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we consider it a blessing and privilege to have the opportunity to welcome your family to Gilmont Family Camp 2024!

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 Family 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 Family Camp experience. We are looking forward to a terrific summer. We thank God for this place and work hard to nurture an environment where families 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 Fleming, Gilmont Program Director



## **Summer Theme**

Let's dig into our Summer 2024 Bible Study theme! Soil for the soul invites campers into the agrarian world of the Bible - full of stories fo faithful people who connected to, learned from, and cared for the land. From God breathing life into the soil in Genesis 2, to a victorious King in 2 Chronicles who cared for the land as a way for caring for the people, to Luke's Parable of the Sower, soil is used throughout the Bible as signs of faith, care,

and wellbeing. Soil for the Soul provides campers a strong foundation for their spiritual lives of campers so they can grow and bloom!



Families may arrive at camp anytime between 3:00 - 6:00 pm on Friday. The earlier you arrive, the more fun you can have! Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

Registration will begin at the Camp Office. Paperwork will be confirmed at this time. We will share your cabin assignment and a schedule for the weekend before directing you to your cabin to get settled. Activities are available beginning at 3:00 pm.

#### Check Out

we ask that all families check out of your cabin no later than 10:00 am on Sunday. In your cabin you will find instructions on how to do this in the most helpful and efficient way.

After you check out of your cabin, you are invited to stay on camp property to participate in various camp activities. Lunch will be served and activities are scheduled until 3:00 pm. You may use restrooms in the Dining Hall and changing areas at the pool as needed after leaving the cabin.

Checking out of the cabin early allows for ample cleaning time for our staff before our next group arrives. Thank you for your help and understanding.



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



## **Packing List**

As you prepare for Family Camp, we have provided a suggested list of items for your time at camp. 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. Thank you for your help and understanding.

#### Suggested:

- Reusable water bottle for each family member
- Bedding for twin beds
- Pillows
- Towels (swimming and bath)
- Toiletries
- Shoes for walking and hiking, closed toed recommended
- Clothes and undergarments
- Swimwear (one piece or trunks with drawstrings)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight
- Raingear

#### Optional:

- Blanket for picnic (Gilmont has picnic tables)
- Backpack to carry personal items around camp
- Bible/journal/pens
- · Games or activities for the cabin
- Sunglasses
- Baseball cap/hat
- · Flip Flops for showering only
- Camping chairs for sitting around camp (Gilmont has benches spread out around camp)

\*The Snack Shack will be open for snack and merchandise purchases during your session\*



## Camp Merchandise

The Snack Shack will be open throughout your family's stay. You can purchase shirts, hats, stickers, fanny packs, and more at this time via card, check, or cash.

#### Lost and Found

Lost and Found items will be on a table at the Pavilion.

If you return home before realizing that your family has left something at camp, please email the Program Director at crosby@gilmont.org. If your items are found, you will have the option of picking them up at Camp Gilmont or having the items shipped to you at your expense.

#### Medications and Medical Care

Families will be responsible for distributing medicine to members of your family. We have a fully stocked nurse's office and there is a health clinic in Gilmer that the camp uses.



## Stay Connected

Stay connected during your session (and all year long!). Like and follow Gilmont on Facebook, Instagram, and Tik Tok to stay up to date with pictures, videos, blogs, and more!

Please visit gilmont.org and see what is offered year round at Gilmont. Share Gilmont with others as a destination for retreats, meetings, trainings, reunions, 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!

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