

# ☆ Schoolagers Summer Program 2023 ☆

***Welcome to Tug's Summer Program. My name is Abeigh, and I will be the summer program coordinator this summer. We are looking forward to having a fun-filled summer with your child! Here is an overview of what you will need to know for this summer at Tug's:***

☆ **Field Trips-** We have field trips weekly. There will be a calendar with all field trips for the month in the lobby. I will post all field trip information and calendars to [www.tugsdaycare.com](http://www.tugsdaycare.com). A sign-up sheet will be posted at least one week before each field trip. All children wanting to attend need to be signed up the day before the trip. Many trips require cold lunches/drinks, so please plan ahead.

For new families of Tug's and the School-age program, we try to do one big field trip a month which requires hiring a bus, which is very costly. These field trips tend to cost more, and we need a minimum of 25-30 children in order to go. If not enough children sign-up the day before a trip is scheduled, the trip is then cancelled. If you sign-up for the trip, it is assumed you will be going; if your child does not show up on field trip day, **you will still be charged for it**. Please only sign up when you are positive your child will be going.

We will be discussing appropriate behaviors of children when leaving Tug's. Please make sure to discuss safety procedures and positive behaviors with your child at home as well. We reserve the right to remove a child from the field trip at any time if they show poor behavior or cannot function safely and responsibly in a public space.

☆ **Sunscreen-** You must supply Tug's with a bottle of **lotion** sunscreen for your child if you want it to be applied. We as a center are required to have written permission to apply sunscreen to your child. Please stop by the office if you are unsure if we have the go-ahead to apply sunscreen. If we do not have permission, we will be unable to apply sunscreen to your child, resulting in them missing out on water play/pool and other outdoor time. Please – **NO SPRAY SUNSCREENS**.

☆ **Swimming at the Mason City Aquatic Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be starting June 14<sup>th</sup> for children ages 5 & up.** *Please pack a swimsuit, towel, and sack lunch/drink for every swim day your child plans to attend.* We will be walking again this year and eating lunch at the MacNider Campground picnic area, so please make sure to send your child in **good walking shoes**. We leave Tug's at 11:00.

Per years past, the MCAC has announced they will not open on any day where the predicted high of the day is less than 74 degrees. We will check KIMT after 10AM to see whether or not the pool will be open for the day. In the event that the pool is not open, we will do water play at Tug's instead. We will keep track of and bill you for the days your child attends the pool unless you have a pool pass as specified on the sign-up sheet.

Children remain in specified areas at the pool under careful teacher supervision. We do not go into the deep end ever (5 feet+). A teacher may take a small group of children at a time to use the waterslides. If a child does not show appropriate behavior in the pool or on the walk to/from Tug's, we reserve the right to hold that child back from going to the pool in the future. Field trips of all kinds are a privilege at Tug's.

☆ **Clothing-** We do spend a lot of time outside running and playing. Please try to send your child in appropriate clothing and shoes daily. *Flip flops and sandals are not recommended.*

☆ **Reading Program-** We will be continuing our summer reading program this year. Children will have reading logs that will be signed when they complete 20 minutes of reading each day. We will have small prizes/incentives for completing their reading logs. Please encourage your children to read at home as well!

☆ **Activities & Crafts-** We have designated a theme for each week throughout the summer to promote creativity and to channel our inner artists! We have planned lots of fun crafts and new activities to implement into our daily schedules!

☆ **Positive Behavior Incentive program-** During summer we try to encourage and promote a positive behavior reward system. Your child may earn a ticket when we catch those demonstrating positive behaviors. Their ticket is then put into a bucket and we do a prize drawing on Fridays. If your child's name is drawn and your child is not here, they will receive their prize the next time they are at TUGS!

☆ **Other-** There is a \$25 supply fee for each child enrolled in the school-age program to help cover costs for arts & crafts and room supplies, including games and activities. You may pay it individually or it can be added on to your bill.

***If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to approach me. I am always open to new ideas or suggestions. We cannot wait to have an amazing summer! Thank you for all your support.***