Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Discovery Day Camp

Provider No.: 52500

Address: 3101 E 12th St, Des Moines, IA, 50316

County: Polk

Director's Name: Owen Ballard

On-Site Supervisor: Kedar Louis

Phone Number: 5152127010

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HHS Visit Date: 06/09/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/23/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [X] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday			7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Tuesday			7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday			7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Thursday			7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday			7:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

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

1. Basic Overview

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 Cattell Elementary. The school has secured entrances. The center is using the cafeteria and gym for program rooms. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play. Owen Ballard is the center's director. Kedar Louis is the on site supervisor. This is his first year in this role.

All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed during today's visit. Mandatory postings are in place by the entrance. The schedule/plan was available. The center has their supplies stored in a closet in the cafeteria. The center has a nice amount of supplies for children being served at the center.

Kedar assisted with today's visit. There were two additional staff working. There are eighteen children enrolled this summer. Sixteen children were present today. Children had just returned from an off site field trip of swimming. Children were observed during transition times, during snack and during child directed play activities in the cafeteria.

Cattell is 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's menu showed some snacks missed one component. Snack served today was missing one component. Owen said the menu was corrected and all snacks have two components.

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.

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

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Camp Fire is a long standing program that offers child care and camping experiences for school age children. The center has spacious programming space. Children are able to have large motor play activities daily.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(1 and 2)
Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Some snacks were missing one food component. Snack served the day of the visit had one CACFP food component.
Corrected

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This center has a full license.

The center has appropriate positive guidance policies in place. The center generally staffs above licensing requirements to provide extra support and attention to children.

Date: 07/14/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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