Do you provide transportation options?
Yes. Our GCV&M Camp Bus is available from convenient stops in Rochester. Exact pick-up/ drop-off locations and times are listed in the Summer Camp Additional Services document and on our website.
Cost: $30 per week/per camper.

Do you offer before and after Camp extended care?
Yes. Camp starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. daily. We offer Camp Extended Care starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Families can register for both before and after care for the week for $30 or opt for morning or afternoon extended care only for $20 per week. Camp staff will not sign campers in prior to 8 a.m. Campers not signed out by 6 p.m. will be charged a fee of $10 for every five minutes late.

What is the latest I can pick up my child from Camp?
Campers not participating in Camp Extended Care may check in between 9:45 and 10 a.m. and must be signed out by 4:15 p.m. Families of campers checking in before 9:45 a.m. or signing-out after 4:15 p.m. will be charged $5/ session for Camp Extended Care.

What's for lunch?
Campers may bring lunch from home in a sturdy, well-labeled bag (reusable or disposable) or families may sign up for our healthy Camp lunch plan. Staff will store campers’ lunches in insulated coolers. If your child forgets lunch, we will supply them with a lunch for a small fee. We do not supply snacks to children unless it is part of a specific class.

How many children are in each Camp class?
Most Camp classes have a maximum of 12 campers per class. Our small teacher-to-camper ratio supports advanced projects and unique activities. Our teachers are passionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated to making each class informational and fun for all campers. Volunteer Camp Assistants, youth ages 14-18 who have participated in GCV&M Camp in the past, also support each Camp class. All Teachers and Volunteer Camp Assistants receive training prior to working with campers.

Does my child need to be vaccinated to attend camp?
All campers must be vaccinated. Parents are required to provide the date of their child’s vaccinations on the Camp 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?
If your child needs to take medications during camp, a doctor’s order must be submitted to Camp staff prior to the first day of Camp. Documentation must include specific guidance on dosage and time of day.
that medications should be given. Only a parent or caregiver may deliver medication to the nurse or Camp manager on the first day of camp and it must be in its original labeled container(s). All medications will be safely stored and administered by the nurse or Camp manager.

What if my child has allergies?
Parents must list all known camper allergies on the required Health History Form on your camper’s CampInTouch profile under Forms & Documents. If your child has an Epi-pen, please communicate with the Camp nurse and manager, as noted above. If your child has a severe allergic reaction during camp, 911 will be called immediately and parents and guardians will be notified.

How will you handle behavior issues and discipline?
GCV&M Camp supports a culture of respect and care for each other and our surroundings. The goal of our behavior expectations and rules of conduct is to provide an environment of safety and support for our campers in partnership with their families.

The following conduct by campers will lead to immediate intervention and discipline by camp staff:

- Failure to follow GCV&M COVID precautions including: wearing face masks at all times, washing/ sanitizing hands frequently; and maintaining physical distance as directed by camp staff. (See our complete description of COVID safety protocols in our GCV&M Camp FAQ.)
- Communicating (verbal and non-verbal) with staff in a rude, insubordinate, and defiant manner.
- Using profanity or abusive, discriminatory, or vulgar language or engaging in conversation that causes distress for peers.
- Leaving the group without approval from staff and going into unauthorized areas without permission.
- Damaging or stealing property of the Museum, participants, and staff.
- Intimidating, harassing, threatening, or fighting staff or fellow campers by any means of physical or verbal aggression, including persistent provoking.
- Deliberately injuring another child or staff member, including causing anger or emotional distress.
- Failure to follow GCV&M drug- and smoke-free policy prohibiting the possession, supply, and use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal substances and misuse of prescription medication.

Intervention and Discipline

Our response to campers’ failure to follow the Rules of Conduct and support Camp Culture will first be focused on safety, followed by setting goals and establishing supports that foster behavior improvement. Camper discipline procedures will only be carried out by camp staff; at no time may a parent/ caregiver confront or discipline a camper other than their own child. GCV&M Camp will support children and family privacy and will not share details of intervention and discipline with other campers and families.

Threat to Safety

- First incident: If staff determine a camper’s behavior causes or may cause immediate or imminent harm (physical or emotional) to themselves or others, staff will remove the camper from the group temporarily and call a parent/ caregiver to discuss the incident. Staff, parent, and camper will agree to a plan for the camper to return to the group that addresses misconduct
and supports camp behavior expectations. Camp staff may, at their sole discretion, decide to dismiss the camper from the camp program.

- Second incident in which staff determine a camper’s behavior causes or may cause immediate or imminent harm (physical or emotional), or persistent failure to follow other rules of conduct and support camp culture, will prompt dismissal from the Camp program. Staff will remove the camper from the group and call the parent/guardian to come pick up the camper.

**Failure to follow Rules of Conduct and Support Camp Culture**

For camper misconduct that does not pose an immediate or imminent safety threat, staff will apply intervention and discipline steps based on the severity and frequency of misconduct by:

- Verbally reinforcing rules and supporting camp culture with camper within the course of group activities; Staff will report camper misconduct at the end of the day to the parent/caregiver.

- Redirecting behavior, and when possible, providing alternative activities to support camper success while camper remains with the group; Staff will report camper misconduct at the end of the day to the parent/caregiver.

- Removing the camper from the group and calling parent/caregiver. Staff, parent, and camper will agree to a plan for the camper to return to the group that addresses misconduct and supports camp behavior expectations. Camp staff may, at their sole discretion, decide to dismiss the camper from the camp program.

**There will be NO REFUND for missed days due to disciplinary infractions.**

**Can my child wear his/her own costume instead of one provided by GCV&M?**

We do allow children to wear their own period-appropriate costumes to Camp by request. Families may send a picture of the costume and the Camp manager will review with the museum costume department.

**What is your weather policy?**

Camp will not be cancelled due to inclement weather (rain, wind); instead, activities will be adjusted for the safety of campers and staff. Campers in all classes should be prepared to be outside for most of the day. Refunds cannot be provided for children who choose not to attend camp due to inclement weather.

In the event of severe weather (thunder/lightning, dangerous winds, or other weather emergency), Camp staff will follow GCV&M safety protocol and guide Campers to designated buildings and supervise them throughout the severe weather incident.

**What if I need to cancel or switch my week of camp?**

We will make every effort to transfer your registered camper to a 2022 Summer Camp class that meets your needs. In the event you need to cancel your child’s registration for 2022 Summer Camp:

- Up to four weeks prior to the first day of camp: full refund minus $25 administrative fee, option for a full credit to remain on the camper’s account for a future Summer, Weekend, or Spring Break Camp session until August 31, 2023. (After which a full refund minus $25 administrative fee will be given.)

- One to four weeks prior to the first day of camp: no refund, option for a full credit to remain on the camper’s account for a future Summer, Weekend, or Spring Break Camp session until August 31, 2023. (After which the credit balance will be considered a donation to GCV&M)
• One day to one week prior to the first day of camp: no refund or credit of camp registration will be given.

GCV&M reserves the right to cancel any Camp session. In the event of a cancellation by GCV&M, we will make every effort to transfer your registered camper to a 2022 Summer Camp class that meets your needs, or you may receive a full refund. This updated cancellation policy is subject to change.

COVID-19 exception – Families are required to notify GCV&M if their camper or someone from the camper’s household has been exposed to the corona virus within two weeks of the first day of Camp or at any time while the child is participating in Camp. If a camper is withdrawn from Camp due to COVID-19 exposure or infection, GCV&M will transfer the camper to another class later in the Camp season if possible, or will provide a full registration refund (pro-rated daily if withdrawal happens during Camp session).

Do you have a waiting list for classes that are full?
If a class you are interested in is full, please contact the Camp Team at summercamp@gcv.org to be added to the waitlist. If a space opens up before the start of camp, you will be contacted and given the option to join.

What should my child bring to camp and what should they leave home?

Please bring:

• Lunch (or sign up for Camp Lunch): We keep campers lunches in insulated coolers.
• A healthy snack – if you are signed up for Camp Extended Care.
• A refillable water bottle for staying hydrated during the day.
• Comfortable closed toed shoes that are okay to get dirty and wet. (Simple black or brown shoes encouraged for kids in historical costumed classes)
• Sunscreen and bug spray, preferably DEET Free.
• Extra change of clothes and shoes.

Please leave home:

• Candy and other goodies that are not a part of your lunch or Extended Care snack.
• Cans of soda or other non-water beverage. (except your lunch beverage)
• Flip flops or other slide-on shoes

Other personal belongings:
We understand that campers may want to bring an electronic device for use on the Camp Bus or at Camp Extended Care. Campers and families are solely responsible for the safe storage of electronic devices and other personal belongings that are not a part of the Camp program. GCV&M cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen personal items.

What if I have more questions about GCV&M Summer Camp?
If you have any further questions about camp at GCV&M, please contact the camp office at 585-294-8261 or summercamp@gcv.org

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