

## **Camp Gilmour Preschool Potty-Training Policy**

Children enrolled in Camp Gilmour must be potty trained before attending camp. Children must be able to wear underwear and have very few accidents. A child having daily accidents would not be considered potty trained. (Please note that if your child requires pull-ups, they aren't considered potty trained.)

Why do children have to be potty trained before they attend preschool camp?

- There are strict standards around changing and disposing of wet or soiled diapers with regard to licensure. Camp Gilmour does not hold this license.

We do understand that even potty-trained children will occasionally have toileting accidents. By definition, "accidents" are unusual incidents and should happen infrequently. In these instances, the senior camp counselor will help children change their clothes, encouraging independence as much as possible.

A potty-trained child can do the following:

- communicate to the counselors that they need to go to the restroom before they need to go
- alert themselves to stop what they are doing to go and use the bathroom
- pull down their clothes and get them back up without assistance
- wipe themselves after using the toilet
- get on/off the toilet by themselves
- wash and dry hands
- postpone going if they must wait for someone who is in the bathroom or if they are away from the classroom

We certainly will ask your child many times throughout the day and always before snack and lunch if they need to use the bathroom. A counselor will assist children as needed, but children should be able to complete toileting activities independently. This is an issue that protects all concerned.

It is not uncommon for a child who is fully toilet trained to have a setback when they are in a new environment. Preschool Camp staff are aware of this and will assist the children when necessary. Please dress your child in clothing that can be undone and changed easily. Please send a complete change of clothes appropriate for the season. Parents will be notified if a child has a toileting accident.