



Summer 2023

Greetings Families,

Welcome to Camp Gilmour, the Official Camp of Summer Fun! Thank you so very much for spending your summer at Gilmour Academy. We appreciate all campers entrusted to our care, and we are excited about our programs. To ensure a positive experience please review these important points for your **Black Rocket Camp** experience.

Before/Aftercare Location

35001 Cedar Road, Gates Mills OH 44040

Before and After Care

- ❖ All **before (7:15 am) and aftercare (until 6 pm)** for day camp and preschool is held at the Lower School, 35001 Cedar Road. Before and after care is available for an additional fee. If you need to add this service, please contact the camp office at 440 473 8000 ext. 2267. *You must register for this the Thursday BEFORE your camp begins on Monday.* There are no single day before or aftercare options.
- ❖ Out of respect for our outstanding counselors, please remember that morning drop offs no earlier than 7:15 am for before care and after care ends promptly at 6:00 pm. If you are late picking up your child from after care, there is a \$1.00 charge per minute.

THE DIRECT LINE TO BEFORE OR AFTERCARE (7:00 -8:30 AM and 4:30-6:00PM) 440-473-8000 ext. 6127.

Day Camp Location

2045 SOM Center Road, Gates Mills OH 44040. Drop off and pickup in the Athletic Center circle.

- Morning Camps are 9 am – noon. Drop-off and pick up at the Athletic Center circle.
- Afternoon Camps are 1 pm – 4:00 pm. Drop-off and pick up at the Athletic Center circle

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- The group will meet very morning by 9:00 am in the circle outside the Athletic Center.
- Ms. Morgan Garan will be your senior counselor for the week.

What to wear and bring

- Please have your child dress for the weather in comfortable, casual clothing – **close-toed shoes only**. Dressing in layers makes it easy to adjust to our Cleveland weather.
- **Campers will receive a Camp Gilmour 2023 t-shirt.**
- *Please bring a plastic water bottle.* We have many opportunities to fill your bottle up during that camp. We will always be using water bottles.
- Be sure to **label EVERYTHING** with your child's name. This includes all bags, clothing items, etc. This will help ensure that what your child brings with them in the morning comes home with them in the afternoon.

What not to bring

- **No outside toys, electronic devices, jewelry, etc.** should be brought to camp. These items have a tendency to get lost or broken and make for a sad day. Phones should be secured in a backpack and should not be used during the camp day.

Lunch

- ❖ Lunch is provided to any camper who is attending the morning or afternoon Day Camp and then continuing their Black Rocket camp experience.
- ❖ Due to life-threatening allergies, no candy or snacks are to be brought in with your child. Everyday Gilmour Academy will provide a morning snack and lunch for all campers. We will also have plenty of water available throughout the day. The lunch menu for the week is attached to this email. Students are welcome to pack lunches if they do not like the choices, but are reminded not to bring items containing nuts

For Medical Attention

- ❖ Gilmour will have a nurse on both the Preschool and Day Camp campus during camp hours. They are available to assist with caring for any scrapes, bruises and minor injuries. Any medical emergencies will be handled with a call to 911.
- ❖ If your child has **an allergy that requires an allergy or medication action plan**, please fill out the attached form and bring it to camp the first day. You can turn the form in and discuss any concerns with Gilmour's nurse. If there are no concerns, no need to complete these forms.

For Emergency Contact

- ❖ Should you need to reach your child right away, please do not hesitate to call **Ms. Erin Molder** at (440) 473 8000 ext. 2267, in our camp office or email at summercamp@gilmour.org.

Absence from Camp

- ❖ If for any reason you will not be attending camp, your child is ill or you are delayed, please call 440-473-8000 ext. 2267 and leave a message on the answering machine. For your safety, we will account for all families by 9:30 am each morning.

*The following information is for those who have added
day camp to make it a full day experience.*

- ❖ If you have **registered for an additional ½ day camp and then made it a full day by adding a morning or afternoon camp**. You will be escorted by a camp staff member to lunch and your next activity. We will make sure you are escorted to your activities.
- ❖ **For all sports camps**
 - Please bring sport specific equipment. i.e., knee pads, water bottle, hockey gear.
 - Please bring any sport specific protective gear, i.e., shin guards, helmet.
 - *Please bring sport shoes and tennis shoes that can be worn inside in the event of poor weather.*

For the Sun

- ❖ As we have many activities planned for the outdoors, campers are encouraged to wear items for increased comfort such as sunblock, sunglasses, hats or visors, and light-colored t-shirts. We just want our campers to be as comfortable as possible when engaged in outdoors activities.
- ❖ Campers should bring a **non-breakable water bottle** to camp each day. We have many hydration stations and water breaks; it is best for campers to have a supply of water. Water bottle will be filled during the day.
- ❖ Please remember to put **sunscreen** on your child before dropping them off in the morning. If you would like us to reapply in the afternoon, please be sure to send in **spray only sunscreen** labeled with your child's name, along with a note of permission signed by you. Please instruct your children on the importance of sunscreen and how to apply it. Our counselors can assist campers, but they are not expected to rub on sunscreen.

Thank you again for your participation in Camp Gilmour. If we may be of more assistance, please feel free to call the **camp office** at (440) 473 8000 ext. 2267 or send an email to summercamp@gilmour.org.

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Please respond to this email if you have any questions. Thank you.



NOTE: GILMOUR ACADEMY is building a new Commons this summer. The project is on the south end of the campus. This project should not affect drop off, pick-up or any camp activities. What may be impacted is lunch. We will still have lunch, but the daily offerings may change. We will keep you posted.

Thanks for your patience.