicine or one their campus partners. Boys and girls ages 6 years old thru 12 years old are eligible to attend.

What is the cost?

Parents can enroll their children on a week by week basis for 2 Days Per Week, 3 Days Per week, or 5 Days Per Week. You can pick the days that work for you. A two day minimum is required to enroll in any week. Tuition is prorated based on the monthly 2017-2018 rate employees are eligible for. Please email Bobby and ask him to send you the eligible rates.



All camp payments must be made using our online payment system, except NMHC families who pay through payroll deduct. Camp tuition is due on the 25th of the preceding month or on the payroll deduct schedule.

*A \$100.00 Registration Fee is due upon registration for children that have never participated in a program at Bernice E. Lavin Early Childhood Education center.

How do I register?

Secure your placement by filling out the registration form in the back and by putting down a non-refundable registration fee of \$100* (if applicable) and send it in to our office by May 20, 2018. All campers must have appropriate permission forms and DCFS required paperwork or they will not be able to participate. Spaces are limited on a first come first served basis.

What is your Cancellation Policy? (UPDATED)

Parents can add days at any time pending availability. All schedule changes and cancellations should be made to the Business Manager in writing (i.e. email) 30 days in advance.

What is Your Absent Day Policy?

Refunds and swapping days are not allowed for missed days.

Reasons To Join us

Why choose the **CAMP Explorations** SCHOOL-AGE ADVENTURES Bright Horizons Program at Bernice E. Lavin?

1. Value

Field Trips, Special projects, plus Breakfast, Lunch and Snack each day are all included!

2. Convenience

One place for all of your children ages 12 years thru under from 6:30 AM until 6:00 PM!



3. Flexibility

Full- and Part -time schedules available; choose which days you need!

4. Health and Safety

'We Care' policies and procedures implemented to maintain a safe and secure environment for children.

5. Special Events

Plays, Game nights, and more will give you a chance to connect with your child's summer fun!

6. Fitness, Technology & Literacy

These three focal points are part of each week's activities!

7. Activities and Projects

Our calendar is full of innovative topics and projects centered around your child's interests!

8. Reputation

Survey results show we do it right!

9. Experienced Staff

Jimmy and his staff have making summer camp fun since 2012!



Typical **CAMP** Explorations Day

SCHOOL-AGE ADVENTURES



Activity & Time	Description
Arrival & Camper's Choice 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	The morning starts with campers choice of age appropriate games, art activities, books, and computer games at their disposal. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Camper Round-Up 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Camp Explorations kicks off the fun with camper and counselors singing camp songs and planning out the day.
Indoor & Outdoor Activities 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	The activities include anything anywhere from science experiments, construction, service projects, the dramatic arts, cooking projects, and so much more. Activities are self-directed or counselor-directed and can be done independently or in small groups. Topic areas vary each week so read on ahead and check out the WEEKLY ADVENTURES!
Lunch 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Family Style Lunch is catered by Beyond Green and is distributed by our center cooks. Our school menu reflects Michelle Obama's Partnership for a Healthier America health initiative. <i>We provide lunch on field trip days too!</i>
Quiet Choice Time 1:00 p.m. To 2:00 p.m.	Quiet activities such as reading, a fun movie, and computer games will be available. Campers may rest if they would like.
Outdoor Activity / Playground 2:00 p.m. To 3:00 p.m.	Scheduled time for our campers to run around the playground and enjoy the various sports equipment, giant blocks, and summer weather.
Indoor & Outdoor Activities Continued 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Our activities continue on from fitness challenges, STEM Lab projects, woodworking extended to the afternoon. Special Events and Guests may be scheduled at this time. Optional snacks will be served from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Camper's Choice & Cleanup 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	The summer day winds down back in the camp room Campers can relax with their favorite indoor activity.

This is a flexible schedule; our campers engage in many activities both inside and out of the center, and new opportunities pop up when we least expect them!
The camp communication board will be updated daily to reflect any changes.

Weekly Activities

Walking Trips To Olive Park

When the weather is nice we will walk across the street to Olive Park to use the various fields and equipment there for our adventures. We may be playing sports, taking photos of nature, or going on a scavenger hunt. It's part of our scheduled routine.

All you have to do is fill out our walking field trip permission form.



Special Guests and In-House Field Trips

Occasionally a special guest will come to our school and entertain and spark up new ideas from the campers. Such special guests include: magicians, scientists, actors, and animal trainers.



Art Enrichments

Our art enrichments will be scheduled all summer with Ms. Donna, our ArtSmart Teacher. Our teachers nurture children's own artistic abilities and help them appreciate art in the broader world by engaging in diverse creative experiences.



STEM: Science-Technology-Engineering-Math

Campers will spontaneously engage in STEM activities indoors and outdoors all summer. With a little guidance from our teachers, we can enhance children's opportunities to engage in STEM learning and develop their critical thinking skills.



Garden Works

We have a roof top garden that campers will take care of on a regular basis. Campers will harvest the fruits and vegetables for our weekly farmer's market stand.



The Great Recycling Build Off Challenge

This summer we are asking parents and campers to donate items to our NEW Recycling center located on the second floor of our school. With all of the slightly used materials, the campers will be challenged to make new and exciting structures exercising their creativity and engineering skills. Campers will be split up into four teams so they can research and brainstorm to make blue prints using our SMART Board and HATCH computer technology starting July 23rd. Throughout the summer, the four teams will build and improve their creations to August 10th. The recycled machines and art projects will be on display from August 13th to August 17th for the entire school to look and vote on. The team with the most votes will receive special medals rewarding their hard work and effort on August 17th. We will all celebrate with a special pizza party.



Water Play At The Beach and Navy Pier

We will walk to Ohio Street Beach and the water park at Navy Pier for some water play throughout the summer. Safety is our highest priority. Our camp staff are certified in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and will always be in and out of the water maintaining supervision with the beach's certified life guards. Campers are only permitted to wade.



Field Trips

Campers, get your adventure hat and put your gym shoes on because we are hopping on a bus to an exciting adventure almost every week. Prices are included in tuition. Our trips Include:



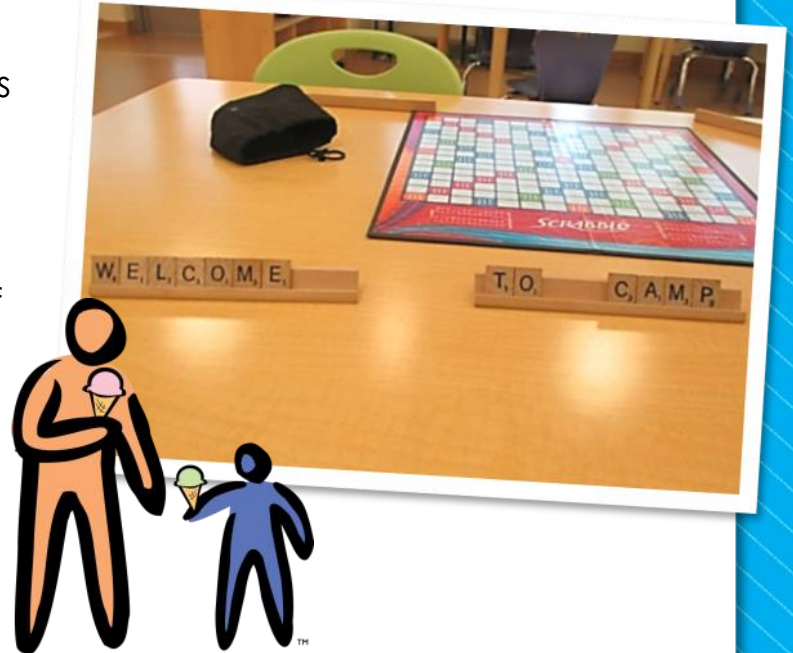
- Navy Pier Children Museum: June 12th
- Enchanted Castle: June 19th
- Boomers Baseball Game: June 27th
- Haunted Trails: July 10th
- Sky Basketball Game: July 18th
- Museum of Science & Industry: July 24th
- Hollywood Fun Park: July 31st
- Lincoln Park Zoo: August 14th
- Field Museum: August 21st
- Crown Fountain Water Play : August 29th

SPECIAL FORMS NEEDED TO ATTEND.

Week 1: Welcome Week

June 11th to June 15th

Welcome to camp! Whether you have been with us for years or this is your first time here, we are excited to have you with us this summer! We will kick off the camp season by exploring some of the new additions to our home base, starting our summer challenges, getting active outside, and doing some cool projects and experiments!



Highlights



Fitness

Do a fitness test to see how fit we are at the beginning of camp. We will chart our findings and compare at the end of summer.



Technology

Make a working battery out of a lemon! We will also be using the SMART Board to make mad libs and crossword puzzles.



Literacy

Work on our vocabulary to fill out mad libs and crossword puzzles.

Important Dates

- **June 11:** First Day of Camp!
- **June 12:** Field Trip To Navy Pier Children's Museum
- **June 13:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **June 15:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Week 2: Ice Breakers

June 18th to June 22nd

Now that camp is here again it is time to get reacquainted with old friends and welcome the new ones with a week dedicated to breaking the ice! We will have lots of fun challenging each other and playing games together. To cap it off we will take a trip to Enchanted Castle.



Highlights



Fitness

Work on stamina as we play blob tag, freeze tag, and many other types of tag at the park.



Technology

Use proper tools to make our artifact ice dig go easier. We will learn how to use Google to research artifact digs and what they have found.



Literacy

Play Team Scattergories To help us increase our word bank.

Important Dates

- **June 19:** Field Trip To Enchanted Castle
- **June 20:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **June 22:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Week 3: STEM

June 25th to June 29th

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; and we will be using all of these skills to have massive quantities of fun! We will be focusing on a different part of STEM each day ending with an activity on Friday, which will include all four parts.



Highlights



Fitness

Develop teamwork as we play games and activities like Ultimate Frisbee, kite flying, and balloon toss.



Technology

We will use available materials to construct a parachute and build a kite.



Literacy

Record data from our science experiments in our journals. Then have a discussion about the results from our science experiments.

Important Dates

- **June 26:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **June 27:** Field Trip to Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Game
- **June 29:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Week 4: Culinary Arts

July 2th to July 6th

Two of our favorite things are hands on activities and food, which is why we love celebrating the culinary arts! We will be studying nutrition, finding new recipes and making our own nutrition game. We will finish the week with a very special Parent lunch at the 5 Star Camp restaurant Café d'été. You won't want to miss it!



Highlights



Show your agility in the cooking relay race while making a pizza and avoiding the obstacles.



Do research on healthy eating and create a My Plate game, using the SMART Board.



Learn sequence while writing our recipe cards.

Important Dates

- **July 3:** Pizza Party
- **July 4:** Independence Day
No Camp Scheduled

- **July 5:** Café d'été Open 1:00 to 3:00
- **July 6:** Beach Day at Ohio Street
Beach



Week 5: Uncharted Territory

July 9th to July 13th

This week is all about our love for adventure! Whether exploring virtually through our SMART board or by getting out in the world to participate in treasure and scavenger hunts, we will be actively pursuing adventure each and every day!



Highlights



Fitness

Participate in a wilderness hike.



Technology

Make survival bracelets and learn all the different uses of their survival bracelets.
We will also be have a knot challenge.



Literacy

Share our knowledge of the wild through a KWL chart.

Important Dates

- **July 10:** Field Trip to Haunted Trails
- **July 11:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **July 13:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Week 6: Game On!

July 16th to July 20th

Here at Summer camp we love playing games! This week we will go to see the Chicago Sky play basketball! We will also be working to create some games of our own, which we will be sharing with you at the end of this week.



Highlights



Fitness

Play Jumbo Jenga, Outdoor Tic-Tac-Toe, and Human Board Games. We will be making our own mini golf course and design our own sports.



Technology

Learn how to code games and challenge other campers to play.



Literacy

Make our own board games and writing the directions and how to play.

Important Dates

- **June 17:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **July 18:** Sky Basketball Game
- **July 20:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach & Game Night



Week 7: Creative Design

July 23rd to July 27th

We love exploring our creative side. Join us as we experiment with drawing, sculpting, woodworking and much more! We are going to use this week to start our prop building and performance practice.



Highlights



Fitness

Work on muscle endurance during our dance party.



Technology

Use woodworking tools and discuss their functions.



Literacy

Work on expressing our creativity through words while storytelling.

Important Dates

- **July 23:** First Day of Recycling Challenge
- **July 24:** Field Trip To MSI

- **July 25:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **July 27:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Weeks 8 & 9: Cinematography

July 30th to August 10th

Lights, Campers, Action! We will be using our creative skills we learned last week to host a live performance show with our own commercials! Campers will be involved in all aspects of making the show; scripting, filming editing and presenting will all be in their hands!



Highlights



Fitness

Play "Night at the Museum" and learn about "Static Holds". It will also help us with our creativity and improv.



Technology

Learn about Props and use tools to build them.



Literacy

Learn storytelling methods to aid us in writing our script.

Important Dates

- **July 31:** Field Trip To Hollywood Park
- **August 1:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **August 3:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach
- **August 7:** Amazing Tim Adamz Magic Show
- **August 8:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **August 10:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach, Camp Performance, & Last Day of Recycling Challenge.



Week 10: Environmental Explorers

August 13th to August 17th

During this week we will celebrate everything natural. From visiting a local farmer's market to studying plants and animals at the Lincoln Park Zoo, our activities will be centered around understanding and respecting nature!

Don't forget to vote on your favorite Recycling structure. The winners will be announced on Friday.



Highlights



Fitness

Work on teamwork and agility playing Apple picker.



Technology

Build an Igloo out of milk jugs.



Literacy

Make a grocery list for our farm fresh salad.

Important Dates



- **August 14:** Field Trip To Lincoln Park Zoo
- **August 15:** Water Day at Navy Pier

- **August 17:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach & Announce Winners of Recycling Challenge

Week 11: Myths and Legends

August 20th to August 24th

This week we will be exploring popular myths and testing them for their accuracy in the real world. We will also be examining legendary tales to determine what makes a legend. Our campers will become expert Mythbusters by the end of the week!



Highlights



Fitness

Sprinting for speed tests.



Technology

Build tools and experiments to test our myths.



Literacy

Recording and discussing Hypotheses about myths.

Important Dates

- **August 21:** Field Trip To Field Museum
- **August 22:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **August 24:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Week 12: Local Pride

August 27th to August 31st

The final week of camp this year will be dedicated to celebrating our very own Chicago! We love the city and all it has to offer us, so we will honor our fair city with games and activities specific to the Windy City.



Highlights



Fitness

Run our own "Magnificent Mile".



Technology

Create a trivia game on the Smart Board based on the interesting facts we look up using the Internet.



Literacy

Finish writing in our Journals.

Important Dates

- **August 28:** Water Play at Crown Fountain
- **August 29:** Water Day at Navy Pier
- **August 31:** Beach Day at Ohio Street Beach



Required Paperwork for all Campers

Each year we require that camper forms are updated and registration paperwork is filled out for each child.

All forms can be found at <http://bit.ly/CampFormsBELECEC>.

The following forms must be turned in for all campers, one week prior to their first day:

- Updated Bright Horizons Enrollment Agreement
- Certificate of Child Health Examination¹
- Child Information Form
- Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire²
- Dental Exam Form
- Eye Examination Report
- Hearing Screening
- Informed Consent Form
- Integrated Pest Management Policy
- Medication Authorization Form⁴
- Page 11 of Summary of Licensing Standards
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellant Permission Slip Form³
- Allergy Health Care Plan⁴
- Asthma Health Care Plan⁴
- Suspected Allergy/Food Intolerance Form⁴
- NM Waiver and Release Form
- Guidance & Discipline Policy
- Nut Safe Environment Policy
- Child Illness Policy
- Food Questionnaire
- Copy of your child's birth certificate
- All field trip and enrichment waivers which will be emailed to you after registration fee (if applicable) and your registration form are received.

¹The health exam form must be from no earlier than the current school year. If you have a medical form from your child's school with the same information that has been signed and dated by a physician, it may be accepted in place of our form.

²Signed or Stamped By your child's doctor.

³Our center provides sunscreen for all children. The Sunscreen and Insect Repellant permission slip form comes with the information from the brand we use already filled in.

⁴Only if needed

2018 Camp Explorations School Age Summer Camp Registration Form for

Bernice E. Lavin Childhood Education Center

Please Fill Out A Form For Each Child Attending Camp

Camper Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ ☐ Male or ☐ Female

Please List Any Allergies and Food Restrictions: _____

Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Youth Small ☐ Youth Medium ☐ Youth Large ☐ Adult Small ☐ Adult Medium ☐ Adult Large

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Work Affiliation: (CHECK ONE)

☐ Northwestern Medicine Health Care ☐ Northwestern Medicine Physicians Group ☐ Northwestern University

☐ McGaw Fellow or Resident ☐ SRA Lab ☐ Lurie's Children Hospital ☐ Private Practice

Employee ID: _____ Work Email: _____

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please check each sessions that your child will be attending. (There is a 2 Day Minimum to enroll in a week)

	M	T	W	TH	F
Week 1: 6/11 to 6/15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2: 6/18 to 6/22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3: 6/25 to 6/29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4: 7/2 to 7/6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5: 7/9 to 7/13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6: 7/16 to 7/20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Week 7: 7/23 to 7/27	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 8: 7/30 to 8/3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 9: 8/6 to 8/10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10: 8/13 to 8/17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 11: 8/20 to 8/24	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 12: 8/27 to 8/31	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read the policies in this hand book and wish to enroll my child in the summer camp program at Bernice E. Lavin Early Childhood Education Center managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

To register your child for our camp program, please return this completed form for ever camper, by **May 20, 2018**.

Campers new to the center are required to pay a \$100 Registration Fee.

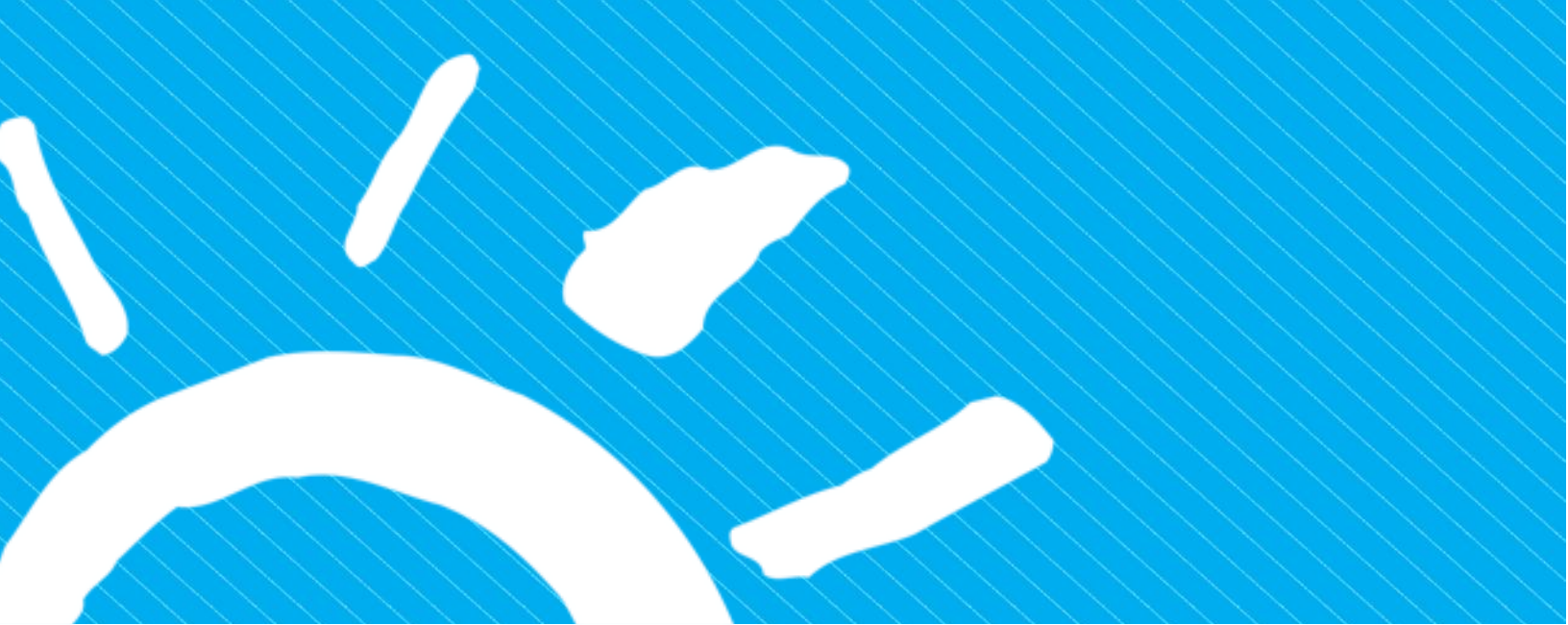
Please make checks payable to: "Bright Horizons Family Solutions."



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