



Camp Gateway's Policies and Guidelines Summer 2021

Camp Gateway is very excited to offer an on-campus, screen-free summer camp program in compliance with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency's health and safety guidelines in response to Covid-19!

Camp Gateway is open to the community for campers in rising grades 1st - 6th. Starting July 12 through August 20 we will offer three, two-week sessions from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday through Friday. This summer's programming will reflect our bread and butter Day Camp programming as camper cohorts explore counselor lead activity stations including: science corner, makerspace, art studio, life lab, field games while also fostering the time for free play and exploration.

Here's how camp will look

- Camp Gateway will be held primarily outside across our lovely and spacious campus.
- Campers will have limited time inside the classrooms (e.g. injury, cooldown, specialized projects, etc).
- Before entering camp each day, campers and staff will go through a temperature check and health screening.
- All campers will be assigned a Cohort Group and Homebase with dedicated staff counselors for the session.
- Each Camp Cohort will have access to their own designated restroom facility for the session.
- Dedicated materials and equipment will be assigned to each Camp Cohort.
- All Campers and all Camp Staff will be required to wear face coverings.
- During snack breaks and lunch time, campers will be required to sit outside, six feet apart with handwashing before and after eating.

Check In / Drop Off

- Families will be assigned a zone for pick up and drop off specific to their child's camp cohort.
- Upon arrival, all campers will have their temperature taken (contactless). If a child's temperature is 99.5 or higher, we will wait a few minutes and take their temperature again. If a child still has a temperature of 99.5 or higher, the child will not be allowed to attend camp that day. All children will be asked to complete a short health screening prior to entering camp.
- All campers are required to wear a mask while at camp. Children are welcome to wear their own from home, or to use a camp-provided mask (these will be collected at the end of the day). If your child wears a mask from home, please wash it prior to having your child wear it back to camp.
- After children have passed the camp entry health check, they will rally with their Camp Cohort at their Home Base.

Late arrival: If you arrive after 9:30am, please park in the South parking lot and call the front desk at 423-0341. Someone will come out to meet you, conduct our camp entry health check, and take your child to their cohort.

Pick Up

- Pick up will run from 3:00pm-3:15pm and your camper will be ready to meet you at your assigned zone at 3:00pm.
- A late fee of \$5 will incur after 3:20pm, with additional \$5 charges every 10 minutes thereafter.
- Campers walking or biking home after camp must have parent/guardian permission on file to do so. You can give permission on your registration form.

Sickness / Injuries

- Children with any of the following symptoms within the past 24 hours must stay home for their own comfort and the health of others: fever, cough, sore throat, itchy/watery/red eyes, diarrhea, or vomiting.
- Campers who develop symptoms during camp will need to be picked up by a guardian as soon as possible.
- Children experiencing any of these symptoms must follow our [Daily Wellness Check and Path to Return to Work-School](#) and choose one of three pathways before returning to camp (doctors note or negative COVID test or 10 day quarantine).

- Please notify the Camp Lead of any pre existing or current injuries your camper may have coming into camp (jammed thumb, wrist guard, ankle brace, etc) this will help us support and monitor their activities if requested to do so.

Cancellation/Refunds

- We understand that plans can change. If you want to add a session of camp or switch sessions, please email megan.eldredge@gatewaysc.org to make these adjustments quickly and easily. You are not able to log back into your original registration to make these changes.

Cancellation Policy:

- If you cancel 30 days prior to your camp start date, you will receive a refund minus the \$50 non-refundable registration fee.
- If you cancel less than 30 days in advance, you will **ONLY** receive a refund (minus a \$50 cancellation fee) **IF** your spot is filled by a wait-listed camper; otherwise no refund can be given.
- For camp cancellations please email megan.eldredge@gatewaysc.org subject line: Camp Cancellation.

NOTE: If Camp Gateway cancels camp due to unforeseen circumstances before it begins, you will receive a full refund. If camp must be cancelled after beginning, you will receive a prorated refund minus the non-refundable registration fee.

Refunds will not be given if a child is asked to not participate due to disruptive behavior. We aspire to impart good “kidizenship” in all of our campers. However, Camp Gateway reserves the right to ask any camper to not continue, if the camper is deemed to be compromising the safety and quality of experience of other campers.

Camp Gateway Summer Camp Routines and Information

1. Your child should already be wearing sunscreen when they arrive.
2. Please have your camper come prepared with a bag containing the following items.
Be sure to label all belongings!
 - a. A filled up reusable water bottle
 - b. A hat
 - c. Sunscreen, if not wanting to use the camp provided screen.
 - d. A change of clothes
 - e. A warm outer layer (the weather can quickly switch from sunny to windy to overcast).
 - f. Snacks and Lunch. AM snack 10:45am, Lunch 12:15pm, PM snack 2:15pm.

3. We will not be preparing or providing snacks. Food or drink of any type will not be allowed to be shared.
4. Campers will be guided to practice health & safety behaviors with frequent reminders and occasional directed activities such as hand washing or applying hand sanitizer. Students who refuse or consistently struggle to follow these instructions may be sent home for the day.
5. Campers will be assigned a Camp Cohort Group with a Homebase Zone for the session. This outdoor Homebase Zone is where campers will be able to place their personal belongings (back pack, water bottle, extra clothes, snacks, etc.).
6. Camp Cohorts are not allowed to intermingle with other Camp Cohorts and will be kept at safe distances while participating in their separate activities.
7. Within a camper's Cohort Group, they will be able to play, engage, chase, tag, build, and create together. In alignment with the camp standards defined by the county health department and state guidelines, campers will maintain a distance of three feet for all seated activities and a minimum distance of six feet for eating and any time campers take their masks off (e.g. mask breaks). Campers are allowed to share materials and equipment together such as jump ropes, soccer balls, frisbees, markers, scissors, etc.
8. Daily programming includes rotating campers through different Activity Stations within their Camp Cohort, Homebase choice time, schedule Free-Play on the field and play structure, schedule Gymnasium time, and three scheduled food breaks.

Now let the summer countdown begin!!!

Families will receive a follow up email one week prior to the start of their camper's session with reminders and camp updates. See you soon!

Registration questions: Megan.eldredge@gatewaysc.org

Camp phone: 831- 423 - 0341 ext. 334