Frequently Asked Questions about Summer Camp

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.

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.

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?
Campers may bring a lunch from home or opt to purchase a healthy lunch provided by GCV&M. Coolers with ice packs are provided at each class location to store the lunches until they are ready to be eaten. 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. GCV&M does not supply snacks to children unless it is part of a specific class.
Can my child wear his/her own costume instead one provided by GCV&M?
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.

How many children do you have in a class?
Most camp classes have a maximum of 12 campers per class. Our small teacher to camper ratio supports advanced projects and unique activities that many other camps cannot provide. Our teachers are passionate and knowledgeable educators that are dedicated to making each class informational and fun for all campers. Most classes also have 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 training prior to working with campers.

What is GCV&M’s discipline policy?
Parents are required to read and sign the GCV&M Camp terms and conditions, which include behavior expectations and discipline guidelines, upon registration.

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.

Does my child need to be vaccinated to attend camp?
All campers must be vaccinated. Parents are required to provide the approximate date of vaccinations on the Health History Form, located on your CampInTouch Profile.

New York State Law does not allow for religious exemptions. For medical exemptions, write exempt in the date box and provide documentation from your camper’s physician prior to the start of camp.
What if my child takes medications?
We have a nurse on site specifically for camper needs. If your child needs to take medications during camp, a doctor’s order must be submitted prior to, or on, the first day of camp. All approved medications must be given to the nurse or camp manager on Monday morning in the original container. All medications will be stored in the first aid room until they need to be taken. It is up to you, and your child, to communicate with the nurse or camp manager when he/she needs to take those medications.

What if my child has allergies?
Please make sure to list all allergies on the required Health History Form so we can do our best to keep your child safe. This form can be found on your camper’s CampInTouch profile under Forms & Documents. If your child has an Epi-pen, please communicate with the camp nurse, as noted 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 cancellations. 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 classes at GCV&M. Please register early for the best chance of getting into the class or session you prefer.

What do I do if I have a question about camp?
If you have any further questions about camp at GCV&M, please contact the camp office at 585-294-8261 or alynch@gcv.org

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