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Frequently Asked Summer Camp Questions

Where is the Greenbush Child Caring (GCC) Summer Day Camp located?

Green Meadow School, 234 Schuurman Road, Castleton NY 12033

What hours does summer camp operate?

Camp Explorer operates from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Camp Discovery operates from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

What are the GCC phone numbers at camp?

Camp Explorer – 518-479-4469

Camp Discovery – 518-477-1290

L.I.T. Phone – 518-449-1500

Do you offer extended care?

Yes, at an additional cost. Both Camp Explorer and Camp Discovery have extended hours from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

What does my child need to bring to camp each day?

- Lunch (in an insulated bag)
- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sneakers & socks
- Swim Suit (w/plastic bag for wet swimsuit)
- Towel
- Sweatshirt for cool days
- Change of clothes
- Wear blue camp t-shirt on field trip days

Please label and secure your children's belongings in a backpack or tote bag.

When will I receive my child's camp T-shirt?

Camp shirts will be distributed at the open house or available for pick-up on your child's first day of camp.

When is my child required to wear the camp issued T-shirt?

Children are required to wear their camp shirt on field trip days. Camp t-shirts are not required for swim lesson days (Monday)

Can additional T-shirts be purchased?

Yes, t-shirts may be purchased at the administrative office (while supplies last).

Will my child be closely supervised?

Yes, the following ratios will be adhered to:

➤ **On-Site Ratios**

1:10 in the Junior Group and 1:12 in the Senior Group

➤ **Field Trip Ratios**

1:6 for children up to 5 years old, 1:8 for children 6 years and older

➤ **Waterfront Ratios**

1:6 for children up to 5 years old, 1:8 for children 6 years and older

Each child will be paired up with a buddy while they are swimming. Buddies are expected to stay together at all times while in the water. Your child's counselor will stand in the water overlooking their group. Every ten minutes the counselor will conduct a buddy check.

Can my child swim with a personal flotation device?

No, the devices are not allowed at any of the swim field trip locations.

What health information needs to be submitted upon registration?

The Rensselaer County Department of Health requires Greenbush Child Caring to have the following on file for each registered camper: a current confidential medical statement from their physician validating a well child visit within the past year and a copy of their up-to-date immunization record, which shall include immunization dates against diphtheria, haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis b, measles, mumps, poliomyelitis, rubella, tetanus and varicella (chicken pox); the statement must be signed and dated. Camper medical records will be reviewed by the camp nurse prior to the start of camp.

How are children grouped?

Children will be grouped by grade.

Why does my child's swimming ability have to be tested?

The New York State Department of Health requires that all children registered for camp must have their swim ability tested **annually** by the GCC Water Safety Instructor (WSI). Each child will be labeled as a shallow swimmer until they are tested. The purpose of testing is to determine the depth of the water the child will be allowed to swim in during the summer camp program. **(Campers who will not participate in swim lessons must still have their swimming ability tested.)** Please ensure that your child has a bathing suit on the Monday of their first week of camp in order to be tested.

Is my child required to participate in swim lessons?

No, swim lessons are optional. However, every child must be swim tested during their first week of camp.

What precautions can I take to help prevent sunburn?

To prevent sunburn GCC requests that parents apply sunscreen to their child each day prior to sending them to camp and send sunscreen in with their child each day. Additionally, parents can send their child with an extra t-shirt that can be worn while swimming.

Will snack be provided to my child?

Yes, a morning and afternoon snack will be served each day.

How will my child's summer school schedule affect the day camp schedule?

The summer school schedule and the Camp Explorer field trip schedule conflict on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. ***GCC will not be able to pick up children from summer school for those attending Camp Explorer.***

The summer school schedule and the Camp Discovery field trip schedule conflict on Fridays. ***GCC has made travel arrangements for children attending summer school at Goff Middle School to be picked up each Friday for lake field trips. *If your child has selected the alternative Friday trip, the bus will not be able to pick them up before their field trip.***

Can my child switch their choice for the alternative non-swim trip (Wednesdays for Camp Explorer and Fridays for Camp Discovery)?

After June 15th your child will not be able to switch field trip options.

Can my child be picked up from field trip locations?

Yes, please be sure to notify the administrative staff so a meeting time and place at the field trip location can be arranged.

Can my child bring personal belongings from home?

No. Children are prohibited from bringing personal possessions from home, including, cellular telephones, toys, and other electronic devices. Please be aware that GCC does not accept responsibility for belongings children bring to the program. GCC reserves the right to request that children put away personal belongings brought from home.

Who is allowed to pick up my child from GCC?

All persons who are authorized to pick-up a child must be at least 16 years of age and must be listed on the child's application. Changes to the authorization list may be done in writing and submitted to the GCC Administrative Office or via the Parent Portal.

What type of training does the staff receive?

Camp employees receive numerous hours of training in the following topic areas: First aid/CPR, behavior management, special needs, recreational activities, health and safety, child abuse and maltreatment identification and prevention, nutrition, water front safety, sun safety, and playground safety. Additionally, employees holding specialized positions, i.e. lifeguard, medical director, etc. will be certified accordingly.

Who do I notify if I need to make changes to my child's enrollment status?

Parents who wish to make a change to their child's enrollment status must notify the GCC Office Manager in writing two weeks prior to the effective date of the change (fees may apply).

For further information please visit our web site @ www.greenbushchildcaring.org or write to contactus@gbccinc.org.

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