

Where the Kids Are: Winter Break Camps 2009-10

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The kids are bouncing off the walls, and you're thinking: "School's out already?"

You want to enjoy the holidays as much as the 7 year old sitting next to you—after you get the shopping, baking and cleaning done. And that's not even considering work.

If you need a few hours to yourself, try one of these local winter break camp options:

Actors Gymnasium

927 Noyes St., Evanston

\$300 - \$500

Ages 9-15 years old

For more information, call 847-328-2795



A winter day camp running 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Dec. 21 – 23 and Dec. 28 –

31, The Actors Gymnasium Circus and Performing Arts Winter-Break Camp is "perfect for young performers who want to strengthen, stretch and flex their creative muscles."

Chicago Botanic Garden

1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe

\$135 - \$160

Ages 5 – 8

For more information, call 847-835-5440

Here's what the Botanic Garden has to offer: "Children will participate in high-quality learning activities with certified teachers who use inquiry-based, hands-on activities. Highlights include a VIP pass to Wonderland Express and ice skating on the Esplanade. (Bring your own skates; this activity is weather-dependent)."

Young Chefs Academy

2825A Pfingsten Rd., Glenview

\$40 - \$100

Ages 6 – 12

For more information, call 847-715-9474

Have a chef in your midst? Set them loose in someone else's kitchen. Young Chefs Academy is hosting kids from Dec. 28 – 30. They'll learn how to make Slalom Stromboli, Slap-Shot Soup with Basil, Combination Spin Quiche, Icy Cookies and more!

Glenview Tennis Center

1800 Wagner Rd., Glenview

\$22 for a half-day session

For more information, call 847-724-1570

Let the kids swing a racquet for a few hours – Glenview Tennis Center’s Winter Break Tennis Camp runs from Dec. 21 – 23, and Dec. 28 – 30.

Need a few more options? Try your local park district – many of them offer winter break day camp options, including these listed below:

Evanston, Parks, Forestry & Recreation: www.cityofevanston.org

Glenview Park District: www.glenviewparks.org

Wilmette Park District: www.wilmettepark.org

Winnetka Park District: www.winpark.org

Highland Park District: www.pdhp.org

Northbrook Park District: www.nbparks.org

Deerfield Park District: www.deerfieldparkdistrict.org

Skokie Park District: www.skokieparkdistrict.org