



CAMP MOLLY LAUMAN
GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND

Resident Camp Guide

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Welcome to Camp!

We're thrilled your camper will be spending time with us at Camp Molly Lauman this summer! Camp is a magical place where campers can make new friends, try new things, develop leadership skills and build confidence in a safe environment.

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Our goals are that every camper will:

- Work together with camp staff to help select, plan and carry out program activities that build character, responsibility and an appreciation for nature.
- Develop social and emotional skills by living harmoniously with others in a culturally diverse environment.
- Grow in independence and confidence through her interaction with others and by participating in new and challenging activities.
- Have fun while learning new skills!

This handbook is full of useful information to help you and your camper prepare for a summer of adventure at Camp Molly Lauman. Please read each section carefully, as our procedures evolve from year to year.

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About Camp Staff

Each staff member has been carefully interviewed, screened and trained. We expect our staff to maintain high moral standards and act responsibly in all areas of their lives during their time of employment. Camp Molly Lauman staff members are experienced in many different fields, such as aquatics, arts and much more. Many are college students studying child development, with aspirations of becoming teachers, youth leaders and pediatricians.

- Each summer, we hire several international counselors through agencies regulated by the United States government. We've had counselors from England, New Zealand, Spain and many other places! They bring exciting aspects of other countries and cultures to camp and help us gain a broader worldview.
- We hire all genders to work at camp. All staff members regardless of gender sleep in separate sleeping quarters from campers and follow strict guidelines to never enter a private camper area without camper consent and multiple staff members present.
- All staff members are trained in first aid and CPR, and some have higher levels of emergency response training.



Want to Work with Us?

We need fun-loving, flexible and responsible people to work at camp! Working at camp builds skills such as time management, communication and decision-making as well as building some killer tan lines! Applicants for most roles must be 18 and older; there are limited positions available to those under 18 who have completed the CIT program.

Head to gsoh.org/camp to fill out an application!

Camp Essentials

Packing for Camp

Camp dress code requires secure, closed-toe shoes with socks be worn at all times. Old, comfortable T-shirts, shorts and pants are good for daily camp wear. Pants are practical at camp for rainy and cold days. All tank top shirts should have at least a 1-inch thick strap on each shoulder for sun protection, but t-shirts are highly recommended. Campers should arrive at camp dressed to play! Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted at camp, although they can be worn in the showers for hygiene reasons if desired. Crocs with a back and socks are acceptable for some activities but should not be a camper's only footwear.

Luggage

Campers should bring their personal belongings to camp in a large duffel bag, an old suitcase or a plastic tote with a lid. Luggage must be manageable for your camper to carry on their own. Please limit use of multiple bags — these are easily misplaced and difficult for campers to manage. All luggage, clothing and personal items should be labeled clearly with the camper's name. This helps lost and found items make their way home.

Campers should arrive at check-in with sneakers on their feet, not in their bag!

Do NOT pack:

- Cell phones or tablets
- Food, gum or candy (it invites critters)
- Unsuitable clothing (strapless/thin-strapped tops or string bikinis)
- Anything valuable/sentimental (such as jewelry)
- Firearms, explosives, weapons, alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances



For a full packing list to review with your camper, visit gsoh.org/residentcamp.

Permission and Health Forms

CampDoc Online Form Submission

CampDoc.com is an electronic record system for camps that helps us consolidate and integrate camper health information, permission forms, and releases into a centralized and secure location. Not only does this make filling out your camper's forms a breeze, but it also gives our healthcare staff instant access to camper health information and allows us to easily notify you if your camper is seen by our healthcare providers. Additionally, the information will automatically be transferred to the roster of any GSOH camp that your camper is attending this year, both day camp and resident camp. Plus, if your camper returns to camp next year, you'll only need to review and update the information.

The security, confidentiality and privacy of your camper's personal information will always be protected. Only administrative, healthcare, and staff assigned to each specific session will have access to camper information, and the CampDoc site is secure, encrypted and password protected.

Existing users

Just log on to app.campdoc.com and update your profile! The camp sessions you've selected for this year should show in CampDoc within two weeks of registering for camp.



New CampDoc users

You will receive a welcome email from CampDoc within two weeks of registering for camp. This email is your key to accessing the CampDoc website to complete your camper's forms.

- Click the link in the email to set a new password for your CampDoc account.
- Follow the instructions and complete the required information for your camper. Alerts will appear for any missing required information.
- Return to CampDoc at any time to make changes/updates to your camper's health information before camp begins.

Email address

It is important that you have used a valid email address when registering your camper for her camp session(s). Not only is this email used for confirmation materials and reminders from Camp Molly Lauman, but that is how you will receive your log in info from CampDoc.

Please set **register@campdoc.com** as a safe sender, to avoid accidental delivery to junk and spam folders.

Arriving at Camp

Camp Molly Lauman is located approximately 14 miles north of Portsmouth in Scioto County. The physical address is 9130 Big Bear Creek Road, Lucasville, OH 45648. Beware of using GPS, as it sometimes will take you on unnecessary back roads. Please use these directions.

From the north:

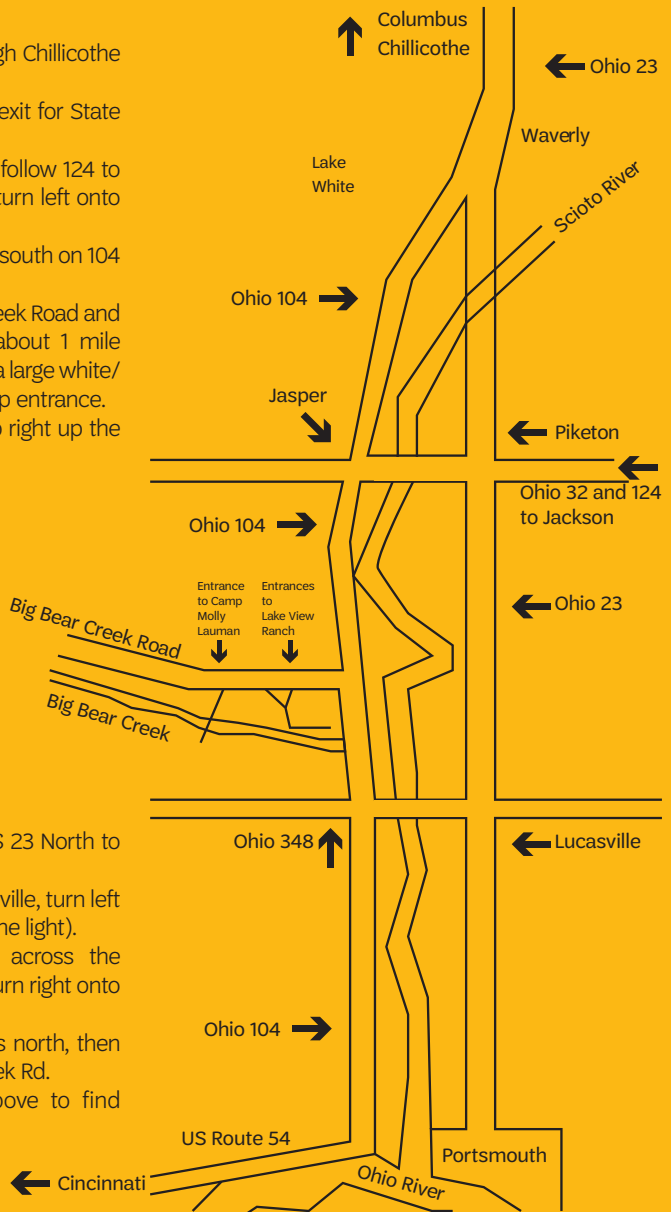
Follow US 23 South through Chillicothe to Waverly and Piketon.

After Piketon, look for the exit for State Route 124 on the right.

Turn right off the exit and follow 124 to the first light. At the light, turn left onto State Route 104 South.

From the light, it is 9 miles south on 104 to Big Bear Creek Road.

Turn right onto Big Bear Creek Road and Camp Molly Lauman is about 1 mile down, on the left. There is a large white/green archway at the camp entrance. Cross the bridge and keep right up the hill to camp.



From the south:

From Portsmouth, take US 23 North to Lucasville.

On the north side of Lucasville, turn left onto State Route 348 (at the light).

Follow State Route 348 across the Scioto River bridge, then turn right onto State Route 104 North.

Follow 104 about 4.5 miles north, then turn left onto Big Bear Creek Rd.

Follow the directions above to find the camp.

Check-In and Check-Out

Camper Check-In

Upon arriving at camp, you will be directed where to park and where to go to complete the check-in process. Please leave your luggage in your car until after you've completed the check-in process. Have any medications (both prescription and over the counter) with you and ready to turn in at the check-in table.

After checking in and completing the health screening, you will be told where to place your luggage and where to meet your camper's counselors.

PLEASE NOTE:

Pets are not allowed on camp property. Please do not bring pets to camp even if you only plan on being on site for a short period of time.

Campers should arrive at camp dressed and ready for outdoor fun. Make sure your camper has closed toe shoes on their feet, not in their bag! Also, it's a good idea to have their day pack kept separate from their luggage and pre-stuffed with everything that they might need in it:

- **A water bottle (filled)**
- **Sunscreen/bug spray/lip balm**
- **Flashlight**
- **Camera**
- **Rain coat or poncho**

Touring Camp

Parents can visit their camper's unit during check-in to meet counselors and help them make their bed. If you'd like to do this, do not place bedding in the cart with the rest of the luggage, instead carry it with you. Staff will help direct you to the right place.

Camper Check-Out

During pick-up hours, all campers will be waiting in the main camp area. The camp administrative team will have a roster listing who is authorized to pick up each camper. Pick up persons will be asked to show a photo ID and sign out your camper before proceeding to find her and her belongings. If you arrive early, please patiently wait in main camp until your camper's group arrives. Please do not bring pets to camp with you!

If you need to add a person to your camper's authorized pickup list, please call Council Headquarters at customercare@gsqh.org as soon as possible.

If a person is not listed to pick up a camper, we will call the custodial parent/guardian for consent. The camper will not be released until consent is granted. This is strictly enforced and is for the protection of your camper. Save yourself frustration by keeping us abreast of any changes regarding who is permitted to pick up your camper.



CHECK-OUT LIST

- ❑ Sign out your camper when you first arrive, before going to get them.
- ❑ Check the lost and found for anything that looks familiar.
- ❑ Remember, campers often have more luggage when they leave camp than what they came with (laundry bags, trash bags with wet pool gear, craft projects, etc.)
- ❑ Make sure you have everything before leaving. Double check the content of the bags.
- ❑ Restrooms are located in the dining hall. You've got a long ride home!



Camper Check-Out

The last day of a camp is full of program activities for your camper. We ask that you make your plans to avoid having to pick your camper up early from camp. However, we do understand that there are times when scheduling conflicts cannot be avoided. If this is the case, please notify the camp director of any special circumstances regarding your camper's arrival and departure at camp.

Running Late?

If you are running late, please contact us at **740-259-4287** or **614-487-8101** (Customer Care) to let us know.



Riding the Bus

Hop on the bus for a ride to camp that's fun for campers and easy for parents/caregivers! Camp counselors supervise the bus ride and lead songs and games as they make their way to camp.

The bus fee is \$50. Campers must register for a spot on the bus no later than the Wednesday prior to their camp session. Bus spots sell out quickly, so you're encouraged to sign up early!

Campers travel by school bus or 12-passenger van to and from camp. Staff members ride in

the bus or van, along with a certified driver. Counselors supervising the bus ride are the same staff who will be supervising campers during their time at Molly Lauman, so it's a great way to get introduced!

The bus only stops in two places and it will only be at each stop if there are registrations for that stop. If you need to change your stop, please contact Council Headquarters two weeks before camp. If you change your mind and want to drive your camper to camp, please let Council Headquarters know so we do not wait for you.

At the Bus Stop

A staff member will conduct a head check for head lice. Depending on the hairstyle, campers may be asked to take out ponytails, etc. to complete the check. Campers with lice will be sent home to be treated and may come to camp once the lice are gone. It is the responsibility of the family to get the camper to camp in this case.

Check-in at the bus includes handing over medication, any mail you wish your camper to receive, and any forms not yet turned in. Luggage will be stowed once a camper is checked in.

Please do not ask to board the bus for any reason. If you must see your camper, tell the staff member in charge, and they will call your camper to the door.

Bus Stop: Columbus

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland
Council Headquarters
(back parking lot)

Going to camp: arrive at the location by 12:15 p.m.; bus departs at 1:15 p.m.

Coming back from camp: bus arrives at 3:30 p.m.
(subject to traffic delays).

Bus Stop: Sunbury

Tanger Outlets
400 South Wilson Road,
Sunbury, OH 43074

(Drive around outlet mall until you see the highway running north-to-south. The bus will park on the edge of the lot closest to the highway, in the southern corner of the parking lot.)

Going to camp: arrive at the location by 11:00 a.m.; bus departs at 11:30 a.m.

Coming back from camp: bus arrives at 5:00 p.m. (subject to traffic delays).

BUS SAFETY RULES

The following safety rules should be followed by both staff and campers riding the van/bus. Camp counselors will review these rules with campers on board before the vehicle departs.

1. Stay seated at all times while on the vehicle.
2. Do not get off the vehicle until given permission by a counselor.
3. Refrain from excessive loud noises while onboard.
4. If traveling by camp van, seat belts must be worn at all times.

Emergency number

If there is an emergency and you will not make it to the bus, please call camp and let us know. The number is **740-259-4287** or **614-487-8101** (Customer Care). Please note this number does not receive text messages.

Snacks and restrooms

Food is not allowed on the bus, but riders will receive a snack option when they arrive at camp and will eat lunch just before departure on Friday.

Adults, please have your camper take advantage of the outlet mall restrooms or restrooms at the Girl Scout office before checking in at the bus. Campers already on the bus from Sunbury will be given a chance to use the restroom when they stop to pick up Columbus campers.

Return Trip

Once the bus comes to a complete stop, parents may form a line and approach the bus door one by one. Have your photo ID ready to show the staff member at the door.

Give the camp staff person at the bus door the name of the camper you will be signing out. Except for siblings, only one camper at a time is signed out. Please do not ask for another child even though that child's parent may also be in line. Only the person authorized to sign should be asking for the child by name.

As the camper exits the bus, you will be given any medication and a packet of information from camp.

A camp staff member will be at the back of the bus helping to unload luggage. Check with your camper as to how many luggage items they have so you are sure you have everything.

What happens if...



Coming back, a camper is not picked up at a bus stop?

We will call the phone numbers listed as emergency contacts to try and locate the parent or caregiver. Each situation is handled case by case, however if no one can be reached, the child protection agency of the county where the camper lives will be contacted.

THE BUS IS RUNNING LATE?

There are times we have no control over the arrival time of the bus due to weather conditions, traffic conditions or if a parent at a previous stop is late. If we are running late, we will do everything in our power to safely get campers home as soon as possible. If the bus is running more than 20 minutes late you will either receive a call notifying you to the delay OR a council staff member will meet you at the stop to alert you to the bus's new arrival time.

SOMETHING IS DISCOVERED MISSING AFTER ARRIVING HOME?

Lost and found left on the bus stop will be kept at the Columbus office until Aug. 31. Contact us at camp@gsoh.org to check that the item is there and to make arrangements to pick it up.



A camper's luggage does not come off the bus when coming back?

If anything is missing, notify the council staff person and it will be taken care of as quickly as possible after the last camper has been checked off the bus. If something was left at camp, arrangements can be made with camp to get the item to you as soon as possible.



Payment & Cancellation

Late payments and Late Registration

The deadline for registration is **June 1** for camps beginning in **June**, **July 1** for camps beginning in **July**, and **May 1** for Adventure Treks. If all required forms (via CampDoc) and payments are not received by the deadline, your camper's registration is subject to cancellation. Cancellations will be made to allow placement of waitlisted members. To avoid cancellation, please ensure that your payment is submitted on time and your CampDoc profile is complete.



Cancellation Policy

Resident Camp cancellations more than two weeks prior to the start of camp will receive a full refund minus the \$50 non-refundable deposit. There is also a 20% restocking fee on camp care kit accessories. Cancellations after this deadline must include a doctor's note or other suitable documentation. Acceptable situations include camper illness, family emergency, change in caregiver job status, job transfer, etc.

If eligible for a refund, (not including the non-refundable deposit), a written request with suitable documentation must be submitted to Council Headquarters within two weeks of the start of your chosen program. Refunds are processed within three weeks.

If a camp session is cancelled by Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland due to low enrollment or other reasons, campers will be given a chance to transfer to a suitable open session or receive a full refund of amount paid, including the deposit.

QUESTIONS ABOUT PAYMENT, CANCELLATION OR SWITCHING PROGRAMS

Do not call camp directly to ask about payment, transfer or cancellation. Registration is handled by staff at Council Headquarters.

If you need to cancel or change your reservation, please contact **customercare@gsOH.org**. All cancellations, transfers and refund requests must be received in writing.

All About Camp

It's OK to be nervous! Sending your camper off for the first or 10th time always comes with some discomfort, but rest assured that your child's safety and happiness are our main priority. We have more than 90 years of experience running a successful, safe and exciting camp! **Here are some of our most common questions:**

Visiting Camp

We ask that you do not visit camp except for the drop-off and pick-up times, as it disrupts the program. We also request that you do not take your camper out of camp during the camp session, unless prior arrangements are made with the camp director.

Telephone Calls and Emails

We realize parents/caregivers may have questions or concerns to share with our camp staff. If you need to reach us, please call **614-487-8101** or email **camp@gsoh.org**.

When calling with a question or concern, Customer Care will put you in touch with the Senior Program Manager/on-site Camp Director and your call or message will be returned as soon as possible.

If your camper has fallen ill, feels extremely homesick or in any way needs your attention, you will be contacted by the camp administrative team immediately.





Homesickness Policy

Campers of all ages and experience levels can experience some degree of homesickness. This is totally normal! Our staff love to help develop campers' independence and confidence and will always be there to support your camper. For mild or moderate homesickness, we provide encouragement and help campers stay busy with all the fun activities, since feelings of homesickness typically settle in during periods of rest and transition. We do not allow campers to call home in these situations as it often makes homesickness worse. You can discuss this with your camper ahead of time so they are prepared with strategies like writing a letter home or asking a counselor for help. However, if your camper is experiencing sustained or severe homesickness, rest assured the camp director will reach out! We generally plan a 1:1 call to strategize the best way to support your camper.

We are almost always able to support a homesick camper in finishing their session, but if a family feels that an early departure is best for their child, it is the responsibility of the family to arrange transportation. Refunds are not given for partial camp stays.

Worried about your camper getting homesick? Contact Customer Care to connect with the camp director ahead of time, and check out this resource from the American Camp Association on how you can prepare yourself and your camper for their stay away from home: <https://bit.ly/3TWR5PR>.

Cell Phones

Campers are not allowed to have cell phones at camp. Allowing your campers to sneak a cell phone to camp tells your child it's OK to break rules that you don't like, and it goes against Girl Scout values. Cell phones detract from the camp experience in the following ways:

- Distraction from camp program. We want kids to unplug from technology and tune into the present experience. It's difficult to become fully engaged in the world around them when they are tied to their electronics and life at home.
- Crutch for homesickness. A camper cannot benefit from the experience of being independent and away from home if they are retreating to their bunk to text friends and family at home.
- Cell service is very limited and non-existent for some providers

Cell phones found with campers will be stored in the camp safe until pick-up.



Weather Emergencies

Thunderstorms are a common occurrence at summer camp. If thunder or lightning is observed, certain program activities are postponed until the threat has passed. These include, but are not limited to, swimming, canoeing, and activities in the open fields.

We practice emergency drills with campers each week so that campers know what to do in case of severe weather. For normal thunderstorms, campers will seek shelter in any building. In the case of severe storms, campers are gathered in the dining hall which can safely house everyone in camp until the threat has passed. If necessary, campers may sleep in the Dining Hall in the event of overnight severe weather.



Nighttime Supervision

Most campers live in a tent, cabin or yurt with three to seven other campers their age. Counselors do not stay in the same sleeping quarters as campers. Instead, counselors sleep near the center of the unit, where they can supervise all the campers in their group. At night, counselors check on campers to make sure that they are settling in well. Often, they read stories or sing our younger campers to sleep. We stress the importance of the buddy system and nighttime safety so that campers feel comfortable going to the bathroom at night. Counselors do not go to sleep until all their campers are asleep and are always within ear-shot of campers if needed.

Hydration

Dehydration is the number one cause of health problems while at camp. If your camper doesn't drink enough water, they might develop headaches, stomach cramps or even feel lightheaded and dizzy. Our staff members make sure campers are all taking frequent water breaks and drinking water at every meal. You can help by getting your camper in the habit of carrying a water bottle with them to sip throughout the day and by having them drink a glass of water at each meal at home.



Hygiene

All camper living units have a sink area for hand washing, teeth brushing, and face washing. Campers will have the option to shower each full day of camp. In addition to those shower times, campers swim every full day at camp. Because the pool and shower house are one complex, they can choose to hop out of the pool early and shower before rejoining the group. In some case, severe storms may prevent groups from having their scheduled shower time. When this happens, we try our best to reschedule those groups for showers as soon as possible.

Privacy at Camp

To ensure that campers feel comfortable and safe, private changing tents have been purchased for all units for use during their stay at camp. The shower house at the pool has private changing stalls as well.

Camp Security

Our foremost concern is the health and safety of your camper. Our camp is accredited by the American Camp Association and complies with the health and safety standards of the Girl Scouts of the USA and the state of Ohio. Procedures for handling emergencies, both generalized and specific, have been established and the camp staff is trained to follow them. We will do our best to see that your camper has an enjoyable and safe experience. The camp also maintains communication with local authorities, including the local sheriff, fire and emergency departments, and animal control units.

Food allergies and Dietary Restrictions

We can accommodate most common food allergies. We prepare gluten-free and vegetarian entrees on a regular basis and can easily alter our recipes to serve vegan, nut-free and dairy-free diets. For more severe allergies or complicated allergy combinations, please contact the camp director.

Picky Eaters

At every meal, we offer a salad bar and cereal/sandwich station so that campers who do not care for the main dish can still find plenty to eat. At lunch and dinner, the salad bar offers a variety of garden salad, pasta salad, fruits and yogurts while the sandwich station has bread and a selection of peanut butter and jellies. Peanut butter may be substituted for sun or soy butter if severe nut allergies are present. At breakfast, the salad bar will have cottage cheese, fruit, yogurt and granola while the cereal station will have bagels, toast and cereal.

Snacks

We offer grab-and-go snack options in our dining hall at all times, such as granola bars, fruit or popcorn. Camp staff will always get a snack for hungry campers, so remind them to just ask! Staff will also remind campers at the end of the day not to store snacks in their daypacks, luggage or housing to not attract critters. For this reason, please do not send campers with additional snacks without notifying the camp administrative team. When the weather is hot, we increase our frozen treats, such as popsicles or Go-Gurt to keep kids cool.

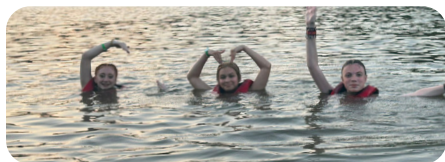


Healthcare at Camp

Camp Molly Lauman has a designated healthcare provider available 24-hours a day to handle camper illness and injury. In addition, all adult staff are trained in CPR and first aid and can treat minor injuries and illnesses.

All medications are collected during check-in and stored in the health-care center where campers will go to receive their prescribed dosages. This should also include supplements like vitamins or melatonin.

If a camper needs to visit the health station for any reason other than taking their normal medications or minor first aid, you will receive a notification in CampDoc and/or communication from the camp administrative team.



If a camper needs emergency care beyond what can be provided onsite, you will be notified immediately by phone. In the case of injuries that are not life threatening, we will give you the choice of picking up your camper or allowing us to transport her to the emergency care facility closest to camp.

During check-in we encourage you to speak with our healthcare provider about any concerns you have about your camper's health and safety during their stay at camp. If your camper takes medication that can safely be paused for the duration of camp, such as daily vitamins, supplements or sleep aids, we recommend not sending these to camp. This helps traffic at med times, an uninterrupted day for your camper! However, we do not recommend making any major medication changes in the weeks leading up to your camper's stay to prevent disrupting their mental health.



Bringing medications

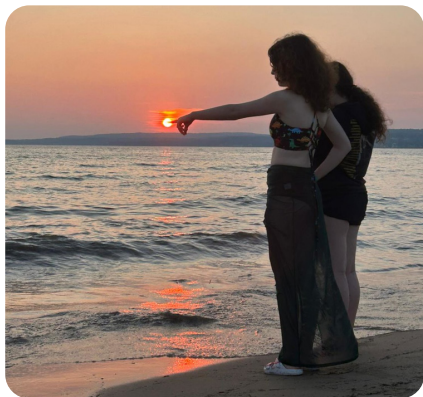
All medications brought to camp, both prescription and over-the-counter, must be:

1. Listed on the medication section of your camper's CampDoc profile.
2. Given to camp personnel at check-in, either at camp or at the bus stop.

Do not pack medications in your camper's suitcase.

Please place the medication bottle in a clear, resealable plastic bag. Make sure each container of medication is labeled with the camper's name before placing it in the bag. Label the outside of the plastic bag with the camper's name. Prescribed medicine and over-the-counter medicine must come to us in the original container. All prescription medicines must bear the name of the camper on the original pharmaceutical label.

Log into CampDoc **one week** before your child's camp starts. Double check that all their medications and vitamins are listed and that nothing extra is there. Updating medications during check-in is the number one cause of long lines.



Only medications listed on your camper's CampDoc profile can be administered at camp. Please update your camper's health profile if any changes need to be made. Inaccurate information will delay the check-in process at camp.

EpiPens, Inhalers and Insulin

If your camper requires a self-injection, such as an Epi-pen or insulin, they must be prepared with the proper kit and be trained in its use.

Unless you provide a note from the prescribing physician showing that your camper can carry their emergency medication on their person, a counselor will carry it in the group's first aid kit. The first aid kit goes wherever the campers go, so the emergency medication and a trained adult are always with your camper if they need them.

Over the counter medication Camp stocks basic cough syrups, ibuprofen, stomach medicines and other over-the-counter medicines, so unless your child takes one of these daily, there is no need to send any "just in case" medications.

These medicines will only be administered to your child if you have authorized us to do so, so make sure you click yes or no in the medication section of your CampDoc profile.

Email messages

Camp utilizes a one-way email system so your camper can receive messages from loved ones at home. Emails are printed daily at 12pm on each full day of camp and delivered to your camper after lunch. Send messages to **camp@gsoh.org** and include both their name and session name in the subject line (example: Resident Camp - Juliette Low, Water Wonders). Any files attached to the email will not print, and images included in the email body will print more successfully if they are small.

Sending letters and packages

Campers love hearing from home and we know you enjoy hearing from them, too. If you want your camper to write home, don't forget to send them with stationery and stamps. It is a good idea to pre-stamp and pre-address the envelopes, especially if your camper is quite young. Pre-addressed postcards can be a good option for first time or hesitant campers - if camp staff notices any homesickness or other concerns as they mail them, they can reach out to you before the card arrives at home. We recommend either sending your mail a week in advance or dropping it off at check-in to be distributed throughout the week.

If you are creating your own care package to send to your camper, our suggestions are to include small toys, games, quiz books or magazines that will help your camper make new friends or fill downtime. Friendship bracelet string is also great and encourages sharing.

Please do not send your camper any packages containing food, gum, candy, etc. Animals love sweets and have been known to chew through clothing, sleeping bags and luggage to get at a tasty morsel.

Communicating at Camp

Camper photos

We use a password-protected website called SmugMug to share photos and videos of the fun happening at camp! You will receive a link and password to access your session's gallery in your camp confirmation email which allows you to easily access and save photos without needing to download an app or register for an account. To ensure the online safety of all campers please only share this link with other caregivers in your household. If SmugMug is new to you, you'll be able to watch a video tutorial linked in the confirmation email too. In order to see photos of your camper, you will need to authorize camp to take and post photos when you fill out your Camp Doc forms. Campers without photo permission will not be posted in the galleries.

While we love to share the fun that happens at camp, we want to tell that story while also balancing the campers' right to an enjoyable and safe experience. We allow our photo taking and sharing to be guided by the following principles:

Camper Experience Comes First – The top priority of our counselors and other staff is to provide campers with the best possible experience. We do not have a dedicated camp photographer; instead, all staff capture magical moments when they can, prioritizing being present with the campers rather than behind a camera so that they can lead activities and provide care.

Quality Over Quantity – While we know families are eager to see their camper's smiles, we are mindful that camp isn't a photoshoot. We focus on letting campers immerse themselves in experiences without the pressure of always being on camera, and we aim to upload a curated selection of photos each day that celebrates and shares what's going on at camp but may not always include every group, activity, or camper.



Prioritizing Permission and Security – We obtain permission from families through Camp Doc before sharing photos to our private galleries and give campers the option to opt out of a photo if they prefer.

During the summer, you can expect that staff will upload a unit group photo as well as photos and videos from our Opening Campfire after breakfast on our first full day of camp. After that, we will share highlights of the fun, sometimes with additional photos added after a session ends. You can expect to see your camper at least once or twice but may not see them daily.

If you don't see photos of your camper, it may mean their counselors are fully immersed in activities with them without their camera. These are moments the campers will cherish after camp! Sometimes we also capture candid moments of transition when campers might have sleepy faces or look upset – rest assured that we will reach out if your camper is having any sustained issues.



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