



Camp Quest Arizona

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Welcome to Camp Quest Arizona!

Thank you for choosing Camp Quest Arizona. This welcome packet has some important information for you and your camper(s).

Camp check-in at camp is on **Sunday, July 13, 2025**. PRIOR to arrival, there are forms that must be completed: All forms must be completed and uploaded in UltraCamp by **July 19, 2025**.

Without complete medical information, your camper(s) will not be admitted to camp. It is important that our medical staff have the opportunity to review your camper(s) forms *before* arrival. If you have any difficulties completing the information, please contact us.

Additionally, we have included in this packet important camp information to inform you of primary procedures we have at camp. We will send out a second email closer to camp with primary camp contact information, directions, and any updates you may need to receive.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS:

We will have full-time health staff at camp that will keep all records, log-in any camper medications at check-in and secure all medications. All medications, whether prescription or over-the-counter, will be administered by the camp health staff only. We have additional staff certified in adult and pediatric First-Aid and CPR/AED procedures.

If a situation arises that should require serious medical attention, the Camp Director, Chairman or a member of the Board will attempt to contact and inform the parent/guardian as soon as possible. If the parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact person will be called. In the event that a camper needs to be transported to a medical facility, the Camp Director will call the designated physician and/ or local emergency unit for treatment and for transportation to a hospital. A dedicated vehicle and driver will be on standby at the camp to act as an emergency transportation vehicle if necessary. A staff member will accompany the camper to the hospital and stay until the parent/guardian arrives and signs the camper into his/her custody.

VOLUNTEER STAFF:

In accordance with Camp Quest requirements, all of our volunteers have been through a local and national background check, an application screening process, and individually interviewed. Prior to the start of camp, our entire staff must attend/complete mandatory staff training that covers the rules and procedures of the host camp, Camp Quest rules, and all emergency procedures that we have in place. At no time will campers be left alone or unattended.

PARTICIPATION:

Our camp has fully-scheduled days where campers are engaged in group activities. Summer camp is a place where children get a chance to experience a little bit of independence, make new friendships, and interact and participate in new experiences; our activities have been planned to foster this experience. Campers are expected to participate and not be distracted. Although our Electronics

Policy allows campers to bring cameras, music players with headphones, e-readers and hand-held GPS units; there are specific times during the day when their use is appropriate.

We allow mobile phones at camp, but **only** in their capacity as cameras, music players with headphones, and e-readers. We want them to experience the natural surroundings, to be engaged in the activities, and to interact and build friendships with others at camp. That cannot happen if they are texting or calling their family or friends back home, or if their parents are continually checking in with them. We urge you to talk with your children about this before they come to camp so that they know what to expect and can be better prepared. Campers that fail to comply, and use their phone during non-authorized times, will have their phones taken from them and phones will not be returned until pick-up time.

DROP-OFF/CHECK-IN and PICK-UP/CHECK-OUT TIMES:

- **Drop-off/check-in time is 3:00 PM –4:00 PM on Sunday, July 13, 2025** at the camp. Parking is limited and the check-in can take some time, especially if a large number of campers arrive all at once. We are suggesting, in order to minimize delays, that if your oldest camper is aged 13-17, please try to arrive between 3:00-3:45, otherwise we suggest arriving between 4:00-5:00 PM.
- **Pick-up/check-out is 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 19, 2025** from the camp. Campers will not be ready for check-out before 10:00 AM. Camp staff must vacate the facility, so it is important that you arrive before 11:30 AM.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Camp staff is not available to supervise campers who arrive early and campers will only be checked in starting at 3:00PM.

PAYMENT AND FORMS:

All payments and forms will be handled in UltraCamp. Once logged in you can track your progress and confirm if all forms have been completed, as well as, check your camp fee balance.

If you have not paid in full or have not submitted all the required forms *prior* to camp, your child will not be checked-in.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions about registration, billing or general policies, please contact Camp Quest National Support Center: Jenny Kneifl, CQ National Support Center, Camp Services Manager
Jenny.kneifl@campquest.org

For questions or concerns regarding camp activities, camper concerns, etc., please contact Camp Director: Katie Hladky-Grant, Summer Camp Director, CQ Arizona camp@campquest.org

CLOTHING:

Please send your child to camp with clothing appropriate for playing, painting, and participation in outdoor activities. Clothing, such as dresses and skirts that restricts movement and/or is delicate is not appropriate clothing for camp.

Camp is very active and good quality footwear is recommended. Closed-toed shoes, such as sneakers, are needed for all activities. Sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate at camp with the exception of shower-time. Flip-flops or water shoes may be worn in the shower.

All campers should have clothing appropriate for hot, as well as cool and rainy days. Sweatshirts, light jackets, and rain boots may be necessary. Camp is based on the traditional "outdoor camp" experience, and your child will spend a lot of time outdoors.

ITEMS TO BRING TO SUMMER CAMP: See Packing List at End of this Packet

PLEASE NOTE: ALL items brought to camp should be labeled with the camper name on it. This helps us return it when it gets lost!

ITEMS TO NOT BRING TO CAMP:

In order to ensure the safest environment for our campers and staff, Camp Quest reserves the right to search campers' belongings at any time if we feel a situation warrants such actions. Any item(s) found will be confiscated and held until check-out time.

It will make everyone's time at camp more enjoyable and safe if the following items are not brought to camp: Cameras, Alcohol, Tobacco, Weapons (of any kind, including pocket knives), Illegal Drugs, or Personal Sports Items/Equipment.

In addition, camp does not allow soda or candy to be brought to camp.

The camp is not responsible for damage, theft, or loss of personal items brought to camp.

COVID PRECAUTIONS:

Camp wishes to provide a safe, healthy environment for all participants and staff. Camp participants will be expected to comply with all health policies which will be written utilizing the most-recent guidance by CDC, state health department, and American Camp Association guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy camp environment.

MISSION AND VALUES:

Camp Quest is committed to helping campers develop critical thinking skills, growing empathy, and developing humanistic values. To help make this summer a positive experience for your camper, discuss with your child what they are learning and experiencing, and how they and your family can display these values and qualities with others.

Core Educational Content Areas:

- **Humanist Ethics:** Camp activities with a humanist focus promoting altruism, peace and social justice, community service, and personal responsibility for helping others and caring for our planet.
- **Critical Thinking & Scientific Inquiry:** At Camp Quest, we encourage campers to ask "why?", to dig into some of life and science's most challenging questions, and to use reason and empiricism when tackling problems.
- **Freethought Heritage & Worldview Awareness:** Camp Quest promotes open-mindedness, choice, empathy, and respect for religious, philosophical, and cultural diversity while also modeling appropriate and respectful discussion and critique of belief systems.
- **Nature Appreciation & Recreational Activities:** Campers spend time observing the natural world, sharing their discoveries, and working together to learn about the natural sciences, environmental responsibility, and outdoor and wilderness safety.

ACTIVITIES:

Certain activities at camp involve a known and reasonable risk. We do everything possible to minimize risk. Parents and campers have a responsibility as a voluntary participant to abide by all rules, to listen to, and follow all instructions by activity leaders, as well as, use their own common sense. By participating in these activities, campers and parents have acknowledged the existence of risk. Camp activities with a known risk factor include, but are not limited to, swimming, boating, physically active games, challenge course, and all sports. Please refer to our camp brochure and/or website for a listing of all camp activities offered to each age group.

By registering your child for camp at Camp Quest Arizona, you acknowledge that your child is emotionally ready, in good health, and has your permission to participate in camp activities. The camp reserves the right to change its program offerings, activities, schedules, and personnel as circumstances may require.

BEHAVIOR:

We expect campers to treat each other and staff members in a kind, respectful, considerate manner. Our policy is designed to promote self-control, self-respect, consideration of others, and to maintain socially acceptable behaviors. It is a learning process for children. Camp Quest promotes a warm, welcoming and friendly environment for all to ensure that every child perceives a positive self-image.

EXPECTED Behaviors include:

- Ability to interact appropriately in group settings
- Use of inside voices (normal tone)
- Follows directions
- Shows respect to staff and others
- Understands and respects other people, their belongings, and personal space

UNACCEPTABLE Behaviors include:

- Being disruptive
- Endangering the health and/or safety of children and/or staff
- Continuous refusal to follow rules of behavior
- Habitual use of profanity, obscenity, or racially directed comments
- Throwing of rocks, sticks, dirt, etc.
- Theft or damage of private property
- Leaving site premises without permission
- Inappropriate sexual comments/verbal harassment
- Possession of any weapons
- Possession or use of illegal substances or medications (prescription or over the counter)

DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Our discipline policy includes verbal warnings, reset time, activity modification, and consultation with parents/guardians. A continuous pattern of negative behavior or any major incident is cause for removing a child from camp, with no refund when conduct is determined to be detrimental to the well-being of camp or campers. Examples include a child's behavior is repeatedly abusive (physically or verbally) towards another camper or staff, or if the child's actions pose a threat to safety of others or him/herself, or if that child commits what can be potentially considered a criminal act.

The camp also reserves the right to dismiss a camper if the camp administration reasonably concludes that the partnership between a parent/guardian and the camp makes a positive and constructive relationship impossible or seriously interferes with the camp's accomplishments of its mission and purpose. There are no refunds/credits given due to suspension or withdrawal as a consequence of poor behavior.

The Camp Quest staff will do everything possible to make your child's experience safe and enjoyable. Your cooperation and involvement is important to the success of your child at camp.

INCLUSION POLICY:

Camp Quest fully embraces the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and would like all children to feel welcome in its camp programs. To the extent it is reasonably possible, and does not inherently change the summer program within the limitations of not-for-profits outlined in the ADA, Camp Quest programs will provide services to children with disabilities, or any special needs child, in the same manner as services are provided for other children at comparable age.

Camp Quest programs are group centered programs; they do not provide one-on-one care, except on an intermittent basis, such as, the need to attend to injuries, disciplinary issues, and certain personal care needs customarily provided to all children.

If a Camp Quest staff member determines that a child requires consistent one-on-one attention, the Camp Director shall immediately set up a call with the child's caregiver(s). Together, the Camp and caregiver(s), shall attempt to determine a solution or work to find a more suitable program environment.

PHOTO RELEASE:

Photos are taken throughout the summer of campers involved in every aspect of the camp program. Some of these photos will be put on Camp Quest's website, social media, and/or used in marketing material. Please be aware that by registering your child, you grant permission for your child's image to be used by Camp Quest Arizona and Camp Quest, Inc.

CAMP LOCATION:

Camp Quest Arizona is located at James 4-H Camp & Outdoor Learning Center, 5200 S Forest Service Rd 105, Dewey, AZ.

Directions will be emailed prior to camp start date.

RECEIPT OF PARENT HANDBOOK:

I have read and received the policies of Camp Quest Arizona Summer Camp 2023 Handbook.

I understand and agree to follow these policies. I also understand failure to follow these policies may result in termination of summer camp program services.



SUMMER 2025 PACKING LIST

PLEASE MARK ALL BELONGINGS WITH CAMPER'S NAME

- 7-8 T-shirts
- 4-5 pairs of shorts
- 2 long pants/jeans (it tends to get cold at night)
- 2 long-sleeved shirt (it tends to get cold at night)
- 2 sweatshirt or light jacket (it tends to get cold at night)
- 7-8 sets of underwear & socks
- 1-2 sets of pajamas
- 2 pairs of sneakers (must be closed-toed, a pair of hiking shoes suggested)
- Sun hat (up at the elevation of camp, the sun gets pretty strong)
- Personal items: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, comb, etc.
- Flip-flops/shower shoes
- 2 Bath towels
- Swim Towel
- Bathing Suit
- Sleeping bag and pillow with pillowcase
- Blanket (if it gets chilly at night....hey, it can happen!)
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick/lip balm
- Bug spray
- 1-2 reusable water bottles (for some, these have a tendency to get left somewhere)
- Flashlight with NEW batteries
- Optional:
 - Board/card games, books, journal
 - Hiking GPS
 - We will be having a talent show, so if a camper needs anything for this,

please make sure they pack it!

- If your camper has a favorite go to costume or cosplay, feel free to send it along as well!