



A P A R E N T S ' G U I D E T O

ErinBe Summer School Age Care

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EmBe's beginnings are rooted in meetings in 1921 that formed the YWCA in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Our vision to serve women and families has remained strong, empowering people to create meaningful and purposeful lives that serve our community well.

MISSION

We uplift the potential in children, women, and families through opportunities that empower all.

VISION

A community where children thrive, women excel, and families succeed.

VALUES

Curiosity
Authenticity
Leadership
Connection



Thank you for choosing EmBe for your childcare and School Age Care needs. EmBe began providing preschool and childcare in 1961 – one of the first centers in Sioux Falls outside of in-home daycares. Since that time, EmBe's award-winning childcare programs have become some of the most respected in the region, with locations throughout the area.

GOALS

- Each child will have a safe, clean, secure environment supervised by caring adults.
- Each child will have a balance of spontaneous and directed play using various materials and equipment to encourage learning.
- Each child shall have an environment that will promote positive self-esteem, social skills, language development, physical and perceptual motor skills.

WELCOME TO OUR

Summer Program

It is important for children to have a safe and productive way to spend time during the summer. Latch key kids can face many risks, including anxiety, poor diet, and watching too much television. Fortunately, EmBe offers great alternatives so your school-age child will have a place to go where they can interact with friends, learn with hands-on activities, and relax. School Age Care is choice-based and promotes STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) and social, physical and emotional development. All of our programming will provide a variety of indoor and outdoor activities to keep kids engaged and allow them to thrive. We will also provide a variety of field trips (swimming, bowling, local parks, etc.) to ensure children stay active and have access to enriching experiences. Our program is everything you want in a safe childcare experience and more!

If you have questions or concerns regarding School Age Care, please contact:



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Hello!

So glad to have you in our program.

Meet your Connections Coordinator Lissa Murawski



WHY EMBE?

When the opportunity for the new Connections Coordinator position was developed, I was excited about the idea of connecting and building consistency between the school day and after-school time.

ABOUT ME

I grew up on a farm outside of Brandon, SD, and I graduated from the University of South Dakota with a bachelor's in social work. My work background includes social work, but primarily, I've worked in sales, marketing & design. I served as an Education Assistant at John Harris for 2 years before moving into the role of Connections Coordinator in the fall of 2023. I married my high school sweetheart, Jesse, and we have 3 children. Our oldest, Owen, attends Augustana University, our middle child, Olive, will be a Lincoln HS senior and works at John Harris EmBe with me! Our youngest attends Patrick Henry, and I was lucky enough to work with him while he was attending John Harris. We have 2 cats: Bear and Frankie. I don't take offense to being called a crazy cat lady - I love all things cats!

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FACTS

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

- GO Blue! GO Lions! We love watching Michigan State and Lions Football!
- I love doing all things creative, but my favorite thing is interior design.
- I grew up in a family that served 35 foster children.
- I love to thrift!



Hello!

So glad to have you in our class.

Meet your Site Coordinator Luke Kneip



WHY EMBE?

EmBe has always been somewhere on my radar in terms of Childcare Programs that I would like to be a part of. When I found that they were hiring for their CLC program, I wasted no time in getting my application submitted. I then found out they had a Site Coordinator position available as well, and was very excited when I was told I got the job.

ABOUT ME

I was born and raised here in Sioux Falls, and graduated high school from O'Gorman. I went on to study Film Production at Minnesota State University Moorhead. While I lived in Moorhead, I met my now wife, Jessica. Together we have a 5 month old daughter, Arya. I've worked in childcare in different capacities since the summer of 2018. I've worked at summer camps, middle schools, elementary schools, and I've enjoyed every job more than the last. When I'm not at EmBe, I am either hanging out with my wife and daughter or working as a professional photographer.

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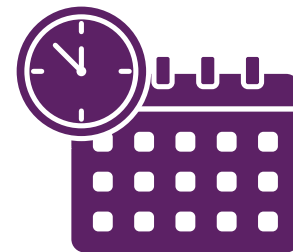
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- I was the Camp Counselor for Fergi and Josh Duhamel's child.
- I have had my photographs shown in art galleries around the world 7 times.
- My Great Uncle was the Governor of South Dakota.
- I helped found a Media Production company.



DAILY

Schedules



SITE DAY

6:30 - 9:00 am	Arrival
9:00 - 9:30 am	Whole Group Announcements
9:30 - 11:30 am	Rotations/Activities
11:30 - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 - 3:00 pm	Rotations/Activities
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Snack
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Closing Routines

SWIMMING & FIELD TRIP DAY

6:30 - 9:00 am	Arrival
9:00 - 9:30 am	Whole Group Announcements
9:30 - 10:30 am	Rotations/Activities
11:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 3:00 pm	Swimming / Field Trip
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Return from Swimming/Field Trip
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Snack
4:00 - 6:00pm	Closing Routines

WEEKLY

Schedule

Monday - Swimming

Tuesday - Field Trip

Wednesday - Site Day

Thursday - Swimming

Friday - Site Day

If you have questions or concerns about the schedule during the summer, please contact the site at:

605-413-3562 | johnharrisclc.sfsd@k12.sd.us

3501 E 49th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57103



WEEKLY THEMES & **Field Trips**

May 29 - 30: **Safety First** 🚚 🧑‍🚒

- No Field Trip

June 2 - 6: **Bugs/Creatures** 🐛 🦋

- Mary Jo Arboretum

June 9-13: **Exploring South Dakota** 🥾 🌾 🌲

- Prairie Village

June 16-20: **Space** 🪐 🔭

- Movie - West Mall 7

June 23-27: **Game Shows** 🏆 🎤

- Late Night Boomin'

June 30-July 4: **America** 🇺🇸 🎆 *Closed July 4

- Bowling - Suburban Lanes

July 7-11: **Ocean** 🌊 🌊

- LUAU at Riverdale Park

July 14-18: **Pirates** ⚓

- Tuthill Park Geocaching

July 21-25: **Sports** 🏈 🏀

- CLC Olympics

July 28-August 1: **EmBe Has Talent Karaoke Contest** 🎵 🎤

- Terrace Park Bandshell

August 4-8: **Camping** 🏕️ 🌲

- Big Sioux Recreation

August 11-14: **Summer Fun & Treats** 🌴 🍦

- No Field Trip

*Subject to change due to weather and other circumstances.



SCHOOL AGE CARE

Swim Lessons

EmBe School Age Care (SAC) children have the opportunity to take swim lessons during the day, at EmBe Downtown (300 W 11th St). SAC lessons are offered to our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders for a Level 1/2 Combo class!

Lessons will take place July 14 - 24, Monday-Thursday, between the hours of 9am and 11:30am. Each session is two weeks, equating to eight 45-minute lessons. Kids will be picked up by an EmBe bus driver from their site and brought back following their lesson.

Registration opens Monday, May 5th, at noon and closes Monday, May 26th, at noon.

Register at <https://www.pinwheel.us/register/index/SAC-SWIMMING-JOHN-HARRIS> or scan the code.



Additional Information:

Parents will need to pack the following for swimming lesson days:

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Goggles (optional)

If you have questions or concerns regarding swim lessons, please contact:



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What to Bring & What Not to Bring

Every Day:

- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Bag/Backpack

Swim Days:

- Water Bottle
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sunscreen
- EmBe T-Shirt
- Bag/Backpack

Field Trips:

- Water Bottle
- EmBe T-Shirt
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Bag/Backpack

Swim Pass

Every child needs to supply their own swim pass. They can be purchased in person at Midco Aquatics Center or any Sioux Falls city pool. Please give the fob to your Site Coordinator before June 2. For children who do not have a swim pass, we will ask that you pick them up before we leave for the pool.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Please Leave These Items at Home:

- ELECTRONICS (ex. Tablets, Cell Phones, Gaming Devices, etc.)
- Cash/Check
- Toys from Home (Pokemon Cards, Beyblades, dolls, etc.)
- Food/Snacks

If you have questions please talk to your Site Coordinator.

**EmBe is not responsible for stolen or broken items.*



CAREGIVER CONNECTION

Procare

Procare is an app EmBe uses to help families stay connected with their child(ren) throughout the day.

SIGN-UP

Parents/Legal Guardians that provided an email address on the enrollment form will receive an email invite to sign up for the app on their child(ren)'s first day. The email will come from Procare, not EmBe.

DAILY SIGN-IN/OUT

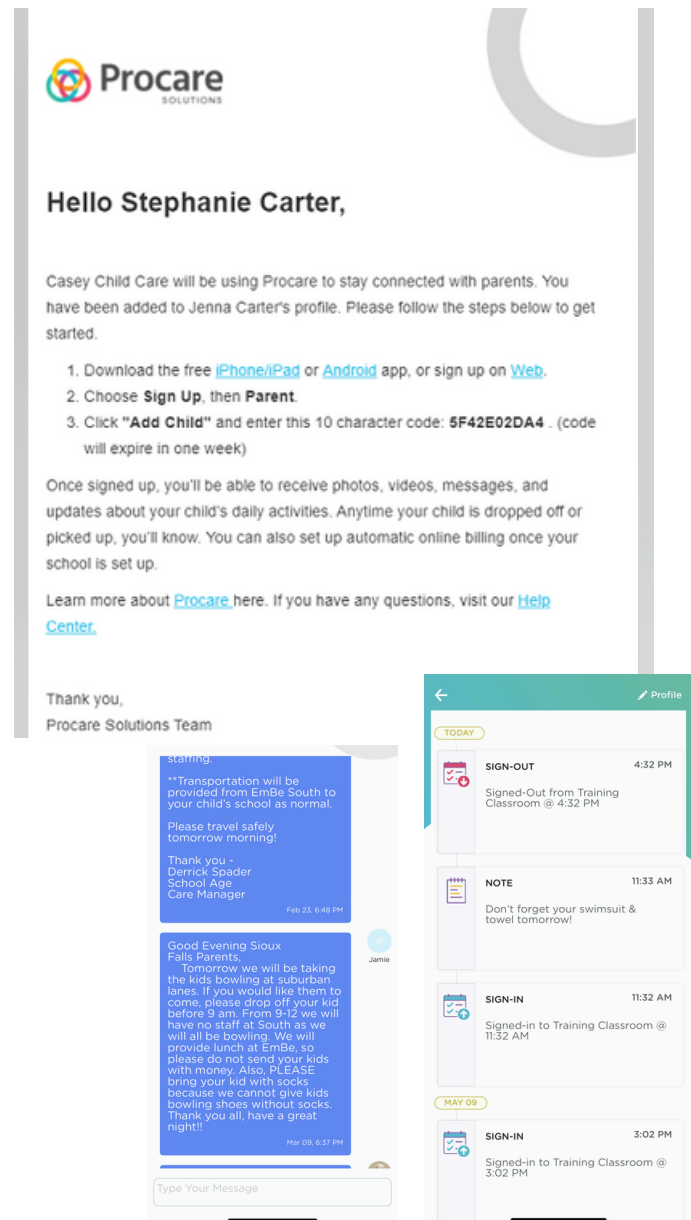
Parents/Legal Guardians must sign in their child(ren) through the Procare app on the site iPad. The site iPad can be found on the welcome table near the entrance, or a staff member can help locate it. Authorized pick-ups must sign out their child(ren) at the end of the day.

MESSAGING

Procare has two-way messaging capabilities so you can communicate directly with your site regarding your child's health, schedule, upcoming activities, etc.

UPDATES

To set up additional people with the app, add/remove authorized pick-ups, or update personal information, please get in touch with the Community Learning Centers Office.



If you have questions or concerns regarding the Procare App, please contact:



Community Learning Centers Office

605-367-4424

communitylearningcenter.sfsd@k12.sd.us

Handbook & Additional Resources

Be sure to review the handbook prior to your first day. The site manager can assist in answering any questions you may have.

Read the Handbook [here](#).

Additional resources including current tuition rates and scholarship applications can be found at www.sf.k12.sd.us/page/after-school

Questions or concerns?

We are here to help.



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