

SASCS SPORTS CAMP - SUMMER 2017

SASCS introduced its Holiday Sports Camp for children age 8-12+ years in summer 2009 (although the age limit was increased to 9 years in 2014) following a survey to determine the reason for the rapid decline of older aged children to its holiday service.

Feedback from the survey identified that the children were looking for more challenging, age appropriate sports activities, preferably taking place outwith the holiday care service and indeed school and SASCS sports camp was born. Sports Camp has evolved each year informed by the children's needs, interests and feedback.

In summer 2016 SASCS successfully secured the use of Edinburgh University's Sports Centres for its Sport Camp throughout July. This offered a range of sports (Basketball/Football/ Netball/Badminton/ Squash/ Hockey/ Boccia/ Tennis/ Volleyball) and activities (Swimming/ Water Polo/ Climbing/ Bouldering wall) all under one roof. The prestige of this venue in conjunction with the excellent and varied facilities were well received by both children and staff.

Following this venture there has been nothing but positive praise from ALL sports centre staff regarding the impeccable behaviour of the children attending, subsequently we have been offered use of these facilities all year round!!

The children continue to inform this service through evaluation completed at the end of summer.

This year Sports Camp will spend four days (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) at Edinburgh University's Sports Centres and one joining Holiday Care for its full day trip.

Arrival and departure at Sports Camp will be to the Sciennes PS where the children can rest, socialise and participate in making afternoon snack, a large art project and science challenges.

Free Time at the beginning and end of each day offers an opportunity for non-sports based activities based on feedback from some children.

Steven and Tom, Sports Camp staff, are long term members of SASCS staff team and they hold several coaching grade 1 and 2 certificates in squash, golf, tennis, badminton, netball, football, volleyball and basketball.

They are young, motivated and enthusiastic about their role and responsibilities and have an outlook which the older age children relate to easily.

We need your help...

Despite its popularity each summer there is a marked decline in attendance for all of the one to two-week holiday periods resulting in this service being evaluated and possibly rebranded for the next academic year unless there is a marked increase of children attending over summer 2017.

Why not come along for a day to see what it's all about... and bring a friend?