



WELCOME TO CAMP GILMONT

OVERNIGHT CAMP

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We consider it a blessing and privilege to have the opportunity to welcome your camper(s) to Gilmont Summer Camp 2022! We look forward to a time of fun and spiritual growth as we make new friends and reconnect with old ones, as well as learn more about ourselves and the world around us.

The purpose of this packet is to clarify expectations, answer questions, and prepare you for a great time at Gilmont. Within this packet, you will find information that will support you and your family in getting the best experience at Summer Camp. Please read the information carefully. If you have any additional questions or concerns after reviewing the materials, please contact us at 903-797-6400.

Thank you again for selecting Gilmont for your child's summer camp experience. We are looking forward to a terrific summer. We thank God for this place and work hard to nurture an environment where children can relax, have fun, build life-long relationships, and most importantly, learn how to be the full expression of what God has created them to be!

Crosby Palmer,
Gilmont Program Director





Gilmont's mission is to be a safe, sacred space where all are invited to grow closer to God, creation, others, and themselves.

Summer Theme

This summer we will take a deep dive into Jesus' remarkable encounter with the Samaritan Woman at the Well in John 4. Campers will discover Jesus meets us where we are and loves us for who we are! Jesus brings us together and invites us to love God and one another! Quench your thirst for fun, fellowship, and faith, as we become Gushers of God's Love!



Sunday Arrival

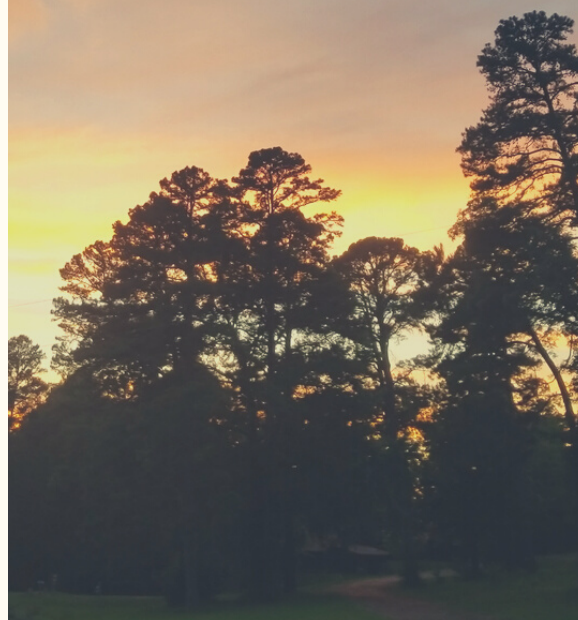
Registration for camp will be between 3:00-5:00pm on Sunday afternoon. We will confirm your contact information and have you fill out the dismissal form for the last day of camp. Please refer to Gilmont's 2022 Covid-19 response for more drop-off details.

The nurse will be present to accept any medicines. Campers will get their temperature checked and be screened for lice. We will share your cabin assignment and you will be directed to the cabin to get settled.

In order to minimize exposure, parents will not be allowed into the cabins at drop off. Our staff will greet campers at the cabin, unload their belongings and then help them get settled into the cabin. Parents will be welcome to take pictures of their camper in front of their cabin. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Saturday Pick Up

Our closing ceremony will begin at 10:00am at the Pavilion. It will be a short program and camper check out will begin immediately following the program. When you arrive at camp, all campers and their belongings will be at the Pavilion. You will be asked to show your photo ID before picking up your camper. The nurse will have medicine to return to you. The Snack Shack will be open with Gilmont swag for sale. Lost and Found items will be on a table at the Pavilion for you to look through. We will send an email with a form for you to evaluate your camper(s) experience and a link to a slideshow for you to watch online when you return home.



GILMONT'S SUMMER 2022 COVID-19 RESPONSE

COMMUNITY LEVELS

Gilmont Summer Camp's response to COVID-19 will shift depending on the Covid-19 community level, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and measured in the county where Gilmont is located: Upshur County. The current community level can be found at any time at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). **In our email to guardians the week before each session of camp, we will indicate clearly which community level Gilmont is currently in and what is expected of campers and their loved ones.**

ALL LEVELS

Family Groups

Day Campers and Overnight Campers are placed in small groups with two staff members. These small groups are called "Family Groups." Family Groups have been a Gilmont tradition for over 20 years!

Hygiene & Sanitization

Campers and staff will wash and sanitize hands before eating and before and after many camp activities. Indoor spaces will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.

Outdoors

The majority of Gilmont's activities take place in the well-ventilated space of the outdoors. It is camp afterall!

Health Screenings

Please monitor your camper(s) health 7 days prior to camp. Every morning, campers, camp staff, and volunteers will undergo a health screening and wellness check. Overnight campers will have an additional screening and check during Drop-off.

Day Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Guardians are asked to remain in their vehicles. Camp staff will help unload and load campers and/or bags. On Friday, there will be a Parent Program at 4:00 PM. You are invited to join us around the campfire near the Pavilion.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

We ask that guardians do not enter camper cabins. Camp staff will greet your camper(s) and assist with getting them settled. On Saturday morning at 10:00 AM, family members are invited to attend the closing ceremony under the Pavilion.

Testing

All Overnight campers and volunteers will be required to provide documentation of a **negative COVID-19 test** taken within 72 hours before drop-off (at-home testing accepted) regardless of vaccination status. We ask that you submit a photo of your test results at bit.ly/GilmontTests or scan the QR code.



LOW

Masks

Masks will be optional for all campers and staff.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Overnight Camp families will gather indoors at Mackey Hall for registration on Sunday afternoon.

Meals

Campers and staff will eat meals together indoors in the Dining Hall.

MEDIUM

Separate Spaces

Family groups will each have separate indoor spaces and contact with other groups may be limited.

Masks

Masks will be optional for all campers and staff. Masks are recommended for high-risk campers or those living with a high-risk family member.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Overnight Camp families will gather indoors at Mackey Hall for registration on Sunday Afternoon.

Meals

Campers and staff will eat meals together indoors in the Dining Hall.

HIGH

Separate Spaces

Family groups will each have separate indoor spaces and contact with other groups may be limited and may only occur outdoors.

Masks

All campers and staff may be required to wear masks indoors and when groups mix.

Overnight Camp Drop-off & Pick-up

Drop-off will begin at the camp office and be drive-through style. Guardians are asked to remain in their vehicles. Staff will help unload campers and/or luggage.

Meals

Campers and staff may eat outside together or small groups will eat in different shifts or different locations.

POLICIES REGARDING EXPOSURE AND CONFIRMED CASES

If any participant begins to show concerning symptoms, as determined by the on-site nurse, the participant will sensitively and kindly be put into isolation. Guardians will be contacted and given the opportunity to pick up their camper or have their camper taken to a local health office to be evaluated. Families attending Family Camp may make the decision to seek medical care or leave camp early. From there, appropriate action will be taken depending on the results of evaluation and tests. Participants approved to stay at camp will be kept in isolation until symptom free.

If a participant tests positive for COVID during a camp session, guardians of exposed campers will be contacted by phone and given the option to pick up their camper or leave them at camp for the duration of the session.

Upon returning home from camp, please contact Gilmont if your child tests positive for COVID. In this case, parents of campers who were exposed will be notified via email.

Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of a symptomatic or COVID positive individual for 15 minutes or more without a mask up to two days before symptoms began or a positive test.

If the camp is required to close or a camper must stay home due to sickness or another reason prior to the start of the camp session, deposits will not be reimbursed.

If a camper is sent home mid-week, camp tuition will not be refunded.

THANK YOU!

We know families and communities choose Gilmont Summer Camp because we are a safe and fun place where people form meaningful relationships with God, creation, others, and themselves. Your cooperation in monitoring symptoms pre-arrival, limiting potential exposures, and testing contribute to our goal of providing children, youth, and their families a healthy and safe summer. Thank you!

And thank you for choosing Gilmont Summer Camp!

Medications

Please fill out the Medication Form on our [Camper Information webpage](#) to include details for all medications your camper is bringing. You can fill it out prior to camp and bring it to drop off or we can provide a copy for you to fill out on Sunday afternoon.

Medications brought to camp must be in their original container and marked with the camper's name, medication name, dosage and if prescription, doctor's name. Please only send the amount needed for camp. You must provide a prescription/doctor's orders for the dispensing of any medication or medical care that is not covered by the prescription written on the medication. Epi pen and asthma inhalers are allowed to be carried on their person or counselor's backpack, but should be presented to the Nurse first. To expedite the process and avoid confusion, medications should be packaged together and given to the Nurse upon arrival.

Sending Mail and Emails

We recommend that you leave all mail and packages at camper drop off. You can label the envelopes with the days you would like them delivered during the week. Please do not include any food or candy in packages. The camp mailing address is:

Camp Gilmont

Attn: Campers Name

6075 State Hwy 155 N

Gilmer, TX 75644

The email address is gilmontcampmail@gmail.com

Emails will be printed out each day at 10:00am. Any emails received after 10:00am will be printed the following day. Please note your camper's name and cabin in the subject of the email. Please send emails that are uplifting, encouraging and beneficial to your child's camping experience. Please do not send pictures as part of any emails.

Camp Merchandise

At registration, a sample of Gilmont's available swag will be on display. You can purchase shirts, hats, stickers, fanny packs, and more at this time via card, check, or cash. Purchased merchandise will be delivered to your camper by the end of the evening.

The Snack Shack which contains all of Gilmont's merchandise will be open at pick up on Saturday morning for additional purchases.



Packing List

To make your children more excited about camp, we suggest they pack their own camp gear. It is also a good step of independence for your camper. Camp is a place for all to be loved and accepted as children of God. In that light, we ask that you do not bring personal items with political statements or divisive views printed on them.

- Please pack using a large suitcase or trunk. Adventure Camp is the exception-trunks do not fit under the bunks.
- Don't buy a lot of new clothing - this is camp, and we will most likely get wet and dirty!
- Don't send anything that you would consider irreplaceable.
- Label all of your child's belongings with their name.

Suggested:

- Reusable Water bottle
- Masks (disposable or multiple reusable)
- Bible/journal/pens
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Blue jeans/long pants
- Shorts (modest length please)
- Shirts (T-shirts are great)
- Lightweight jacket/fleece
- Laundry Bag
- Socks and Undergarments
- Swimsuit (one piece or trunks with drawstring)
- Non-white shirt to wear over swimsuit
- Raincoat/Pancho
- Tennis shoes (2 pair) Sandals, must have a toe and a heel strap.
- Baseball cap/hat
- Twin bed sheets/blanket or sleeping bag
- Pillow
- 2 Towels (Shower and Swimming)
- Toiletries
- Flip flops for showering, only

For Interns, SNL, Adventure, and Forces of Nature Only:

- Camping chair
- Sleeping bag (for campout)
- Hammock or one person tent (for campout, or instead of tree houses for adventure camp)

Please leave at home:

- Electronics (computers, tablets, game systems, cell phones*)
 - Food, candy or gum
 - Money
 - Drugs, alcohol, tobacco products
 - Personal sports equipment
 - Weapons (includes pocket knives)
- *Cell phones will not be a resource for pictures

Cell Phones and Emergency Communication

Cell phones can easily become a distraction and therefore, should be left at home. If a camper accidentally brings a phone it will be stored in the camp office and returned on the final day of camp. We believe that campers will benefit from spending time away from texting and constant connection. These things will be replaced with meaningful time spent with God, camp friends and staff.

If you have an emergency or message that needs to get to your camper please call the camp office during the day at 903-797-6400. In the event of an after-hours emergency, you may reach the Program Director at 469-435-0515. In the event of a camp emergency, where we need to communicate with a large group of parents at one time, we will provide information as we are able by sending an email to the email contacts listed for your child. This email will be confirmed at drop off.

Stay Connected

Stay connected during the week (and all year long!) Like and follow Camp Gilmont on Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok to stay up to date with pictures, videos, blogs and more! Visit gilmont.org and see what is offered year round at Gilmont. Please share Gilmont with others as a destination for retreats, meetings, trainings and gatherings.

Campers (and Staff!) love energizers at camp. They are choreographed dances to fun songs that give us energy every morning. We decided the perfect name for those who support Gilmont with a recurring monthly donation should be called ENERGIZERS!

BECOMING A GILMONT ENERGIZER!

WHEN A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKE A MONTHLY COMMITMENT, NO MATTER THE AMOUNT,
WE CAN KEEP THE CAMP RUNNING SMOOTHLY ALL YEAR LONG.
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