

# "The Parent Pak"

Please read this information packet very carefully. It contains important information that will help your camper enjoy their stay to the fullest! If you have any questions, go to our website at [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com) or call our office at 706-602-7346.

## **Camper Check-In Information**

**Camper Check-in** at camp is on Sunday from **2:00–4:30 pm** (Eastern Time). For your convenience, there will be a staff member stationed at the Youth Camp entrance to direct you. Because our staff is totally involved in camp preparations, we cannot accept early camper check-ins or have parents drop off campers early. The campers' first meal is Sunday supper and last meal is the following Sunday breakfast. Go to [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com) for a map and directions to camp.

## **Camper Check-Out Information**

**Check-out time** at camp is from **10:00-10:30 am, Sunday** (Eastern Time), at their camper cabin. **Thank you for being prompt!** A \$10.00 per hour late fee will be charged per camper. If there is a need to pick your camper up early, please contact the camp office ahead of time to make arrangements. Because your child's safety is a priority, it is our policy for the parent/guardian to inform us of the pick-up arrangements when registering your child and then to sign him/her out the following Sunday. If your Check-out plans change, call the camp office at **706-517-2280** so we can send your child home according to your directions. Go to [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com) for a map and directions to camp.

## **Same Day Check-Out & Check-In**

If checking out and checking in campers on the same Sunday, Check-out may be delayed until 1:30 pm (EST). There is a \$15.00/camper fee for lunch and supervision. If you did not select this option during registration, you can make arrangements at camp during Camper Check-in. If you do not check out your waiting camper by 1:30 pm, a \$10.00 per hour late fee will be charged per camper.

## **Health History Form**

You will receive a Check-in email the week before your registered week of camp with a link for completing the Health History form. This form is to be completed no more than 7 days before arriving at camp. If completing a paper form, do **NOT** mail it to the office, bring it with you to camp to be turned in during Camper Check-in.

## **Camp Communication**

Our standard method of communication is through email, however, if a special circumstance arises (illness, injury, behavioral, etc.), the parent/guardian will be contacted by phone.

## **What about Camper Mail & Email?**

Camper mail is delivered and picked up from Cohutta Springs daily, as well as UPS, FedEx, and other carriers. You may also bring packages with you to Camper Check-in to be delivered throughout the week. *Note: Limit of two packages per camper per week due to high volume.* Be sure to include the campers name and which day you want it delivered and drop them off at the camp store. For mailing, address camper letters and packages to:

**(Camper's Name); Cohutta Springs Youth Camp; 1181 Cohutta Springs Road; Crandall, GA 30711**

If you would like to send your child an email, this can be done through the account under which your child was registered for camp. From the camp website, [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com), click on "Extras" and then "Camper Email." Once you have logged in to your account, click "Email a Camper". Email credits cost \$1 each and are purchased in blocks of five. Your payment helps cover the cost of the computer, paper, ink, and the time to print and deliver them. Emails sent by midnight are delivered the following day. The last emails of the week are printed on Saturday. Emails sent after midnight on Friday will not be delivered. No email or mail delivery on Sundays. To invite friends and/or family to email your camper, follow the same steps except click on "Friend Accounts" after you have logged in to your account. (Only those whom you have invited will be able to access this service.)

## **Enjoy Daily Camp Photos & Updates by going Online!**

You can view camp activities and camper photos through our website – photos are posted throughout the week, but are not guaranteed to be posted every day and may not include every activity. Occasionally there are technical difficulties that interfere with posting photos – please know we work diligently to correct the problem – we thank you for your patience and ask that you do not send emails in this regard. We cannot guarantee you will see your child throughout the week and cannot take requests for photos of specific campers, but you will get a good overview of camp activity. View photos through our website, [www.cs-yc.com](http://www.cs-yc.com). Click on "Extras" and then "Photo Gallery." You can also click the icons at the bottom of each page on our website to connect with us through Facebook and Instagram.

## **How are Cabins Assigned?**

Campers are assigned to cabins according to sex (male or female) as designated at birth. Campers are also grouped together in cabins according to their chosen morning activity. This will enable counselor supervision at all times throughout the week and will enhance your Check-in experience on Sunday. Cabinmates may be requested, but are not at all necessary, because part of a great camp experience is making new friends. Cabinmate requests cannot be guaranteed due to cabin space limitations or session changes initiated by camper families. Please note that it is unlikely for campers registered for different activities to be in the same cabin.

### **Visitation Days**

While we appreciate your interest in Cohutta Springs Youth Camp, in order to ensure a safe atmosphere, our campus is closed to visitation during the week.

### **The Cohutta Springs Camp Store**

At our camp store, campers can buy Cohutta Springs souvenirs including postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, sunglasses, snacks, forgotten items and much more. We suggest \$25-\$75 spending money. **You may deposit store money online** to put on your child's account. Applying money to the store account before arriving at camp will save you a step during Sunday Check-in. We encourage campers to keep their money in the camp store bank where it is safe and they may have access to it during camp store hours. At the end of the week, campers are given the opportunity to donate any of their remaining money as an offering to the Campership Fund, a fund which assists with the cost of camp for families in financial need. Any money remaining in your camper's store account, will be refunded back to the online account under which your camper was registered. The funds will remain on the account for future use unless you email our main office at [storerefund@gccsda.com](mailto:storerefund@gccsda.com) and request a refund.

### **What kind of Medical Help is Available?**

Cohutta Springs follows the guidelines of the American Camp Association. A registered nurse is available at the Camp Clinic 24 hours a day. If your child is confined to the Camp Clinic for more than four hours, we make every attempt to contact a parent/guardian. Contact is made immediately in the case of an emergency. If the camper brings any medications to camp, they must be brought in the original bottle and turned in to the nurse at Camper Check-in. Our staff works hard to maintain a safe camping environment. **Please Note:** Prior to coming to camp, discuss with your child the importance of talking to their counselor if they have any needs emotionally (anxiety), or physically (discomfort). If our staff are aware of their needs, they will get help!

### **Is there Medical Expense Coverage?**

Cohutta Springs Youth Camp has limited accident insurance. The camp will provide the primary coverage up to \$5000, after a \$25 deductible. Family insurance will be secondary. Health insurance remains the family's responsibility, i.e. flu, earaches, and other personal health issues. Specific coverage and limitation information is available at [www.cs-yc.com/medic平安](http://www.cs-yc.com/medic平安)

### **What if a Camper gets Homesick?**

Through our many years of experience we've learned three things: 1) by watching for early signs of discomfort, homesickness is usually avoidable; 2) once parents are out of sight, counselors and other campers come into focus and the fun starts; and 3) parents are usually more uneasy about leaving their children than the children are about leaving their parents. Many parents have found that they can prevent homesickness by encouraging their children to spend a night or two away from home before camp starts.

### **N.S.F. Checks/Credit Cards**

For our protection, there will be a \$38.00 service charge added to the Non-Sufficient Funds check to cover the costs of additional handling. Also, if your credit card is not valid, you will be notified and asked to make payment by another method.

### **Camp Rules**

The Administration reserves the right to reject an applicant and send home any boy/girl whose influence is considered to be injurious to the best interest of the camp/campers. Due to safety, health concerns, and camp environment, we request that campers DO NOT bring electronic devices, computers, cellular phones, skateboards, scooters, jewelry, pets, knives, guns, ammunition, fireworks, matches, tobacco, vaping devices, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia to camp.

### **What Things Should be Brought to Camp?**

To keep the possibility of lost clothing to a minimum, we recommend that each camper's clothing be properly identified.

Beach Towel	Insect Repellent	Pajamas	Store Money (Optional)
Bible	Laundry Bag	Personal Toiletries (Shampoo/Soap/Toothbrush, etc.)	Sunscreen
Camera	Long Pants/Jeans	Pillow	Sweatshirt/Light Jacket
Chap Stick	(for horseback riding & biking)	Rain Gear	Towel & Washcloth
Everyday Clothes (Shorts/Shirts)	Modest One-Piece Swimsuit (full coverage front, sides & bottom)	Sleeping Bag	Underclothes
Flashlight	Old Shoes/Sandals with straps (for creek walking)	Socks & Sturdy Shoes (for horseback riding & biking)	Water Bottle

### **Personal Effects**

Camp insurance policies **do not** cover the loss of or damage to camper belongings. Keep this in mind as you determine what to bring to camp, i.e. expensive electronics, personal belongings, etc. If your camper is bringing their own sports equipment (Paintball Gear, Wakeboard, etc.), it must be checked in at the camp office to be stored properly and safely for them. The campers will be able to access their gear at attraction time only. It is the camper's responsibility to pick up the equipment from the camp office before going home.

### **Lost & Found**

Any Lost & Found needing to be mailed to the owner will be sent at owner's expense. To claim lost items, contact the camp at 706-517-2280 within two weeks after leaving camp. All unclaimed items are given to a charity two weeks following each camp week.

**COHUTTA SPRINGS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS!**