

Summer Camp FAQ's

What are the hours of summer camp?

Summer camp is Mon-Fri and opens at 7:30 am and closes at 5pm daily. This is a full day camp. Camper check-in closes at 9am sharp and check-out opens at 3pm daily. There is no camp on July 4th due to the Independence Day holiday.

What if I need to pick up my camper early or drop them off late?

Drop off closes at 9am sharp each day. Please be sure to have your camper checked in before 9am as check in will not be available after 9am. Pick up opens at 3pm each day so that we ensure all campers get to experience all of our planned activities for the day. We will not have staff up front to check in/out your camper beyond 9am or before 3pm. For late arrival that is turned away for the day, there are No refunds, No exceptions. For special circumstances, such as doctor's appointments or orientation please email Jen Mueller at jmueller@gulfbreezefl.gov. Requests for late check in and/or early check out are on individual basis and may be denied for any reason.

What are the ages of summer camp?

Summer Camp at the Rec is available to rising 1st through 8th graders. Campers must have completed Kindergarten and be potty trained in order to attend camp.

Do I need to register in advance?

Yes. There is no drop in allowed. Campers must be pre-registered through the registration link and camp paid for in advance. If camp has sold out, there will be a wait list created. If an opening on the wait list occurs, a notice will be sent to the next person on the waitlist. To claim the spot, payment must be made in full within 24 hours of notice. Registration closes two weeks before the start of camp OR when that week is full. If a week fills up, a waitlist will be started and campers will be selected based on when they were placed on the waitlist.

When is my payment due?

Payment or deposit is due upon registration. Registration is done through our website and can be purchased using a debit or credit card. Payment plans are available by selecting auto pay. Full payment must be received prior to camp. We will not accept any payment in person at the Recreation Center.

Will refunds or transfers be issued if my camper can't attend?

All deposits are non-refundable. Any registration fees once the closing date has passed are non-refundable and non-transferable outside of 14 days prior to registered camp start date. For cancellations after the 14-day deadline, deposits and registration fees are non-refundable/non-transferable and will not result in a credit toward another week.

Will my camper be with other campers their age/grade?

Yes! Campers will be grouped with other campers entering the same grade in the fall. Campers will also be in girl/boy groups along with corresponding female/male counselor. Groups are as follows:

Otters: upcoming 1st & 2nd Graders

Crabs: upcoming 3rd & 4th Graders

Bears: upcoming 5th & 6th Graders

Eagles: upcoming 7th & 8th Graders

Can my camper be put in a different age/grade group with a sibling or friend?

No. We place campers with their appropriate school grade because our activities are scaled to the capacity and maturity of that age/grade group.

Can my camper bring their phone and/or tablet or toys/books from home?

Campers **WILL NOT** be allowed to bring any outside games, toys, books, etc. from home or have an iPad, tablet, phones, ear buds, smart watch, gaming consoles or electronics of any kind during camp hours. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

What does my camper need to bring?

- Campers will need a packed lunch plus 2 snacks (nothing that needs refrigeration or heating). Snacks are available for purchase during lunchtime but it is suggested that at least two snacks are packed with their lunch for morning and afternoon snack. A locking labeled water bottle is mandatory during camp due to the amount of activity and the heat that we play in. Water is always available to campers and easily refillable. No Stanley cups or those like Stanley cups will be allowed. The water bottle **MUST** lock or close so that it does not leak when tipped over.
- On Monday (or first day) campers can bring labeled sunblock and any emergency medication needed in a labeled Ziplock style bag.
- Daily medication will not be administered during day camp. Emergency medication must be in its prescription container and will be held for the week in case of emergency and used only as prescribed by physician. Medication and sunblock can be picked up on Friday at the medication table when the camper is picked up at the end of the day.
- Campers **MUST** wear sneakers or closed toed shoes to play, run and walk in every day.
- **FRIDAY ONLY:** Campers should bring a labeled bag with a towel and extra clothing for water play. It is ok for a camper to wear their swimsuit to camp on Friday as long as they wear regular clothes over the suit to start the day.
 - There will be “wet clothes” pick up table each Friday for parents to collect any extra clothing brought in that day.
 - Bags or back packs of any kind will not be allowed on any other day.