

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Introduction

The Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends emphasizes peacemaking, conflict resolution, self-expression, teamwork, and respect for all people and the world around us.

The Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends seeks to help children understand conflict, express emotions, communicate honestly, understand different perspectives, celebrate differences, form creative solutions, and cooperate - all while having fun! Children can encourage peaceful situations at home, at school with other students, and in the larger context of the world.

The camp has experienced teachers, each working with groups of less than 10 campers. We also employ qualified college students as Counselors, and have a Counselor-In-Training program for high school youth.

The goal of the Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends is to provide a day camp experience guided by Friends' (Quaker) values and educational practices. We provide activities that encourage:

- Development of peacemaking and communication skills in fun, interactive activities
- Strengthening of constructive leadership skills
- Care of nature and community
- Creativity
- Reflection
- Group support (becoming a caring group member)

Medications

Campers are not to take or carry any type of medication (prescription or non-prescription) without the camp Director's knowledge. The camp Director must be informed of all medications to be taken during the day. The camp may dispense no medication of its own without direct parental approval.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of the children and staff is our highest priority. Following CDC Guidelines, everyone will wear face coverings (masks), keep recommended social distance as is possible, and practice frequent handwashing and surface cleaning. Forms recording current wellness will be filled out at arrival each day.

Parents will be contacted if their child has a concerning injury. Please have your child put on SUNSCREEN before coming to camp in the morning, and send sunscreen for us to keep at camp for your child to use during the day.

Lunch and Snacks

Please send your child to camp with a healthy lunch and snacks, including a beverage. Please do not send any candy, gum or soda, or food that requires heating. Be sure to include a cold pack if needed.

Camper Attendance and Pick Up

Peace Camp begins at 9am and ends at 3pm Monday-Friday. If your child will be arriving late, absent, or picked up by an adult other than the designated adult, please send a note or phone the Camp Director at the phone number listed in the Welcome Letter.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the buildings or on the grounds of Gwynedd Friends Meeting out of concern for the health and safety of campers and staff, and concern for the danger of fire.

Behavior Policy

Our goal is to have a positive camp experience for all participants. If problem behavior is seen, we will first clearly state our expectations with the camper. If the behavior continues, we will contact the parents/guardians to inform them of the situation. If the behavior interferes with the emotional or physical safety of the Peace Camp community, the Peace Camp at Gwynedd Friends has the right to dismiss the camper from the remainder of camp, with no refund given.