



GLORIETA CAMPS

SUMMER CAMP 2017

Introduction

Glorieta seeks to provide an eye-opening experience for every camper as they encounter the Gospel in both the group and individual setting. Through adventure, study, group development and unforgettable memories, each student will not only have the opportunity for personal spiritual growth but also the chance to form tighter bonds with fellow campers as they learn more about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Payment and Refund Policy:

- 100% of total camp fees are due **7 days before** the first day of your camp session.
- Cancellations **prior to June 1 will be refunded everything** except the \$100 deposit.

Cancellations **MUST** be in written form via email or letter to the Summer Camp Coordinator (sally.hudgins@glorieta.org). All reservations must be made with credit/debit card, or electronic check. Continuing payments can be made through your online account.*

Special consideration for refunds will only be given for unexpected situations that fall in the following categories: Death or major illness in the family, Injury or illness of camper with doctor's note, Extreme financial crisis in the family.

*Help us keep camp fees down by paying with electronic check to avoid credit card processing fees! If you have any questions on the security of using an e-check, please contact our business office.

Glorieta Camps' Safety:

Your camper's safety is our highest priority here at Glorieta Camps. Although we, of course, want campers to have fun, build friendships, and meet God, safety holds the trump card.

Our Summer Staff go through an extensive 2-week training before camp begins. During this time, our staff is lifeguard certified, CPR/AED/First Aid certified, and trained for all of the adventure activities we offer.

Glorieta Camps only provides basic first aid for guests and staff, since emergency response teams are only minutes away. Campers' counselors and full-time staff will be responsible for making medical decisions for campers (within the limits of their training).

First Aid Kits

Stocked first aid kits will be placed around camp activities. They are regularly checked and will be accessible for all staff members. Our summer staff will also have basic first aid supplies on them at all times.

AEDS

The Glorieta Campus has four working AEDS spread throughout campus. Each AED will be checked and signed off monthly by a designated program director.

EPI Pens/Inhalers

There are several epi pens on campus which will only be administered by a full time staff member or EMS. Campers with personal epipens or inhalers can be kept on their person or with an adult leader.

Medication Collection and Distribution

Full time staff members will handle Medication Distribution. All emergency medications will remain on the camper or counselor at all times (i.e. fast acting inhalers and epipens). A regulated refrigerator will be on each campus for medications needing refrigeration.

Medication will be collected upon the camper's arrival and the given to a full-time staff member for distribution throughout the week. Medications for your camper should be placed in a labeled zip lock bag with instructions. Medications will be given as often as prescribed, solely by the designated Camp Health Officer on staff.

Cell Phone Policy

In order to provide the best camp experience possible, we feel it necessary for your camper to completely engage in camp life and activities. To help make this happen, we discourage phone communication between campers and parents. Our staff is trained to handle homesickness. In extreme cases, we will set up phone calls as deemed necessary.

Packing List:

Twin Bedding (pillow and sleeping bag or sheets and blanket)
(1) Nalgene or large water bottle
(1) Jacket or Sweatshirt- it gets very chilly here at night!
(1) Raincoat
(1-2) Swimsuits or Swim Trunks (modest!)
(1-2) Pajamas
(2) Bath Towels and Washcloths
(8) Underwear
(8) Sock Pairs
(1) Jeans or Pants
(4-5) Shorts
(1) Tennis Shoes or other closed toed shoes
(1) Flip Flops and/or Water Shoes
(1) Pair of shoes to get muddy
(10) T-shirts
Toiletries
Backpack to carry water, Bible, etc.
Bible, Notebook and Pen
Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
Camera (not cell phone)

Please limit your bags to ONE trunk/suitcase and ONE laundry bag.

PLEASE do not bring snacks! We like to keep our dorms critter free. Campers will have the opportunity to purchase snacks and eat them outside their dorms.

DO NOT BRING: Electronics (cell phone, computer, iPod, etc.), Gum, Fireworks, Water Balloons, Knives, Drugs, Expensive Jewelry or Clothing, Permanent Markers, and anything else that you would miss if it were lost!

Camp Credit and Squirrel Bags

Your online registration account will help you prepare for and interact with summer camp! Go to our website, login at the Parent Portal, click on My Account, then View Registrations & Attendee Details and your child's name for their week of camp. Here you can:

- Purchase Camp Credit: spending money for campers. You choose the dollar amount and can see what your camper buys all week. You can add additional Camp Credit at any point during the week on your camper's account.
- Purchase a Squirrel Bag: Squirrel Bags are discounted Glorieta Camps merchandise for your camper that must be purchased one week before camp begins. Bags range in size and cost. You can purchase your camper a squirrel bag on their account!

Mail and Packages

Campers LOVE to get mail! We encourage you to leave it with us when you drop your child at camp. If you choose to mail a package rather than leave it during registration, please send it well in advance of your camper's week at camp (at least a week).

Address your packages to:
[Your Child's Name]
c/o Glorieta Camps Summer Camp
11 State Road 50
Glorieta, NM 87535

Letters can be sent to:
[Your Child's Name]
% Glorieta Camps Summer Camp
P.O. Box 8
Glorieta, NM 87535

Helpful Tips for Writing Your Camper

(Shepherd, *The Art of the Personal Letter 104*)

Children often get homesick when they first arrive at camp, but by the time camp is over, they don't want to leave. Your letters can help by reassuring him that his home still exists while he is temporarily away, and by affirming his own newly established world.

Mail your first letter before he leaves, to ensure that it will be waiting for him when that first pang of homesickness strikes. Tuck a short letter into the footlocker of a first-time camper and maybe hand one to his counselor to deliver if the child needs a boost.

Your letters should not remind the child of how homesick he could feel. Blaze a trail for him toward autonomy with warm, light, up-beat bundles of news and encouragement, rather than heavy, emotional outpourings of attachment and worry. Set a good example by learning the camp rules, and don't regress by trying to sneak contraband cell- phone text messages to your child. Don't undermine the camp's agenda by focusing his attention on you and your needs. Write with open-ended questions, and keep the focus on the child's adventures at camp, not on what he is missing at home.

Activity Upgrades

'Activity Upgrades' are a way for us to keep the overall cost of camp low while giving you the choice to send your camper on some extra adventure. As these upgrades vary in cost, a full and updated list can be found on our website.

Preparing Your Child

We strongly encourage parents to help prepare their camper for their week of camp. It's possible that there are fears within both you and your child about their week away. By preparing early you can help dispel some of those fears. Here are a few creative ways you can prepare your camper for the impact their week of camp is bound to have on them.

- If your son or daughter has never been away from home overnight without you, plan a weekend stay with a friend to give them a small taste of what it's like.
- Acknowledge their fear and be overly reassuring that everything will be okay and that they will have a blast.
- Register for camp with a friend or another kid and regularly have them over to talk about camp and allow the two to begin forming a bond.
- Build a general excitement about the week by regularly talking about it and telling friends and family about the exciting week your son or daughter has ahead of them this summer! Speak of it as though it is an accomplishment.

The ideas are endless, and you as a creative and concerned parent will know how best to prepare your child. Drop off time is not the place to prepare your child. Anticipate the change that will take place and be ready to help foster the change when they return home. Sending your child to camp is a decision you will not regret!

Camper Code of Conduct

*to be covered in age appropriate orientation

We will all build each other up and encourage one another in love at all times! The following behaviors will not be tolerated at Glorieta Camps and must be brought to the Director's attention:

- Alcohol, Drug, or Tobacco (Use or Possession)
- Homosexual Behavior
- Self-Mutilation / Eating Disorder
- Stealing or Lying
- Profanity
- Inappropriate Language or Conversation
- Negative / Disrespectful Attitude
- Skipping Activities/Sessions
- Abuse (Verbal, Physical, or Sexual)
- Bullying
- Contraband (Use or Possession)
- Gossip

- Keeping Meds
- Abusive Behavior and Defiant Disobedience
 - **Abusive behavior and defiant disobedience will NOT be tolerated and will be potential grounds for dismissal. This includes abusive behavior to self (drugs, alcohol, eating disorders, and self-mutilation) and others (bullying, fighting, and verbal abuse).
- Sexual Misconduct or Abuse
 - **Sexual misconduct or abuse will not be tolerated. Sexual misconduct or abuse will be grounds for dismissal and will require a meeting with the Director and notification of the Executive Director and Parents.
- Glorieta Camps will not be a place for physical relationships between minors. All staff members should be aware of inappropriate conduct between minors. Youth of the opposite sex should NEVER be alone together. Regarding relationships, youth are expected to follow the same guidelines that are outlined in our Staff Section including:
 - No sexual touching of any kind
 - No kissing, frontal hugs (do your best to avoid, and do not initiate), holding hands, back rubs, etc.
 - No verbal harassment of any kind

Arrival

Opening Day begins at 5 pm. Please plan to arrive a few minutes early and gates will open promptly at 4 pm. Someone at the front gate will direct you to where you can meet our camp staff and receive your cabin assignment. After taking a few moments to meet the counselors and new friends be sure to give a big embarrassing kiss goodbye before heading out!

Departure

Closing Day! Arrive by 8:30 am to sign out your camper. Breakfast will be served shortly after. This is also a great time to bring your friends and family to experience a little bit of Glorieta Camps. You won't want to miss out on this exciting taste of Glorieta Camps as we celebrate the week of camp!

Driving Directions

Glorieta Camps
11 State Road 50,
Glorieta, NM 87535
Main Office: (505) 757-6161

Glorieta Camps is located in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range of the Southern Rockies right off of Highway 25, exit 299. We are 20 minutes north of Santa Fe and an hour north of Albuquerque.

Miscellaneous

If you want to send emails to your camper, you can purchase an email package to send your camper personalized emails during their camp week. This can be found on your camper's account.

Send emails to: sally.hudgins@glorieta.org

Please put your child's **full name** and 'Glorieta Summer Camp Mail' in the subject line.

Medication forms are now online and must be completed one week before the camp start date.

Roommate requests (we only allow one) can be made online. Campers must be:

*Similar Age *Same Gender *Must Request Each Other

Health and Safety Updates:

Dear Parent,

Glorieta Camps takes your child's safety very seriously and seeks to be proactive in order to prevent harm as much as possible. Surely, you are just as aware as we are of the multiple incidents of abuse in the news that have happened at youth serving organizations across the country. Thankfully, through God's protection Glorieta Camps has never had an incident like that occur here. That being said, we have revamped up our policies and procedures and have implemented a Child Protection Plan (CPP). While your child's protection has always been our highest concern, we have now created policies and procedures into a multi-step plan to keep your child safe in every area of camp.

The CPP begins with you, the parent. While we DO NOT discuss sexuality as part of our curriculum, it is important that they have an age appropriate discussion with you before they attend camp. We recently learned of a new and interesting method of parents teaching children how to protect themselves from sexual predators. We wish to share this material with you in the event that you have not yet seen it. Its purpose is to help you keep your children safe any time they are away from you. We have also have designed our Camper Code of Conduct and ask that you review it with your child before they arrive (at the end of this packet). Help us educate your child on what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior for staff and/or children. This effort will not only help protect them, but our staff and other children as well.

Glorieta Camps serves approximately 20,000 guests each year who come from all over the US. Due to the high volume of guests that are continually coming and going, we are at a higher risk and seek to be proactive in eliminating and preventing transmittable bugs- the most common of which are lice and bedbugs. Contrary to popular belief, these bugs are not more prevalent in any one particular demographic or social class. All of us are susceptible and need to take preventative measures to keep them out of our homes. Here are some preventative measures you can take to help insure bugs don't find their way to camp or back to your home.

Only send clothes and bedding that have recently been cleaned and run through the dryer on high heat. Wipe down all non-cloth items with a warm washrag before sending to camp. If you are sending luggage or items that have recently been in high-risk areas (hotels, camps, dorms,

apartments, airports, etc.) check them for signs of bed bugs and treat them accordingly.

Pack all your items in a hard trunk or plastic container that you can wipe out and sanitize or soft duffle bag that you have run through the dryer. Regular suitcases are not preferred because they are difficult to clean.

When you return home, run all of your camper's belongings, including the bag, and what they have on through the washer and dryer. The dryer on high heat is the most effective way to kill hard-to-see bed bugs. Wipe down well, and look through anything that can't go in the dryer. Check for signs of bed bugs on all belongings before you bring them back into your house.

We have bed-bug proof mattresses, we train our staff to look for signs of bed bugs, and we inspect for bedbugs between every camp session. We don't expect bed bugs to disrupt our program this summer but want to make you aware of the possibility. Please take all of these precautions for your home and ours.

Teach your camper proper hygiene when it comes to washing hair and sharing hats, scarves, bandanas or anything else they would put on his or her head. This is the best way to prevent lice. If you notice your child scratching their hair prior to or after camp attendance please have them checked by a healthcare professional. Many home methods or over the counter options are messy and ineffective.

We are looking forward to our best summer yet and anticipate God doing incredible things in our lives. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We take the responsibility of their safety and enjoyment very seriously.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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