

Battery Park Montessori Summer Camp 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

About the Program

What is Battery Park Montessori Summer Camp?

Battery Park Montessori Summer Camp is a full-day, trilingual summer program for children ages one year through Grade 2. The program blends play, creativity, movement, outdoor exploration, and age-appropriate learning in Mandarin, Spanish, and English. Our goal is to provide a joyful, structured summer experience that feels both fun and purposeful.

How is this camp different from other NYC summer camps?

Our camp is designed as a thoughtful extension of the school experience, not a drop-in or recreational program. We prioritize consistent staffing, low ratios, meaningful routines, and developmentally appropriate learning, while still preserving the relaxed, playful spirit of summer.

Dates, Schedule & Daily Flow

When does camp run?

Camp runs from **June 22 through August 14, 2026**, Monday through Friday, for eight full weeks. There are no holidays during the session.

What are the daily hours?

The core camp day runs from **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. Optional Early Care is available from **8:00–9:00 AM**, and optional Late Care is available from **4:00–5:30 PM**.

Why are these hours structured this way?

The schedule is intentionally designed to support full-time working families while honoring children's developmental needs for rhythm, rest, and outdoor time.

Arrival & Dismissal

Where do drop-off and pick-up take place?

All drop-off and pick-up occur at the Battery Park Montessori entrance on the side of the **21 South End Avenue** building.

What is the arrival window?

Standard arrival is between **8:45 and 9:00 AM**. Families registered for Early Care may arrive beginning at **8:00 AM**.

Who is allowed to pick up my child?

Only adults listed as authorized pick-ups in Magnus, with photo identification on file, may pick up a child. This policy is strictly enforced for safety.

Age Groups & Developmental Design

How are children grouped?

Children are grouped by age and developmental stage: Ones (age 1), Preschool (ages 2–5), and Lower Elementary (Kindergarten–Grade 2).

What is the Ones program like?

The Ones program is designed around consistency, security, and gentle exploration. Children experience sensory play, music, movement, early language exposure, and close caregiver support in a calm, predictable environment.

Why does the Ones program require a full-summer commitment?

At this age, children thrive with consistent caregivers, peers, and routines. A full-summer commitment allows children to settle in, build trust, and feel secure.

What does the phase-in week look like for Ones?

Phase-in schedules are individualized. Some children move quickly into full days, while others benefit from a slower transition. Our counselors guide families based on each child's comfort and readiness.

What is the preschool experience like?

Preschool camp gently introduces school-like routines through play. Children engage in art, imaginative play, social interaction, and hands-on exploration while building independence and confidence.

What is different about the Lower Elementary (K–2) program?

Lower Elementary camp is designed as extended summer learning through projects and exploration. Children work on multi-day projects, creative challenges, storytelling, and problem-solving activities that are difficult to do during the academic year.

Where do rising Kindergarten students go?

Children enrolled at BPM or PSS for Kindergarten in the 2026–27 school year are placed in the Lower Elementary cohort to support readiness and executive functioning skills.

What are the camper-to-staff ratios?

Ratios are carefully maintained to support safety and engagement:

- Ones: 1:4
- Two-Year-Olds: 1:6
- Ages 3–5: 1:10
- K–2: 1:12

Themes & Learning

Do all age groups follow the same weekly themes?

Yes. Weekly themes are shared across the program, with activities thoughtfully adapted for each age group so children engage at the right developmental level.

Will returning campers repeat the same activities every year?

No. While themes may repeat, projects, materials, and activities change year to year to reflect children's growth and interests.

Language Immersion

How does trilingual exposure work during camp?

Children are exposed to Mandarin, Spanish, and English naturally through songs, stories, routines, and conversation. Language learning is playful and pressure-free.

Meals, Snacks & Daily Care

Are meals provided?

All campers receive a morning snack. Lunch is included for full-day campers and is provided by Little Green Gourmets.

What if my child has allergies or dietary needs?

All allergies and dietary restrictions must be documented in Magnus. Our team works closely with families to ensure children are safely accommodated.

Does my child need to be potty trained?

No. We support children who are potty training or not yet potty trained in a respectful, developmentally appropriate way.

Outdoor Play & Enrichment

Do children go outside every day?

Yes. Outdoor play is a core part of camp and happens daily, weather permitting, using nearby parks and green spaces.

Are there field trips?

All outings are walking-based within the neighborhood. Camp does not use buses or transportation.

Health, Safety & Staffing

Who staffs the summer camp?

Camp staff include current and former Green Ivy teachers and counselors who are experienced, nurturing, and trained in child development.

What health and safety guidelines are followed?

Camp follows all NYC Department of Health requirements and Battery Park Montessori safety protocols.

Communication & Photos

How will I receive updates and photos?

Families receive communication through Brightwheel. Photos are typically shared at the **end of the camp day** so staff can remain fully present with the children during the day.

Registration, Tuition & Policies

How do I register for camp?

Registration is completed through the Parent Portal under the "Summer Camp" tab.

When is payment due?

Payment is due in full at the time of registration.

Are discounts available?

Yes. Early Bird, Rise & Shine, sibling, Green Ivy family, and full-summer discounts are available. Extended care is not discounted.

What is the refund policy?

A 50% refund is available if cancellation occurs before **May 1, 2026**. No refunds are available after that date or for illness or absences.

Support for Families

What if this is my child's first camp experience?

First-time campers are warmly supported. Adjustment periods are normal, and our staff works closely with families to help children feel safe and confident.

Who should I contact with questions?

Families may contact the Enrichment Team at enrichment@greenivy.com at any time.