



## **BGCNR Summer Camp: Frequently Asked Questions**

For more information, please email BGCNR Director of Clubhouses Will Iannuzzi at [wianuzzi@bgcnr.org](mailto:wianuzzi@bgcnr.org) or call 914-235-3736.



### **What information is required and what forms need to be completed before my child can attend camp?**

Immunization information, especially for measles, and a copy of your child's Covid vaccine card must be provided at least two weeks prior to the start of camp. No child may attend camp without being vaccinated for measles. Permissions slips for all activities and a permission slip for sunscreen must also be completed before camp begins.

### **When shall I pick up my child's camp t-shirt?**

T-shirts will be distributed during the first day of camp.

### **When should my child wear his/her camp t-shirt?**

Camp t-shirts must be worn on field trip days.

### **What should my child bring to camp each day?**

Campers should bring a water bottle, closed-toe shoes, and sunscreen. They also should bring a lunch if they do not want to eat the meal provided. Remember to label **EVERYTHING** with your child's name.

### **What are the earliest drop off and latest pick up times? Is early drop off/early pick up ok?**

Camp hours are 8:00 am through 6:00 pm. We do not offer an early morning drop-off option; our doors do not open until 8:00 am. Early pick up is OK.



## **Can someone other than a parent/guardian/listed contact pick up my child (say, another camper's parent who is carpooling)?**

We require written notification in advance about alternate pick up plans. Please email the name of the individual and his/her relationship to your child as soon as possible to Will Iannuzzi at [wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org](mailto:wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org). We'll check ID when the person arrives before signing out your child.

## **How can I get in touch with camp staff during the day?**

A BGCNR staff member is always present at our front desk and can be reached by calling 914-235-3736. For less urgent matters, parents/caregivers also may email Will Iannuzzi at [wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org](mailto:wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org) and a member of our staff will respond as soon as possible.

## **Is there one counselor who is responsible for each group of campers?**

Camp activities are managed by two assistant directors (one for ages 6 to 9 and the other for ages 10 to 14), and each group is lead by four counselors who share responsibility for all campers in their respective groups. In the event we need to get in touch with you during the camp day, the assistant director for your child's age group will call using contact information provided.

## **Where are my child's belongings stored during the day?**

We provide designated areas in our game room for campers to store their backpacks/belongings while participating in daily activities. Please pack an ice pack in your child's lunch bag if food needs to remain cool. BGCNR is not responsible for any lost items.

## **Is there a lost and found?**

There are two boxes near the front doors that contain all misplaced items. BGCNR is not responsible for lost articles; we recommend labeling all your child's belongings.

## **Is there an email distribution list for notices, reminders, etc.?**

Yes. Each week, our director will distribute an email to parents/caregivers that includes information on activities and trips planned for the coming week.

## **Will activities be moved indoors if there is a heat advisory?**

Our campers have access to two outdoor areas - Feeney Park and the Columbus School field. In the event of a heat advisory, we will move campers indoors where air conditioning is available.



### **Does sunscreen get reapplied during the day?**

We do not provide sunscreen to campers as it is considered a medication and some children may be allergic to ingredient(s) in certain sunscreens. We also do not apply sunscreen on campers; each camper must bring his or her own sunscreen and reapply as needed. We encourage all campers to wear hats and shirts to protect them from sun exposure. This is especially important if your child has sun sensitivities.

### **How many trained first-aid staff are with kids during camp activities?**

All BGCNR staff members are required to have basic first aid and CPR training. Three staff members are trained in advanced first aid, and several also are lifeguard trained. In the event of serious injury or illness, we will call 911 and immediately alert the parent/caregiver.

### **Where are the medical/first aid room and AED located?**

Our medical/first aid room is located right outside our director's office and is equipped with medical supplies, ice, and an AED device.

### **What is the procedure for notifying parents about an emergency?**

Our assistant directors keep a child directory with all parent/caregiver contact information, which can be accessed at all times.

### **May I store my child's prescription medication at the BGCNR office for the duration of camp? Where is medication kept?**

No. Medications such as EpiPens and inhalers should be sent in daily and will be kept in your child's group medical bag, which is carried by a counselor at all times. We ask that your camper provide the medication to his/her counselor each morning to ensure ready access during the day. For children with severe allergies, we also require an allergy action plan, which may be obtained from your pediatrician.

### **In the event of a life-threatening emergency, such as when an EpiPen is used, what is the procedure to obtain medical help and notify parents/caregivers?**

The EpiPen or first aid is immediately administered, EMS is called, and then parents/caregivers are contacted.



### **Do you provide over-the-counter medication such as Advil, Tylenol, etc?**

We do not administer any form of over-the-counter medication.

### **What is the typical attire for water activities during camp?**

Campers are required to have appropriate swimsuits and towels. We also recommend water shoes, a plastic bag to hold any wet items, and a change of clothes.

### **Who do I contact if my child doesn't want to participate in water activities?**

Please inform an assistant director when dropping off your camper or email Will Iannuzzi at [wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org](mailto:wiannuzzi@bgcnr.org).

