

Camp Summer 2024

<https://www.gscregional.org/camp-gsc-guided-summer-care-2024.html>

BASIC INFORMATION SHEET

Please note that these instructions are not comprehensive and are subject to change, if/when we discover new or better ways of doing things.

We are excited to have your child with us for our fourth season of Camp GSC (Guided Summer Care)!

Thank you so much for registering and joining us for what will be a fun and relaxing (but busy) Summer.

Camp takes place in the school building, and now that all of the classrooms have air conditioners, we will set up our preschool classrooms as the main meeting spaces where the teachers and students work on different activities and crafts. We use the gym/auditorium/multi-purpose room – which also has air conditioners now – to begin and end each day, and it is where the campers go to eat snacks and lunch. We also will use the Media Center, which was one of our main rooms for the last two years of camp, as needed.

The teachers and campers go outside to relax and play multiple times per day.

Drop Off

You can use the school parking lot – including the front Mary circle – for camp, and morning drop off begins at 8:15. Please walk your child into school using the maroon door on the far right in the center of the horseshoe-shaped school building. The doorbell is to the right of that door. We will start each day in the gym.

Pick Up

At 11:45 a.m. (end of half day) and 3:30 p.m. (end of full day), we will be back in the gym for lunch or to end the day. Parents can wait in the parking lot until the end time and then pick up at the maroon doors.

Lunch and Snacks

All students should bring a morning snack and full-day campers need to bring a lunch, and possibly an afternoon snack (or maybe “leftovers” from the morning snack and/or lunch will be enough). In addition, all campers should bring a water bottle with their name on it (we have a bottle re-filling station in the gym). Please make sure any lunch bags, bottles, or cooler packs are clearly marked with the student’s name.

Last year, we started offering pizza lunches on Wednesdays and hot dog lunches on Fridays. We will do that again this year. It is optional and an additional cost. So on Wednesdays, campers can buy a plain slice for \$2 each or a pepperoni slice for \$2.50, and on Fridays, the cost is \$3.00 for a dog, bun, and a bag of chips (we will have a variety). A second dog will be \$2.00. We give out juice pouches on our special lunch days, too, if a camper is interested. If any half-day campers want to stay for a pizza or hot dog lunch, the additional cost is \$10 and includes the first slice and/or first hot dog. The later pick-up time would be 12:45 p.m.

Attire

Students should dress so they are comfortable! Please be mindful that students may be outside during breaks, lunch, and other activities, and they should be dressed appropriately. Also, please apply sunscreen at home in the morning before coming to camp. We don't want anyone going home with sunburn!

Please make sure your child wears sneakers. No sandals nor flip flops during the week.

While the teachers may plan some activities with water, we do not expect students to get wet to the degree where they will need to change clothes. We will warn you in advance if there is going to be a day with a heavy water activity where the children should come to camp in bathing suits.

What else should we bring?

Please make sure that you bring a completed Medical and Emergency Contact Form on your child's first day of camp, or email it to advancement@gscregional.org.

Also:

- Backpack (or other bag) to hold all belongings your child is bringing to camp
- Extra Sunscreen
- Beach Towel
- Hat (optional)

Another popular thing we started last year was to have the campers bring their scooters/big wheels (no bikes) and a helmet to camp, so they have the option of riding in the parking lot when the teachers want to include that activity in outside play. You can bring them on Monday morning (or your child's first day of camp that week) and leave them at school all week. You can take them home for the weekend, or leave them at school if your child is scheduled for camp the next week, too.

Health / Illness

We ask that parents/guardians monitor their children's health before sending them to Camp GSC. In general, if your child is not feeling well, please do not send them to camp. If your child shows any signs of Coronavirus symptoms, you must not let them attend. This includes feeling feverish or a temperature of 100 degrees F or above; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; sore throat; chills/shaking from chills; loss of taste or smell; diarrhea; muscle pain; headache; or they come in close contact with a person with Coronavirus.

In addition, here are possible symptoms of MIS-C (Multisystem inflammatory), which also should preclude your child from attending camp, until resolved: persistent and prolonged fever; rash; conjunctivitis (pink eye); stomachache, vomiting and/or diarrhea; irritability and /or unusual sleepiness; weakness; and swollen hands, feet, lymph nodes.

Your child's safety is our top priority. As is now common practice at GSC, we will continue to emphasize frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer.

Who to contact?

If you have a question or need to reach someone during the day, you can send an email to Jim Templeton (advancement@gscregional.org) and the lead/assistant teachers for that week. They are listed online on the camp's Webpage. You also can call the Advancement Office (215-886-0126) or the school's Main Office (215-886-4782), but the phone may not be answered right away. If you are going to leave a voice message, please leave it in the Advancement Office's voicemail box.

The emergency mobile phone number during camp hours is 215-290-5717.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation!