

Pensacola and Northwest Florida Summer Camp Scholarships and Financial Assistance

A status-first comparison of camp scholarships, income-based assistance, published discounts, and no-cost summer programs for Northwest Florida families.

Verified July 25, 2026	Programs 11	Other aid paths 2	Evidence Primary sources only
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Read the status first. Several 2026 application windows are closed or complete. The guide preserves those programs as planning references without presenting them as open. Availability, funding, and eligibility are never guaranteed.

How to use this guide

1. Start with status. Check availability only where a live provider path remains. **2. Open both source links.** Program and aid details can be separate. **3. Ask about uncovered costs.** Deposits, transport, meals, gear, and membership may remain. **4. Apply with the provider.** Guiding Wave does not collect applications or family financial records.

[Open the live guide for corrections and updates](#)

Program directory

Each entry is an original summary of the provider's own pages. Open the source and confirm current details before applying or paying.

CITY OF PENSACOLA PARKS AND RECREATION

2026 application window closed; use the official page to plan for the next cycle

PlayPensacola Summer Day Camp

Area Pensacola, Escambia County	Ages or grades 5-12
Published cost \$65 per week for city residents; \$75 per week for non-residents; \$10 deposit per child per week	Assistance Income-tested discount of 10%-50%
2026 timing June and July enrollment deadlines were May 15 and June 18, 2026; the official page lists camp dates as TBD	Next action 2026 application window closed; use the official page to plan for the next cycle

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-001

ESCAMBIA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES

2026 program ended; use the official page to plan for the next cycle

Play, Learn, Grow Summer Camp

Area Escambia County community centers	Ages or grades 5-13
Published cost \$75 registration; \$35 for each additional child	Assistance Income documentation may qualify a family to have the registration fee waived
2026 timing June 8-July 24, 2026; registration deadline June 1, 2026	Next action 2026 program ended; use the official page to plan for the next cycle

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-002

YMCA OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

Check current
branch
availability
before applying

Kidz Summer Camp

Area Northeast YMCA in Pensacola and Pullum YMCA in Navarre	Ages or grades Ask the selected branch
Published cost \$120 per week for members; \$195 per week for participants on the official overview	Assistance Y Assistance offers reduced rates based on income
2026 timing Full-day care Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; registration remains open until full	Next action Check current branch availability before applying

[Official program page](#)

[Official assistance page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-003

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA CONTINUING EDUCATION

Check the live
schedule for
remaining space;
plan early for
2027 discounts

UWF Explore Camps

Area UWF Pensacola campus and participating Pensacola locations	Ages or grades Incoming grades 1-12
Published cost Varies by camp	Assistance 5% early registration; 5% UWF community; 5% additional sibling; maximum 10% per student per program
2026 timing 2026 schedule is published; early-registration deadline was March 31	Next action Check the live schedule for remaining space; plan early for 2027 discounts

[Official program page](#)

[Official assistance page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-004

NATIONAL FLIGHT ACADEMY

Limited spots were advertised when verified; confirm the code and session before payment

Deployment, Cruise, and Adventure programs

Area NAS Pensacola	Ages or grades Grades 4-12 depending on program; published ages 9-17 for overnight options
Published cost Shown during registration	Assistance Official student-program page advertises 20% tuition support with code AMBITION26
2026 timing Upcoming sessions are linked from the official page; no specific session date is reproduced here	Next action Limited spots were advertised when verified; confirm the code and session before payment

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-005

PENSACOLA LITTLE THEATRE

2026 assistance window closed; watch the official pages for the next cycle

PLT Summer Camps and Classes

Area Downtown Pensacola	Ages or grades Ages 4-16 depending on camp
Published cost 2026 listed camps ranged from \$250-\$750	Assistance Summer tuition-assistance application
2026 timing 2026 camp dates ran June 1-July 25; scholarship deadline was May 1, 2026	Next action 2026 assistance window closed; watch the official pages for the next cycle

[Official program page](#)

[Official assistance page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-006

PENSACOLA OPERA

2026 camp was at capacity; official page says to check back in spring 2027

Overture Opera Summer Camp

Area Downtown Pensacola	Ages or grades 8-13 for the 2026 youth camp
Published cost \$150 for the 2026 youth camp	Assistance Scholarship opportunities may be available for families in need; contact the named camp staff member on the official page
2026 timing July 13-18, 2026	Next action 2026 camp was at capacity; official page says to check back in spring 2027

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-007

FIRST TEE GULF COAST

Listed 2026 sessions ended; ask about future programs and scholarship timing

2026 Summer Camps

Area Pensacola and Sandestin locations	Ages or grades 6-17 depending on session
Published cost \$150 for the sessions listed; \$10 annual membership required	Assistance Half and full scholarships are available for First Tee and GPJGA programs based on financial need
2026 timing Published 2026 camp season ran June 1-August 1; listed sessions ended by July 24	Next action Listed 2026 sessions ended; ask about future programs and scholarship timing

[Official program page](#)

[Official assistance page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-008

2026
Pensacola-area
sessions ended;
use the official
camp and aid
pages for the
next cycle

Resident Summer Camp at Camp Kugelman

Area Pensacola area	Ages or grades Girl Scout grade eligibility varies by session
Published cost Varies by session	Assistance Council provides an application specifically for camp financial assistance
2026 timing Pensacola-area sessions ran July 5-10, July 5-7, and July 12-17, 2026	Next action 2026 Pensacola-area sessions ended; use the official camp and aid pages for the next cycle

[Official program page](#)

[Official assistance page](#)

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2026 camps are
complete and
registration is
closed; watch the
official page for a
future cycle

UWF Cyber and AI Summer Camp Experience

Area Downtown Pensacola	Ages or grades 13 or older as of June 1, 2026
Published cost No cost for the 2026 program	Assistance Full tuition, lunch, and snacks were sponsor-funded
2026 timing June 1-5 and June 8-12, 2026	Next action 2026 camps are complete and registration is closed; watch the official page for a future cycle

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-010

Free Career and Technical Education Summer Camps

Area Okaloosa County school sites	Ages or grades Rising grades 6-9
Published cost No cost for the 2026 program	Assistance Program supplies and snacks were sponsor-funded; transportation was not provided
2026 timing Multiple 2026 camp dates with program-specific registration deadlines	Next action 2026 camps are complete; watch the official district foundation page for a future cycle

[Official program page](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-011

Application checklist

Eligibility Is aid based on income, residency, membership, age, grade, disability, or another rule? Is funding first-come, scored, or dependent on available dollars?	True family cost What deposit remains nonrefundable? Are transportation, meals, supplies, uniforms, equipment, or membership included? Can assistance be combined?
Timing What is the aid deadline, not just the camp deadline? How long does a decision take? Must the family pay while the request is reviewed?	Privacy and safety Send documents only through the provider's stated process. Ask who can see them. Review supervision, screening, medical, accessibility, and refund policies.

Two broader assistance paths

School Readiness Program

Financial assistance for eligible low-income families accessing child care while working or attending education or training

Important limit: Not every camp is an eligible participating child-care provider.

[Official guidance](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-012

Child and Dependent Care Credit

Some work-related day-camp expenses may qualify; overnight camp does not qualify

Important limit: General information only, not tax advice.

[Official guidance](#)

Source checked July 25, 2026 | Claim GW-RES-013

Corrections and update policy

Links and application status receive an interim review by October 25, 2026. The next full seasonal review is scheduled for January 15-February 28, 2027. Guiding Wave aims to acknowledge corrections within two business days and correct or clearly qualify substantiated errors within ten business days.

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Primary-source URL appendix

GW-RES-001: City of Pensacola Parks and Recreation - PlayPensacola Summer Day Camp

<https://www.cityofpensacola.com/3628/Play-Pensacola-Summer-Camp>

GW-RES-002: Escambia County Neighborhood and Human Services - Play, Learn, Grow Summer Camp

<https://myescambia.com/our-services/neighborhood-human-services/summer-camp-programs>

GW-RES-003: YMCA of Northwest Florida - Kidz Summer Camp

<https://www.ymcanwfl.org/kidz-summer-camp>

<https://www.ymcanwfl.org/y-assistance>

GW-RES-004: University of West Florida Continuing Education - UWF Explore Camps

<https://uwf.edu/continuingeducation/programs/explore-camps/>

<https://uwf.edu/continuingeducation/programs/explore-camps/parent-information/discount-options/>

GW-RES-005: National Flight Academy - Deployment, Cruise, and Adventure programs

<https://nationalflightacademy.com/student-programs/>

GW-RES-006: Pensacola Little Theatre - PLT Summer Camps and Classes

<https://www.pensacolalittletheatre.com/summer-camps-2026>

<https://www.pensacolalittletheatre.com/tuition-assistance>

GW-RES-007: Pensacola Opera - Overture Opera Summer Camp

<https://pensacolaopera.com/overture-opera-summer-camp/>

GW-RES-008: First Tee Gulf Coast - 2026 Summer Camps

<https://firstteegulfcoast.org/summer-camps/>

<https://firstteegulfcoast.org/scholarship-opportunities/>

GW-RES-009: Girl Scouts of Gateway Council - Resident Summer Camp at Camp Kugelman

<https://www.gsgateway.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/camp-and-outdoors/summer-camp.html>

<https://www.gsgateway.org/en/members/resources/forms-and-documents.html>

GW-RES-010: University of West Florida Center for Cybersecurity and AI - UWF Cyber and AI Summer Camp Experience

<https://uwf.edu/centers/cybersecurity-and-ai/community-outreach/summer-cyber-experience/>

GW-RES-011: Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation - Free Career and Technical Education Summer Camps

<https://www.okaloosaschools.com/o/opsf/article/2908687>

GW-RES-012: Florida Division of Early Learning - School Readiness Program

<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/parents/school-readiness.stm>

<https://www.fldoe.org/schools/early-learning/parents/>

GW-RES-013: Internal Revenue Service - Child and Dependent Care Credit

<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/child-and-dependent-care-credit-faqs>

<https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/individuals/child-and-dependent-care-credit-information>