Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Discovery Day Camp **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52500

Street: 2401 56th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50310 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 13015, Des Moines, IA,

Director's Name: Owen Ballard **Phone Number:** 515-212-7010

On-Site Supervisor(s): Liz Freeman **E-Mail:** oballard@campfireiowa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-21-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-17-2024

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-11-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round School-Year X Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				50	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-03-2025

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Discovery Day Camp is opened in June 2024. The center is owned and operated by Camp Fire USA in Des Moines. This center is located in Hillis Elementary School. The school has secured entrances. The center is using the cafeteria, gym, library and music room. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play. Owen Ballard is the center's director. Liz Freeman is the on site supervisor.

All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed during today's visit. Mandatory postings are in place by the entrance parents use. The schedule/plan was available. The center keeps their supplies in the cafeteria. The center has large motor play toys, games, art supplies and other age appropriate toys for children's use.

Taylor Mulder assisted with today's visit. There were three staff working today. There were fourteen children present. Children were observed outdoors on the playground areas. Children were involved in large motor play activities. Staff were on the playground, interacting with the children during the visit.

Hillis has been a free meal site for breakfast and lunch. Children can also choose to bring their own lunches. The center serves morning and afternoon snacks. The center has a list of CACFP approved snacks.

The center uses the school's playground. The playground has basketball courts, has two large climbing structures. There are some concrete areas and some grassy fields. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center uses Camp Fire vehicles for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Camp Fire has other children age programming in the metro area and other areas. This center has spacious programming space.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are:In the center.In the outdoor play area.On field trips (away from the center).
Staff didn't have a first aid kit outdoors today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.