Frequently Asked Questions about Summer Camp at GCV&M

What should my child bring to camp?
Lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, extra change of clothes and shoes. Please No Flip flops. If your child is enrolled in a costumed class, please try your best to send them to camp in simple black or brown shoes.

What should my child leave home?
All electronic devices and any personal belongings that they do not want to lose. GCV&M cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

What will my child have for lunch?
Please pack your child a lunch each day of camp. Coolers with ice packs are provided at each class location to store the lunches in until they are ready to be eaten. GCV&M does not supply lunch, or snacks, to children unless it is part of a specific class. If your child forgets lunch, we will supply them with a lunch from our restaurant for a small fee. GCV&M staff will contact families on a case by case basis.

Can my child wear his/her own costume to camp instead of wearing the museum costume?
Generally, we do allow children to wear their own period costumes to camp but all requests must be cleared through the Camp Manager. Families must send a picture of the costume and the Camp Manager will check with the museum costume department to make sure the costume is period appropriate.

What is our weather policy?
Camps will not be cancelled due to inclement weather; activities will be adjusted for the safety of the children. Campers in all classes should be prepared to be outside for most of the day. Refunds cannot be provided for children who do not show up to camp because of weather-related issues.

Can I drop my child off early?
Yes. Free extended care is available every camp day starting at 9:00 a.m., with prior registration. If your family is not participating in extended care, children can be dropped off a maximum of 10 minutes before camp starts.

What is the latest I can pick up my child from camp?
Free extended care is available every afternoon from 4:00-5:00 p.m., with prior registration. If your family is not participating in extended care, children must be picked up by 4:10 p.m. at the latest.
How many children do you have in a class?
Most camp classes have a maximum of 12 campers per class. We keep a small teacher to camper ratio so we can do advanced projects and unique activities that many other camps can’t. Each class also has a Volunteer Camp Assistant. Volunteer Camp Assistants are older youth (ages 14+) who have taken camp classes at GCV&M in past years. All Volunteer Camp Assistants receive a training session prior to working with campers.

Do you provide transportation options for camp?
Yes, we offer a camp bus option that costs $30 per week/per camper for those who are traveling from the Rochester area. Exact pick-up/ drop-off locations and times are listed in the additional services document and on our website.

What is GCV&M’s discipline policy?
Discipline will be handled on a case by case basis, but generally if a child misbehaves we will handle the situation in this manner:

- The first time a rule is broken, or a child misbehaves, the teacher will issue a warning to the child.
- After the second occurrence, the Camp Manager will speak to the child and parents will be notified.
- If there is a third occurrence, the parents will be called and asked to pick their child up. They will not be able to return to camp that week. No refunds will be given for children that are asked to leave camp.

No bullying, or behavior that results in the harm of another person, will be tolerated. In this case, the child may be asked to leave after the first incident. There will be NO REFUNDS for missed days due to disciplinary infractions.

What if my child takes medications?
We have a nurse on site specifically for camper needs. If you child needs to have medications during camp, they must give these medications to the nurse or camp manager on Monday morning to be stored in the first aide room until they need to be taken. It is up to you, and your child, to communicate with the nurse or camp manger when he/she needs to take those medications.

What if my child has allergies?
Please make sure to list all allergies on the registration form so we can do our best to keep your child safe. If your child has an Epi-pen, please refer to our policy on medications above. If your child has a severe or life-threatening allergic reaction during camp, 911 will be called immediately and parents and guardians will be notified.
What if I need to cancel or switch my week of camp?

**Cancellations** must be made at least 30 business days prior to your camp class start date. You will receive a refund less a $20 administrative fee. No refunds will be given for cancellations without 30 business days notice. GCV&M reserves the right to cancel any session. In the event of a cancellation by GCV&M, you will receive a full refund. This updated cancellation policy is subject to change.

**Transfers** from one camp into another are considered a cancellation. If you need to change your week of camp or the class you selected on your registration form that transfer is subject to a $20 administrative fee. Once the camp class has started campers cannot transfer to another class without permission from the Camp Manager.

Do you have a waiting list for classes that are full?

We do not have a waiting list for full camp classes at GCV&M. Please register early for the best chance of getting into the class or session you prefer.

GCV&M Mission:

- Through immersive experiences, we enrich life today by connecting people with history, art, and nature.

Camp Mission:

- To provide children with greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of the past.
- To provide a learning environment that provides personal enrichment and positive learning experiences in a manner that is both SAFE and FUN.

SUMMER CAMP GUIDELINES AND AGREEMENT:

The Staff at Genesee Country Village & Museum are excited about this summer and sharing history and the natural world with you! Camp at GCV&M is a fun-filled week of new explorations and making friends. It is also an opportunity to learn, play games, make crafts and go on awesome adventures throughout the museum property.

In order to make this a great experience for everyone, there are a few behavior guidelines that we ask you to adhere to:

BEHAVIOR TOWARDS FELLOW CAMPERS

Respect other campers. Try to get to know everyone in the group and learn from them. Listen to the comments and discoveries of your fellow campers – even if you already know about that subject, other kids may not. Respect each other and yourself. Aggressive behaviors such as fighting, throwing or breaking objects and verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

BEHAVIOR TOWARDS THE MUSEUM PROPERTY, ANIMALS AND NATURE

Respect museum property, animals and the natural world. The museum is home to a
collection of 19th-century buildings and artifacts. The museum also is home to many farm animals, gardens and native plants and animals. All of these things are considered a part of the museum collection and are valuable and should be treated with care. Remember, you are a visitor to their home.

BEHAVIOR TOWARDS CAMP TEACHERS AND OTHER GCV&M STAFF
Respect your teachers and all museum staff members. Please allow teachers to share interesting features about history or nature with you through games, hikes, and activities. Your participation will help the group learn throughout the week.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES: If your child has trouble following the guidelines set above, the following discipline procedures will take effect.

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