

French Immersion Camp Debuts this Summer at **CAMP FASTB**

Language immersion is proving to be a year-round passion for **The French American School of Tampa Bay** with **Camp FASTB** making its debut in June. Patterned on the school's French Immersion concept, Camp FASTB invites campers, ages 5 and up, to step into an environment rich in French language, music and culture, where they will enjoy exploring the many French speaking countries of the world through activities, art and games.

Each of the six weeks of camp will be focused on different Francophone countries or regions in the world. French is spoken in over 55 countries on five continents by 220 million people throughout the world, so there is plenty of room for exploration! Campers will not only learn about the geography, culture, music and art of these locations, but will learn some French as well, because that is the only language they will hear when they are at camp.

Immersion—The Best Way to Learn a Language: The reason immersion works is that vocabulary is learned in context, through observing and listening, the same way we all experienced learning our native tongue. At Camp FASTB, the language of instructors and counselors is French and campers will hear the language used in the context of daily activities. Because

the camp will have multiple fluent French speakers on staff, campers will also observe staff interaction in French. As time passes in this environment, campers will begin to understand and will eventually be able to speak some words.

"We believe the camp will be a fun and relaxed introduction to French language and culture for campers and their families," explains Camp

vocabulary!"

Making A Splash: The majority of the week will be spent on the campus of The French American School of Tampa Bay, utilizing the newly renovated building, playground and picnic area. Fridays will be splash days and campers will visit a nearby pool, under the supervision of lifeguards from the Brooke Bennett Swim Academy, to cool off as they wrap up the week.

Six weeks have been set aside for camp this summer:

- June 10-14
- June 17-21
- June 24-28
- July 8-12
- July 15-19
- July 22-26

Camp hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm for a full day and 9:00am to Noon for a half day.

Extended hours are available from 8:00-9:00am and from 3:00-5:00pm. Camp costs are:

- Full Day: \$300/child/week
- Half Day: \$200/child/week

Camp FASTB has space available for this summer. For further information, including Extended Care costs, please visit <https://fastb.org/camp-fastb/>, where you can fill out the Camp FASTB Inquiry Form and submit your preferred dates online.



FASTB Founder, **Willy LeBihan**, "and hopefully Camp FASTB will spark a continued interest in language and becoming bilingual."

As with The French American School of Tampa Bay, Camp FASTB will incorporate a lot of music into each week's travels to new French destinations. Music is a great vehicle for bringing people together and the lyrics, with catchy tunes, are another fun way to boost vocabulary, without having to actually focus on "learning