

April 22, 2021

Dear Parent,

Thank you for trusting Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta and Camp Timber Ridge for Day Camp for your child this summer. This summer's theme is "**Let Your Light Shine**" and that is our goal for both camper's and staff. We have spent the last year assessing the possibilities and the dangers associated with COVID-19. We are thankful that the number of cases has decreased and that there are better processes in place for protecting everyone. We are excited to welcome campers this summer. Camp comes alive when girls are adventuring, and learning hear and we cannot wait to for their laughter and to see them shine.

In order to provide a safe and high-quality program, Day Camp will look a little different this summer. Girls will be placed in groups where they will focus on self-esteem, team building, relationships and group decision making. Of course, there will be a lot of laughing and time spent with friends trying new things. We are SO ready!

We are taking extra steps to minimize the risk of a COVID-19 outbreak and make sure that camp is a safe environment.

Check-In and Check-Out Procedures

- Before Care check-in is from 6:45 – 7:45 am. Regular check-in is from 7:45 – 9:00 am. Make sure to arrive no later than 8:30 am if your camper would like to have breakfast at camp.
- Regular check out is from 4:30 – 4:45pm. Aftercare is from 4:45 – 6:00 pm.
- During both check out and check in, campers will be the only ones who exit the car. This protects both girls and staff from additional contact.
- Most forms (health, pickup authorization, etc.) and camp store money will be handled electronically before camp begins. We will send more information about that over the next month.
- We will have a detailed health screening process that will be completed upon arrival each day that includes temperature checks and a check for communicable diseases. You will need to stay at camp until your camper's health check is completed. We are working with an Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner to include COVID-19 specific checks. Please don't bring your camper if they are not feeling well. If they have any symptoms (unless they are known to be allergies, or other documented condition) campers will not be able to stay at camp. Immediately after check-in, girls will go to their groups for the day.

Testing and Vaccinations

- Staff will be tested before they begin staff training and will be quarantined during staff training. Staff will be tested every 2 weeks after camp begins.
- At this time, campers will not be required to be tested for COVID-19 before arrival at camp (unless mandated at some future date by the state of Georgia). After extensive research, we have determined that getting test results in a timely manner and the challenges with inconsistent results prevent us from using testing effectively.
- If an individual (staff or camper) has COVID-19 symptoms during camp, they will be required to get a COVID-19 test. We have an arrangement through the CDC with CVS and Walgreens to provide the PCR tests at no cost. Individuals cannot return to camp without a negative COVID-19 test.
- Parents will be required to screen their campers for fever, symptoms, and COVID-19 exposure for the 10 days before coming to camp for the first time. An online process will be available through CampInTouch's Companion App. Failure to monitor can result in campers losing their ability to attend camp.
- Each camp location has two Health Coordinators to handle the increased health and wellness requirements.
- Camp staff are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. We will not be requiring COVID-19 vaccination, but we are helping staff to make it easy for them to receive a vaccine.
- We also encourage girls 16 and over to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. We expect that the Pfizer vaccine will become available to those 12 years and older over the next month and we encourage girls to get a vaccine if they are eligible. Every camper will need to upload their current vaccinations on the same form required by the schools in Georgia or your home state. If your camper has received the COVID-19 vaccine and it is not on her immunization form, please upload a copy of the vaccination card as well.
- Campers that develop COVID-19 like symptoms while at camp will be quarantined, tested, and sent home. If a case of COVID-19 is confirmed by test, parents/guardians of all campers will be alerted. Other members of the group who may have been exposed will continue in their group with heightened sanitation and separation rules. Parents of those campers will be informed but they will not be sent home if they feel well.

Masks

- Campers and staff will wear masks except when clearly socially distanced outdoors (6 or more feet) or when swimming or eating. Girls should bring 2 masks fitted to their size per day to be sure they always have a clean and functioning mask. We will have masks available if a camper needs an additional mask.

Cleaning

- Additional staff will be hired to ensure proper cleaning occurs on a regular basis. Indoor program areas and bathrooms will be disinfected with a fogger between groups. Cleaning protocols are in place for cleaning program spaces and equipment between use. We have drafted enhanced cleaning procedures that include cleaning high touch areas every two hours while in use).
- Equipment and supplies for camp activities will either be in kits for individual use or sanitized between users. This includes equipment used for horseback riding, archery, ropes course, boating, and crafts.

Program Changes

- Programs will be conducted in family groups (up to 10 campers) and community groups (combination of 2 family groups or less than 24 campers and staff). Campers will only interact with other campers in their designated community group. To manage contact to a limited number, we will not be able to move campers from assigned groups once they arrive on camp. Most staff will only interact with their designated community group except for the Director Team, Health Care, and some program specialists. These staff operate under strict social distancing and mask guidelines and will be tested for COVID-19 weekly.
- Most activities will be outdoors in well ventilated areas and indoor program areas have updated air systems with MERV 13 filters.
- Meals will be served in family groups with groups assigned to specific areas to eat. Most meals will be eaten outdoors. Meals will be pre-plated, boxed, or bagged. Buffets and salad bars will not be available this summer.
- In addition to current hand washing stations, additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout camp. Campers will wash or sanitize their hands before and after each activity.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to have **optional** overnight experiences this summer because it would require mixing groups. If your program has an overnight **as a part of the program (with their group members)**, those will take place as scheduled.
- We will not be providing transportation to and from camp this summer to avoid mixing girls from different groups in the vans. We will provide field groups for established program groups if they can be provided safely.

We hope this helps families feel safe sending their girls to camp. We believe the current containment of the disease in Georgia should give us all confidence, that working together, we can give our girls a great camp experience. I know they deserve a summer to remember.

If for any reason camp is not a good fit for your family this summer, you can cancel camp sessions and receive a full refund until May 1. Beginning May 2, our standard camp refund policy will take effect.

Standard Summer Camp Cancellation Policy

- Contact the Operations Coordinator at camp@gsgatl.org if your camper cannot attend camp. Prompt notification may allow another camper to come off the waitlist.
- A refund, less a \$25 deposit and \$25 camp registration fee, is available if:
- Cancellation in writing to camp@gsgatl.org is received 30 days prior to the confirmed session date.
- The participant is physically unable to attend camp due to illness or injury. A physician's statement is required no later than Sept. 1, 2021.
- There is a death in the immediate family Notification to the council office by telephone should be made as soon as possible with written notification submitted to camp@gsgatl.org no later than Sept. 1, 2021. You can leave messages via telephone at 770-702-9103 or 770-702-9140.
- Other special situations will be considered. Requests should be made in writing.

We can't wait to see each of our campers. If you have any questions, or concerns, please feel free to call or email me at 828-553-4953 or cmhannon@gsgatl.org.

Sincerely,
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