

Themes and Fun

Each week at camp is different! To see the descriptions of each week at camp, visit our website!

Week 1: Artful Antics

Week 2: Rock the Runway

Week 3: Zombie University

Week 4: Enchanted Forest

Week 5: Diggin' on Dinos (Half week)

Week 6: Around the World

Week 7: Holidays in July

Week 8: Olympics

Give your week an extra kick of fun by taking part in these theme days:

Monday: Crazy socks

Tuesday: Tie dye Tuesday

Wednesday: Go wild with your on-theme outfit!

(Shirts, hats, accessories, or a whole outfit, just rock it!!!)

Thursday: Camp Shirt day

(Current year or other shirts—all welcome!)

Friday: Pajama party breakfast!

Wild Wednesday Examples:

Enchanted Forest: Dress up in Fairy accessories

Holidays in July: Bring a costume for trick or treating.



Equestrian

Packing list

- ❑ **Smooth-soled boots with 1 inch heel (required, see examples below)**
(Hiking boots and steel toes not allowed.)
- ❑ Bandanas (**required**, 2 or more)
- ❑ Long pants (**required** 2-4 pairs, Must meet ankle length)
Can be legging or jean material as long as it is flexible for getting on and off the horse
- ❑ Boot socks (**required**, 4 pairs)
Over ankle length for protection from rubbing
- ❑ Riding gloves (**optional**)
- ❑ Muck/ Rubber boots (**optional**)
- ❑ Personal riding helmet if dated within 5 years (Riding staff will check!) (**optional**)
We have helmets to borrow!



- ❑ **Boot tip:** You can find some cheaper boots at Goodwill and thrift stores that will work well enough for the week. They do not need to be perfect just comfortable around the barn. They will switch out of their boots when walking around camp.

They WILL get dirty!



Leadership

All Leadership Campers are allowed to have electronics such as tablets and phones, under the parent's discretion. Electronics should stay out of sight during the day and will be collected, if seen. **GSSC-MM is not responsible for lost, broke, or stolen items.**

Although CIT leadership sessions are two weeks long, campers may not stay overnight between camp sessions. Check-out is Friday at 2:00 p.m. and camper should return from 2:00—4:00 p.m. on Sunday of the following session.

Counselor in Training I

CIT I will be learning the foundation of becoming a camp leader. During their first week at camp, they will have a healthy mix of traditional camp activities as well as work sessions in which they will break down what it means to be a good counselor. During their second week, they will work with each age level and developing an appropriate activity for their unit to take part in.

Counselor in Training II

CIT II will be reinforcing the foundations of becoming a camp leader by learning about all the roles and responsibilities at camp including Leadership and support staff. They will try their hand at and receive entry level training in activities that require certification. (They will not become certified in lifeguarding, horses, archery, or canoeing but will receive training that will allow them to have a head start!) They will also enjoy traditional camp activity sessions.

Junior Counselors

CIT I and CIT II are pre-requisites.

Junior Counselors will live and work in a unit while continuing to build their skills under trained staff.

All leadership candidates (campers) should bring the following items:

- Willingness to learn and work
- Kindness and care for younger campers
- Whistle with lanyard
- Full backpack (no tiny string bags)
- Wrist watch
- Over the ankle boots for the barn (Do NOT need slick sole! So hiking boots are ok!)
- 3- ring binder of their choosing (or we will provide a plain one!) **(optional)**
- Assorted pens they may want to use (or we will provide basic blue or black pens!) **(optional)**
- Any additional note taking items such as post-its or stickers **(Optional)**

Tripping

Adventure Tripping campers will be taking off site trips to fun, exciting locations. They will need a current (within 2 years) physical that should be uploaded to CampDoc before May 15th. Campers may need some extra gear for their adventure. Please make sure to include these items along with the other items listed on the main packing list. **Very important that the trippers have a proper backpack for their day trip gear, no tiny string bags, and a proper rain jacket or poncho!**

Week 2: Forge Ahead!

- Active swim suit (Think water rides!)
- Long sleeve water shirt (**optional** but encouraged for the water day)
- Water shoes/ sandals– closed toe with back strap
- Active bottoms such as longer stretch shorts, capris, or leggings for Dollywood.
- Active tennis shoes for Dollywood—no sore feet!

Week 3: Asheville Haunts

- Athletic closed toe shoes– please make sure your shoes are comfortable for miles!
- Active bottoms such as shorts, capris, or leggings–comfortable length and stretch to be comfortable for our walks!
- Light jacket for night tours
- Active swim suit
- Water shoes/ sandals– closed toe with back strap

Week 4: Surf's Up

- Suitable athletic closed toe shoes– please make sure your shoes are comfortable for miles!
- Active bottoms such as shorts, capris, or leggings–comfortable length and stretch to be comfortable for our tours!
- Active swim suit (Be sure to be able to stretch and climb without issue! - surf lesson!)
- Water shoes/ sandals– closed toe with back strap
- Long sleeve water shirt (**optional** but encouraged for the beach day)

All trippers need to be able to pack their 3 day adventure items in a duffle bag.

Large suitcases will not be able to fit in the van.

If you would like to bring your items in a suitcase with an additional duffle bag to take needed items, you will be able to store those items on camp for the other days.

All trippers need a sleeping bag.

Cell Phone Policy (as of 2023):

We will allow Adventure Tripping campers to bring their cell phones, under the discretion of their guardian. Campers will only use their phones for capturing memories during the trip and will not be allowed to use them when on camp property during their session.

Inappropriate use of the device will result in confiscation until the end of the session.

Policies will be outlined and signed at check-in for those wishing to bring their device.

GSSC—MM is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property.

Questions? Give us a call or email.

Packing List

Having the right items with you makes camp so much more fun! Plastic totes/trunks and duffle bags are great options for packing for camp. We do not recommend rolling suitcases. It is very important that all belongings are contained and the camper can repack for check-out day.

MANDATORY ITEMS FOR ALL CAMPERS:

Clothing:

- Underwear for each day (plus 2 extra)
- Socks for each day (plus 2 extra)
- Shorts for each day
- T-Shirt for each day (full length, no crops)
- Sturdy closed-toed shoes
- Shower shoes (flip flops OK, Crocs best)
- Water shoes (old shoes or caged sport sandals such as Keens or Crocs)
- 1-2 pairs long pants
- Jacket/Fleece/Sweatshirt
- Pajamas (at least 2 sets)
- Rain Coat or Poncho
- Bandana or hat or both
- 1-2 Swimsuits (active styles)
- Face masks, if desired

Personal Care:

- 2 Shower Towels (and washcloths)
- 1-2 Swimming Towels
- Sunblock SPF 30+ and lip balm
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant
- Brush or comb, hair ties
- Detangler (optional)
- Bug repellent
- Plastic Bag/ tote to carry shower items
- Personal Sanitary Supplies (if needed)

Remember to LABEL all items! Items left will be kept for 2 weeks after Camp and can be picked up via appointment at a service center!

Gear:

- Sleeping bag or sheets (twin size), blanket, pillow
- Backpack
- Water Dry bag for swim suit/ wet items
- Laundry bag (mesh bag provides air flow)
- Flashlight and batteries
- Non-breakable cup/plate/utensils (For cookout- Full weeks only)
- Reusable Water bottle (Minimum 20 oz insulated with carry strap is best!)
- Personal medications in Original Containers with labels (to be turned in at check-in!)

NICE TO HAVE ITEMS:

- Camera (disposable recommended)
- Book for rest time
- Pre-addressed & stamped envelopes/postcards
- Stuffed Animal
- Sunglasses
- Fan
- Ear plugs or other sensory needed**

Don't forget your theme day items!
Those are listed on page 3