

4/22/2021

Dear Parent,

Thank you for trusting Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Camps to program 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 of 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 there and we cannot wait to hear their laughter and see them shine

In order to provide a safe and quality program, sleepaway 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, adventures 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

- All one week and two-week sessions begin on Sunday with check in from 1:00 – 3:00 pm and end on **Friday** with check out from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Mini sessions will have check -in from 1:00-2:00 pm on the first day and check out from 4:00-5:00 on the last day of camp. You will receive a check in and check out time to limit the number of people arriving every 15 minutes.
- During both check-in and check-out, campers will be the only ones who exit the car. This protects both girls and staff from additional contact. Most forms 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 that includes temperature checks and a check for communicable diseases. Please do not bring your child if they are not feeling well or have symptoms consistent with pediatric COVID-19 as they will not be allowed to stay at camp. You will need to remain in the car line 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.
- Ending camp on Friday evening allows us to thoroughly clean and disinfect on Saturday before the next group of campers arrives on Sunday. Campers who are in two-week sessions will

continue in their program over the weekend. There will be no weekend connector sessions this summer for those participating in consecutive one week sessions.

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.
- 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 a vaccine 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 record on the same form required by the schools in Georgia. 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.
- 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 COVID-19 testing as a screening technique in our camps.
- If an individual (staff or camper) has symptoms of COVID-19 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.
- Parents will be required to screen their campers for fever, symptoms and exposure for the 10 days before coming to camp. An online process will be available through CampInTouch's Companion App. Failure to monitor can result in campers losing their ability to attend camp.
- Temperature and health checks will be done daily at breakfast. Campers will not be allowed to participate if they are feeling ill. Each camp location has two Health Coordinators to handle the increased health and wellness requirements.
- 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 in the session 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/guardians 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, eating, or sleeping. Girls should bring 2 masks fitted to their size per day to be sure they have a clean and functioning mask at all times.

Cleaning Protocols

- Additional staff have been hired to ensure proper cleaning procedures occur on a regular basis. Cabins will be disinfected with a fogger daily. Indoor program areas and bathrooms will be disinfected 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 during active hours.
- 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

- Cabins have been reduced to 70% capacity and beds are set up to keep heads at least 6 feet apart.
- Each camper cabin will be considered a family group and will have 12 campers or fewer.
- We have added MERV 13 filters in program buildings and cabins where possible.
- Meals will be served in family groups with assigned 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. Social distancing will be in place for all meals.
- In addition to current hand washing stations, additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout camp. Campers will sanitize before each new activity.
- Programs will be conducted in family groups and community groups (combination of 2 family groups or fewer than 24 campers). 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 cabins and community groups once they arrive on camp. Most staff will only interact with their designated community group with the exception of 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.
- Programs will be predominantly outdoors in well ventilated areas.

We hope this helps families to 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 – to let their light shine.

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 \$50 deposit and the \$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, within seven days prior to the opening day of the confirmed session. Notification to the council office by telephone should be made as soon as possible with written notification submitted 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 ideas, questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me at 828.553.4953 or cmhannon@gsgatl.org.

Until then – Let Your Light Shine!

Sincerely,
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