OSCARS @ BLACKHALL EDINBURGH

AGES  5-14 YEARS

DATES   Easter - 3 April – 7 April and 10/11/12/13 April 2017
       Summer – 3 July – 11 August 2017

OPENING HOURS 8am – 6.15pm Monday to Friday

REGISTRATIONS Weekly tickets, half day weekly tickets, daily tickets, half day tickets

LOCATION INTRODUCTION
OSCARS @ Blackhall School is located in Craigcrook Road Edinburgh EH4 and is easily accessible from Edinburgh city centre. OSCARS reception area is situated within the main sports hall and is well sign posted. We have sole use of the school which includes two sports halls, classrooms from which base rooms and art facilities are located plus an outside playground and grass area for outdoor games to take place in. Swimming takes place off site and children are transferred via private coach.

PROGRAMMES – OSCARS multi activity Easter and summer camps are designed to provide nonstop activity and fun from the start to the end of the day. Children, who can attend from any school, are divided into age groups – the 5/6/7 age group, the 8/9/10 age group and the 11+ age group (yellow, red and orange) - and participate in four, five or six activities daily each for between 60 and 90 minutes depending on the activity.

Each group follows its own timetable which includes a diverse activity list, but occasionally the groups may join together for very specific controlled suitable activities.

Activities on offer at OSCARS@Blackhall include:

Aerobics, Aqua slide, Art themes, Athletics, Basketball, Bench ball, Capture the flag, Clay modelling, Dance, Dodgeball, Drama, Face painting, Frantic FAB fizzing Fridays, Foody fun, Football, Free play, Gym games, Kwik Cricket, Mega Mural, Nerf Wars, Obstacle Challenge, OSCARS got talent, Papier Mache, Parachute games, Pop Lacrosse, Putting, Rounders, Scatter ball, Short Tennis, Softball, Staff super soak, Swimming, Tag Rugby, Treasure hunts, Tug-o-War, Ultimate Frisbee, Unihoc, Zorb ball sports,

Please click here to see a sample timetable.

Children will never be bored – they’ll want to come back for more.

OSCARS excursions take place weekly for all children and are now fully inclusive within the price you pay – please take a look at the excursion pages for further details of the fun places we visit.
Every Friday is **FRANTIC FAB FIZZING FRIDAY**. The day is themed and structured around larger group games and tournaments which take place culminating in ‘It’s a Knockout’ and the OSCARS awards ceremony.

**EARLY STARTS / LATE DEPARTURES**

Formal activities commence at 9.25am and finish at 5.00pm but children can arrive from 8.00am and stay until 6.15pm. For children arriving between 8am and 8.30am OSCARS will provide a breakfast of cereal and toast followed by supervised passive activities such as Board games and films. In the late afternoon from 5.00 – 6.30pm children waiting for collection will participate in the same passive activities.

Mid-morning, lunchtime and mid-afternoon breaks are timetabled and plenty of refreshing juice and water is available all day. Please see Parental information for further details around snacks and lunch.

**LOCATION** – OSCARS Blackhall Camp is based at Blackhall Primary School. Our reception is based in the sports hall at the top of the playground. Simply park in Craigcrook Road enter the school via the main entrance and follow OSCARS signage. The actual address is:

OSCARS@BLACKHALL
Craigcrook Road
Edinburgh
EH4 3PH

Centre telephone – 07917 248445 (only operational during Easter and summer holiday period)

Care Inspectorate Registration Number = CS2010279822

**LOCATION MAP**

**EXCURSIONS**

As well as a fun packed on site activity programme, OSCARS offers an excursion each week which takes place normally on a Wednesday. All excursions are INCLUDED IN THE PRICE. Transport to and from the location is supplied by private coach companies and all vehicles are fitted with appropriate seatbelts.

DETAILS AND DATES OF EACH EXCURSION ARE BELOW:

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL – NEW LANARK HERITAGE CENTRE**

Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. New Lanark Heritage Centre is a former 18th century cotton spinning mill village. Guides will bring the whole day to life as children experience what it was like to live in the mill in the 18th century. Our visit includes a guided tour plus a visit to the Annie McLeod Ride, the School room and outdoor play areas all under the supervision of our staff and centres own guides. Children are divided into small groups by age and are escorted throughout the day.
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL – BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI PARK

Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. There is so much to see and occupy children and staff at Blair Drummond. From the wildlife reserves, adventure playground, boat trip around chimp island, pets farm, lemur land, the flying fox, giant Astra glide, sea lion shows, bird of prey centre and pedal boats the list of different activities is endless. Children are divided into small groups by age and allocated staff members who escort them around throughout the day.

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY – BLAIR DRUMMOND SAFARI PARK.

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WEDNESDAY 12 JULY – EAST LINKS FAMILY PARK
Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. East Links Family Park is a firm OSCARS favourite. Whether clambering over the fortress, taking a leisurely journey on the train safari, having a round of crazy golf, interacting with the farm animals, letting off steam in the ball blast area, negotiating the climbing walls or bouncing on the trampolines, children will have so much fun. Children are divided into small groups by age and are escorted throughout the day.

TUESDAY 18 JULY – NEW LANARK HERITAGE CENTRE

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WEDNESDAY 26 JULY – SEA LIFE CENTRE LOCH LOMOND

Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. The Loch Lomond Sea Life Centre offers the opportunity to get up close to some diverse aquatic life – from turtles, sharks, rays, otters, sea turtles, sea horses and starfish – you will see it all! Find out why sharks are not as scary as they seem, find out all about Cammy the aquariums own Green Sea Turtle, and see the otters get fed. All in all it is going to be a fishy day. Children are divided into small groups by age and are escorted throughout the day.
WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST – MUDDY BOOTS

Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. Muddy Boots offers a wide range of fun activities to suit all ages and for children and staff to participate in. There is the jumping pillow, the soft play barn, grass sledging (who needs snow?), adventure play, the pottery room and some intensive zorbing. There will be bouncing, skidding, sliding, climbing and drawing a plenty throughout the day. Children are divided into small groups by age and are escorted throughout the day.

WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST – GLASGOW SCIENCE CENTRE

Children will set off at 9.40am, returning at 4.45pm. Glasgow Science Centre has three floors packed with hundreds of interactive exhibits that will fascinate and amaze. Children can attend workshops where they can make wind powered cars or find out what it’s like to be an electronic engineer. The day will finish in the Planetarium where time travellers will be led on a journey through the solar system and into the Milky Way galaxy and beyond. Children are divided into small groups by age and are escorted throughout the day.

PARENT INFO
We have tried to make these web pages as comprehensive as possible. The following section may answer a few questions you may have; however if there is anything else you would like to know please do call our office on 0131 557 7500 or e mail admin@oscarschildcare.com where a member of our team will be delighted to assist.

FOOD – OSCARS provide a mid-morning and mid afternoon snack break which varies from day to day but will always include fruit, non-fizzy juice and water. Please provide your child with a packed lunch. Parents should ensure lunch boxes contain a freeze block to comply with food hygiene guidelines.

CLOTHES AND ACTIVITIES – We recommend that children wear practical and comfortable clothing: e.g. shorts and t shirts, jeans and sweatshirts depending on the weather. In hot weather a cap and sun cream can be useful. Each week our centre management team will notify parents when swimming will take place so you know when to bring swimwear. Theme days will take place each FRANTIC FAB FIZZING FRIDAY and these will be publicized at camp reception from each Monday.

LOST PROPERTY AND VALUABLES – OSCARS recommends that you do not bring valuable items to our programmes such as I Pads or computer games or expensive phones – for a start there will not be time to use them. Staff cannot be responsible for such items and OSCARS will accept no liability for loss or damage. All lost property is kept for one month after the end of each holiday programme and then if not reclaimed is donated to charity.

HEALTH MATTERS – During the registration process you will be asked to complete a confidential medical form for each child attending. This is an important document and OSCARS must receive it prior to attendance. OSCARS employ a number of first aiders who are on site each day to tend to minor bumps and bruises.

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS – Everybody who attends OSCARS receives at least one OSCARS certificate in recognition of their progress throughout their time with us. This is presented by our groovy mascot – OSCAR the OWL - on a Friday afternoon to weekly leavers.

T SHIRTS AND GIFTS – Everyone receives a free OSCARS t shirt on their first day of attending, plus a further gift at the end of the week.

SECURITY – OSCARS pays a great deal of attention to security at our centres. Anyone visiting our sites receives a visitor badge from the management team on being admitted. Each centre has clearly defined boundaries and all staff wears OSCARS t shirts making them easily identifiable. All children have to be signed in and out by a parent or guardian who is listed on the initial registration form. Children can sign themselves in and out only if OSCARS receive a signed letter of authorisation from a parent.

CONSECUTIVE WEEKLY BOOKINGS – many children enjoy attending OSCARS for a number of weeks in their holidays. Due to the large range of activities, and different theme days no week is the same. There is always variety and something new to try.

QUIETER / SHYER CHILDREN – OSCARS staff are experienced in enabling children to relax, feel at ease and join in. Group activities take place at the start of each day so that children mix and communicate and socialise from the moment activities commence.

LONG DAYS AND TIRENESS – OSCARS understand that particularly young children can tire as the day goes on. Therefore regular breaks are built into the schedule and active sessions are intermingled with passive sessions. Each centre has a quiet corner where
children can retreat to if necessary and whilst time spent at OSCARS is highly active – we believe OSCARS is a fun camp, not a boot camp!

**CHILDREN NOT SO KEEN ON SPORT** – A lot of children claim not to enjoy sport but all children love running around, playing games and participating in activities such as art, clay modelling, dance and drama. The priority at an OSCARS multi activity camp is to have fun and join in and our staff are specialists at encouraging children to do exactly this.

**LATE BOOKINGS** – OSCARS caps the numbers who can attend each of our centres on a daily basis, and we do become full during specific weeks. Early booking is recommended. However, we completely understand that schedules can change so we welcome late bookings. Simply just phone our registrations team at Head Office on 0131 557 7500 to check availability.

**COMING TO OSCARS FROM ABROAD** – OSCARS welcomes children from throughout the world who are on holiday near to our centres. Our centres provide great opportunities for foreign children to mix with British children and communicate in English whilst participating in a fun filled day.

**DOES OSCARS ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS?** – absolutely. OSCARS is registered with a wide range of voucher companies and vouchers can be used as full or part payment. Simply call head office on 0131 557 7500 or e mail admin@oscarschildcare.com for the relevant number for the voucher scheme your employer utilises.

**PRICES AND HOW TO BOOK**

**PRICES**
Flexibility is our priority when you register for an OSCARS programme as children can attend for full weeks, part weeks, full days or half days. You make the booking to suit your requirements.

OSCARS prices for summer 2017 are as follows. They include extended opening times, all activities and excursions and snacks

Weekly ticket Full day – £185.00  
3 Week ticket full day - £540.00  
Full day tickets - £34.00  
Full day excursion tickets - £54.00  
Half day tickets - £20.00 (not available on excursion days)

Families booking more than one child receive a 5% discount on their final invoice price.

**EARLY BOOKING BONUS** – book and pay a deposit by (and including) 28 February 2017 and receive a 10% discount on your final invoice price.

**HOW TO BOOK**

**ONLINE** – [CLICK HERE](#) and complete the booking form 24 hours per day. Payment can be made securely using credit/debit cards. You will receive an initial e mail confirmation of the booking by return and a member of the registration team will be in touch during the next working day.
TELEPHONE – Registrations can be made by telephoning 0131 557 7500 during office reservation hours – Monday to Friday 9.15am – 5.30pm. The deposit or full payment may be made using credit/debit cards. Cheques can be sent to OSCARS head office to be received within 5 working days. Please make cheques payable to OUT OF SCHOOL SCOTLAND LTD and write your child’s name and account reference if known on the back.

DIGITAL PAYMENT - Payments can also be made electronically to the following account details:
Account name – OSCARS
Account Number –
Sort Code –
Swift -
IBAN –

OSCARS is not responsible for any bank charges incurred.

All payments should clearly state your OSCARS account reference as indicated on your invoice, to ensure correct allocation of payment.

A 3% charge is implemented if paying by credit card. A £1.50 charge is implemented if paying by debit card.

A Deposit of £40 per child is payable at the time of booking which is non-refundable. EASTER CAMP balances are due on Monday 6 March 2017. SUMMER CAMP balances are due on Monday 29 May 2017.

If registering for Easter dates after 6 March full payment is due immediately.
If registering for summer dates after 29 May full payment is due immediately.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
These are the terms and conditions governing bookings with OSCARS, Out of School Scotland Ltd (hereinafter ‘OSCARS”).

Charges include: The prices quoted for the holiday programme are inclusive of activities, excursions where included and snacks. They do not include lunch.

Invoicing and Payment: The invoice is payable by cheque, debit/credit card or bank transfer. If booking 1 day or 2 half days only, full payment is required, otherwise a £40.00 deposit is required to secure your booking and full balance to be paid on Monday 6 March 2017 for the Easter holiday programme and Monday 29 May 2017 for the summer holiday programme. If booking is made after these dates full payment is required to secure a booking.

Payment can be made using the following methods:
Debit/Credit Card: If payment is to be made by debit/credit card, an authorisation form must be completed to allow OSCARS to deduct the due sum from your account. OSCARS accounts office must be advised of any changes to your debit/credit card. Card details should be included with your booking information. *Please note, there is a 3% charge for each credit card transaction and a £1.50 charge for each debit card transaction.
Cheque: Please send to OSCARS Head Office payable to ‘Out of School Scotland Ltd’. Please note our staff cannot accept cash payments under any circumstances. All payments should clearly state your OSCARS account reference as indicated on your invoice, to ensure correct allocation of payment.

OSCARS, Out of School Scotland Ltd reserves the right to cancel attendance and to charge appropriate cancellation fees if payment is not received by the due date. A charge of 5% will be made on any overdue monies which remain outstanding at the end of each month. If necessary, OSCARS will take legal action to recover all debts and will pass on all fees incurred to the client. Invoice or payment queries should be directed, in the first instance, to the accounts department at head office.
Changes or Cancellations: Cancellations before your holiday programme start date are subject to the following charges:-

Over 6 weeks before start date – Deposit only
42-29 days before start date – 50% of total cost
28-15 days before start date – 75% of total cost
Within 14 days before start date – 100% of total cost.

Any alterations to your booking must be confirmed by e-mail or in writing. OSCARS reserves the right to charge an administration fee of £10.

Activity Schedule: OSCARS will make every effort to ensure activities stated on our schedule take place on the date/week specified. Please note, however, the activity schedule is subject to change and may vary slightly.

Exclusion: OSCARS reserves the right to refuse or exclude any person at any time prior to or during the holiday programme, if in the opinion of OSCARS, that person is incompatible with the general well-being and safe running of the camp. In this instance no refund will be granted and any costs incurred, including any damage, will be passed onto the parents/carers who will also be responsible for the collection of the child from the camp.

Concerns: Should you have any concerns regarding your child’s time at OSCARS, please in the first instance discuss with the Programme Director at the respective camp. If you are not satisfied with the action taken, please contact the Operations Manager at OSCARS Head Office. Should you wish to contact OSCARS in writing OSCARS will investigate your concerns and respond within ten working days. A copy of the complaints procedure can be obtained from the Programme Director.

Data and Child Protection: The personal information requested on our booking form, medical form and signature form is required to allow our employees to provide out of school care. This information will not be passed on to any 3rd parties without your express permission. It is the parents/carers responsibility to update OSCARS with any changes in personal information including home address, emergency contact telephone numbers and medical information.

Liability: When children attend the holiday programme, it is automatically assumed that they are allowed to participate in off-site activities. OSCARS does not accept any liability for personal injury or the death of any participant unless caused by the proven negligence of OSCARS or its servants. OSCARS does not accept any liability for the loss or damage of any property belonging to participants. OSCARS accepts no responsibility for losses or additional expenses in the event of cancellation or change due to strikes, school closure, disasters, war or the threat of war, acts of terrorism, weather, sickness or any event outside the control of the company.

Photography: It is automatically assumed children can be photographed and the pictures subsequently used within OSCARS own publicity material unless we are informed otherwise.

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Attendance Levels: OSCARS reserves the right to increase or decrease the attendance capacity stated.