

Gibbs Farm Summer Camps 2022

Camp Guidelines

What time should we arrive for check-in?

Check-in will be outside of the white admissions building beginning at 8:50am for all camps starting at 9:00am. Check-in for PeeWees Camp starts at 9:15am. During check-in you will need to provide the name of the person picking your child up that day. **Camp check-in will take place outside the white admissions building. More information regarding the logistics of check-in will be emailed to you a few days in advance of the camp start date.**

What does my child need to bring?

A bagged lunch, water bottle and comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. Please make sure that your child's belongings are labeled. We donate lost and found items at the end of the season.

Can my child sign up for camp with a friend?

Yes! Each parent can sign up their child up via our online registration. **This year campers will be put into groups prior to the start of camp. If your child wants to be in the same group as their friend attending camp, please include a note in your camp registration.**

What is your photo sharing policy?

We love to share pictures and videos of campers having fun at Gibbs Farm! We use these photos and videos on social media, our website, advertisements, and signage. We will never disclose your child's name, age, or other identifying information. Feel free to opt out on the camp registration form.

Can my child wear a costume?

Children are welcome to wear costumes that allow them to fully participate in active outdoor (and sometimes messy) activities. Please make sure that costumes are culturally respectful.

What if my child has special medical needs?

Please contact us if your child has any special medical needs you would like us to know about. Staff will do everything we can to ensure your child has a safe and enjoyable camp experience.

What is the Cancellation Policy?

Three weeks' notice is required to receive a refund. Unless there is an available registration slot, we will be unable to switch your registration to a later session. If camps are cancelled by Gibbs Farm, camps registrations will be automatically refunded. Please call our office at 651-646-8629 to cancel a registration.

What if there is bad weather?

Camp goes on rain or shine, as most activities can be brought inside. There is enough sheltered space for all campers in case of sudden severe weather. **If Gibbs Farm Staff determines that programs cannot be run safely because of forecasted severe weather, parents and guardians will be notified before the start of camp.**

Who is leading the camps?

Day camps are led by our fantastic seasonal interpretive staff. All staff members have received training and passed a background check. Students in our Youth Intern Program help with most of our camps, these student volunteers assist staff in making sure camp runs smoothly.

Open Houses

This year, we will not be hosting open houses on the last day of camp. On Thursdays campers will be picked up at the regular camp end time.

Can I register at last minute?

Registration for camp is closed when the camp is full OR two days before it starts. After that time, you will not be able to register online, call the Gibbs Farm office at 651-646-8629 to check availability. **Please email gibbs@rchs.com to inquire about waitlisting.**

Will Facemasks be Required?

Guidelines will be updated as camp dates approach and any specific requirements will be sent out to parents prior to the start of camp. All camp families should be prepared for the possibility of updated mask requirements. This may include requiring masks indoors and potentially outdoors.

If facemasks are required, the applicable guidelines are below:

All campers will be required to bring a facemask. Per CDC guidelines we will *not* be allowing face or mouth shields. Facemasks will be required while indoors. Attachments that allow the mask to be worn around the neck are highly encouraged to help campers keep track of it.

There will be several opportunities throughout the day for outdoor, socially distant activities that will act as group “mask breaks.” Campers will also be encouraged to take personal mask breaks as necessary in the same manner of bathroom breaks. The camper will inform their leader that they need a short mask break and can move away from the group (while staying within eyesight) and remove their mask and when ready will place the mask back on their face and rejoin the group.

Children will be socially distant while eating lunch (when masks cannot be worn).

Please note: If there is an excessive heat concern, facemask guidelines may be altered.

Applicable for PeeWees Camp:

How does registration work?

PeeWees camp is offered on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the summer. Each day is a different topic and an independent session, feel free to sign up for as many as you wish.

Do I attend camp with my child?

Nope, Peewees Camp is just for kids! However, we understand your child might time to adjust before participating in an independent activity. You know what is best for your child, some parents might stay for the welcome song, or read a book under a tree in the distance during the first session.

Does my child need to be potty trained?

Yes, all children attending PeeWees camp should be independent and confident going to the restroom unassisted. Please remind your young camper about appropriate bathroom etiquette like closing the door, flushing the toilet, and washing hands before opening the door and leaving the restroom.

Snack?

We provide a snack during each session of Peewees. Snack usually consists of a juice box or water with fruit/veggies and a small cookie. We will take water breaks as well, especially if it is a hot day.

Our guidelines are based on the following and are subject to change when new recommendations are issued:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html>

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/youthguide.pdf>

Have another question? Contact us!

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Website: <https://www.rchs.com/gibbs-farm/day-camps/>