

2025 Summer Recreation Program Info Sheet & Guidelines

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Camp Locations:

George Young Community Center (GYCC) 446 S. Jamesport Avenue, Jamesport AND

TBD: School location with contact information will be announced late spring.

Program Schedule:

- School: Mon.-Fri. July 7th-August 15th /8:45am-4:45pm
- Teen Camp is located at the School location and runs Monday-Thursday, no camp Fridays*
- GYCC: Mon.-Fri. June 30th-August 22nd. *No camp on 7/4 and week 3: 7/14-7/18
8:45am-4:45pm will be at the school location.

On-site Phone Numbers: GYCC: 631-722-4637, GYCC Site-Coordinator: 631-461-2503, School Site-Coordinator: 631-461-3570.

Important Information:

- ★ **FOOD ALLERGIES:** Due to a number of campers having severe food allergies, we are very strict about the food we allow at camp. We are a nut free camp. Nuts of any kind are not allowed at camp. We consider coconut and coconut water a restricted item, even though it may be classified as a fruit. Our first priority is to keep our campers safe. Please take time to read labels; we check everything and campers are not permitted to eat food that's not clearly labeled. I understand the intent of sending healthier, home baked food in with your camper; however, we are then unable to identify the ingredients. Your Site-Coordinator will call you to replace meals that include food not permitted at camp.
- ★ If your child is going to be absent, please let the Site-Coordinator know by 8:30am.
- ★ Please label all of your child's belongings with their first and last name.
- ★ All children must be signed in and out EVERY morning and EVENING.
- ★ Campers are required to wear their camp shirts when off-site on field trips
- ★ Camp ends firmly at 4:45pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up on time.
- ★ Please review our new late policy.

THINGS TO BRING and to KEEP IN MIND

★ Please apply sunblock to your child each morning before sending them to camp

Camp Days:

- Sunblock
- A.M. Snack & P.M. Snack (check all labels for peanut, tree-nut, coconut ingredients please, we are tree-nut free)
- Lunch in a small cooler or insulated bag with a reusable ice pack is suggested
- Sneakers
- Plenty to drink
- A change of clothes, labeled with your child's name
- A travel sized hand sanitizer
- A beach chair and beach towel to be brought for use on beach days

Trip/beach days:

Remember, we are very active at camp. Sneakers are appropriate footwear for camp. Comfortable clothes are suggested, as well as outfits in which it's ok to come home with grass stains, a little bit of paint or glue, and maybe even some dirt. There will be a place for the campers to keep a backpack, so feel free to pack accordingly.

A few miscellaneous details:

- Campers are prompted to apply sunscreen approximately every 2 hours. Please make sure to send in sunscreen and any other protective gear your child might need such as hats and sunglasses. We spend a good amount of time outside.
- We are not permitted to remove ticks. If we see a tick on your child that has not become embedded, we will remove it from your child's clothes. If your child finds a tick on themselves, or we see a tick embedded in an area visible to us, we will call you, and provide tweezers and tape to remove the tick. Please conduct daily tick checks at home. We rarely venture into brush or wooded areas, but we do play in the grass.

Sick Policy

In the case of illness, there are a few instances where we are required to report cases to the Department of Health. Please notify us if your child is ill so that we can determine if it's a reportable illness.

Children are not permitted to attend camp if they are ill. Children will be sent home if they are running a fever, vomiting, experiencing diarrhea, or are exhibiting a rash. Campers might also be sent home if they are unwell enough to participate in daily activities. A Doctor's note might be required in order to return to camp. We expect campers to return to camp after 24 hours of being fever free and physically capable to participate.

Concussed Campers may not attend camp. Campers on crutches may not attend camp—in case of injury where a camper can no longer participate, a refund will be issued. Campers may return to camp with a Doctor's note specifying **no restrictions**.

Late Policy

Camp ends at 4:45. After 4:50, there will be a \$10 fee for each 10-minute block that you are late in picking up your child(ren) (per family). The fee will be added to your account and must be paid before your camper attends the next week. Chronic lateness of 3 or more late pick-ups will result in a warning. A 4th instance of lateness will require a meeting with the Camp Program Director, and a 5th subsequent late pick-up may result in dismissal from camp. Please call your Site-Coordinator if an emergency will prevent you from picking up your child(ren) before the closing of camp. Also inform the staff who will be picking up on your behalf. If you do not pick up your child by closing, the counselor(s) will attempt to call you or the emergency numbers listed on your registration form. If no one is reached within 30 minutes, the Camp Program Director will be notified and will designate staff to stay with your child at the camp location. If no one has picked up your child within one hour, the Police will be notified.

Rules and Guidelines: How to make it through the summer

***Parents, please discuss these rules with your children prior to the start of camp.**

*** We will also explain fire drill rules on the first day of camp and hold a fire drill at the start of each week.**

Campers, please abide by the following:

- Follow directions when they are given, the first time.
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- Be polite and respectful when speaking to others.
- Clean up after yourself, put away games, equipment and throw away your garbage.
- Make sure your counselors know where you are at all times.
- Leave electronics at home: cell phones, hand-held games, other video games. Smart watches are to be used as a watch only, once they become disruptive the camper will be asked to keep it at home going forward—there's plenty to do at camp ☺

... and lastly, this is less a firm rule and more of a strong suggestion, please be open to new ideas and activities, you never know how much you might enjoy something you've never tried!

The consequences to disobeying the above rules are as follows:

- You will receive a verbal warning.
- You will be asked to take a break from your current activity until you're ready to return.
- You'll have a conversation with your Site-Coordinator and potential consequences such as shorter choice time or time away from a special activity might be assigned.
- Your parents will be notified, and we will sit together to discuss why you're not following the rules.
- If you put yourself or another child in danger, you could be sent home. Suspension from the program is possible.

***We keep in mind that everyone has tough days. We believe in positive reinforcement and communication. We expect cooperation and support from parents if behavioral issues do arise, and we will always work to the best of our ability to manage situations fairly and tactfully.**

We look forward to getting to know your campers and can't wait for summer to begin!