



Community Centers

2020 Summer Parent Handbook

Summer Day Camp

June 8 – August 7

Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages: 6-11 entering grades 1st-6th (in August 2020)

Locations:

Brutontown Center: (864) 233-4669 – 200 Leo Lewis Street, Greenville, SC 29609

Freetown Center: (864)-295-3567 – 200 Alice Avenue, Greenville, SC 29611

Mt. Pleasant Center: (864) 299-3220 – 710 S. Fairfield Road, Greenville, SC 29605

Phillis Wheatley Center: (864) 467-5940 – 335 Greenacre Road, Greenville, SC 29607

Slater Hall Center: (864) 610-2254 – 5 Whitney Street, Slater, SC 29683

Staunton Bridge Center: (864) 509-1401 – 165 Staunton Bridge Road, Greenville, SC 29611

Sterling Center: (864) 235-4026 – 113 Minus Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Teen Leadership Camp

June 8 – August 7

Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ages: 12-15 entering grades 7th-9th (in August 2020)

Locations:

Mt. Pleasant Center: (864) 299-3220 – 710 S. Fairfield Road, Greenville, SC 29605

Sterling Center: (864) 235-4026 – 113 Minus Street, Greenville, SC 29601



"Creating Community Through People, Parks, and Programs."

Our Mission:

The mission of Greenville County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism is to enhance the quality of life in Greenville County through the provisions of park facilities and recreation services that promote the health and well-being of our people, our community, our environment, and our economy.

Greenville County Rec is the largest provider of public leisure opportunities in the Greater Greenville area. The agency manages 51 varied parks that provide activities from casual picnicking to ice skating. In addition, Greenville County Rec offers a variety of programs for all citizens of all ages. Swim teams, tennis, youth and adult sports, senior adult programs, after-school programs, and programs for special needs are just a few of the opportunities that are available year-round. For further information on Greenville County Rec programs and events, visit our website at www.greenvillerec.com.

Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism invites and welcomes individuals with disabilities to enjoy our programs and facilities. If you need a modification, please reach out to us so we can meet with you and make a plan. **Contact Lawanda Curry, Community Center District Manager, at (864) 467-3332 or lcurry@greenvillecounty.org.**



Greenville County Rec has proudly earned the prestigious CAPRA Accreditation through the National Recreation & Park Association. This honor secures Greenville County Rec's position as one of America's elite parks and recreation departments. Of more than 10,000 public parks and recreation agencies in America we are now one of about 150 to achieve this distinction. This mark of distinction indicates that our Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Department has met rigorous standards related to the management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety, and services.



Greenville County Rec is proud to be a Partner in Prevention through the Stewards of Children Darkness to Light Program. By meeting the criteria and standards of this program, we have committed to training our staff on how to recognize, react, and respond to child sexual abuse. We put the safety of our campers first and foremost and strive for an environment that protects and safeguards while promoting play, recreation, and friendships. For more information on Darkness to Light – Stewards of Children, visit their website at www.D2L.org.

Camp Fees & Policies

SUMMER DAY CAMP

June 8 – August 7 (No camp on Friday, July 3rd)

Locations: Brutontown Center, Freetown Center, Mt. Pleasant Center, Slater Hall Center, Staunton Bridge Center, Sterling Center, and Phillis Wheatley Center

Ages: 6 – 11 and entering grades 1st-6th (in August 2020)

Fees: \$370.00 (Greenville County resident) includes \$50 non-refundable registration fee

\$463.00 (non-resident) includes \$63 non-refundable registration fee

\$150 deposit due at time of registration for Greenville County residents

\$163 deposit due at time of registration for non-residents

Limited scholarships are available beginning on February 3

- Please check with the Manager or Director of the camp for more details; scholarships are first complete, first served.

TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP

June 8 – August 7 (No camp on Friday, July 3rd)

Locations: Mt. Pleasant Center and Sterling Center

Ages: 12-15 entering grades 7th-9th (in August 2020)

Fees: \$440.00 (Greenville County resident) includes \$50 non-refundable registration fee

\$551.00 (non-resident) includes \$63 non-refundable registration fee

\$150 deposit due at time of registration for Greenville County residents

\$163 deposit due at time of registration for non-residents

Limited scholarships are available beginning on February 3

- Please check with the Manager or Director of the camp for more details; scholarships are first complete, first served.

Registration and Payment Policy

- Registration Options:
 - Registration forms are available on-line, at centers, or Greenville Co. Rec's main office.
 - On-line registration is available at www.greenvillerec.com.
 - In-person registration is available at each center (check with Manager/Camp Director for office hours – see contact information below).
 - In-person registration is also available at Greenville Co. Rec's main office, 4806 Old Spartanburg Road, Taylors SC 29607.
- All camp fees must be paid in full by Friday, May 29 at 5:00 PM.
- Cash, Credit Cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express are accepted) and checks are accepted. **Checks must be made payable to GREENVILLE COUNTY** and include a valid phone # and Driver's License # (or Stated issued ID #) on the check. ID must be shown with all check payments.
- You must pay the required deposit at registration if you would like to reserve a space for your child or you may pay the full amount. Registration is first complete, first served until camp is full.
- **REFUNDS – NO REFUNDS AFTER FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020 at 5:00 PM.** There is a **\$15.00 Administrative Fee** charged for all approved refund requests.

Contact Lawanda Curry, Community Center District Manager at (864) 467-3332 or lc Curry@greenvillecounty.org or call the Greenville County Rec main office at 864-288-6470 for any questions or contact the individual community center to register:

Brutontown Center – 864-233-4669

Freetown Center – 864-295-3567

Mt. Pleasant Center – 864-299-3220

Phillis Wheatley – 864-467-5940

Staunton Bridge Center – 864-509-1401

Sterling Center – 864-235-4026

Slater Hall – 864-610-2254 (**registration only available on-line or at Greenville Co Rec's Main Office**)

About Our Camp Staff

Greenville County Rec takes pride in our camp staff. We are very diligent when it comes to the hiring of camp counselors. Our criteria are the following: you must be 18 years old or older with a high school diploma or GED; you must be cleared through federal and local background checks; and you must have a genuine interest in working with children. Our staff is certified in CPR, First Aid, AED, and Blood Borne Pathogens. Our staff also receive an additional ten (10) hours of training in general facility safety and inspections, food service safety and delivery, program planning and implementation, general discipline and behavior training and other general departmental policies. Greenville County Rec is a Partner in Prevention with the Stewards of Children Darkness to Light Program – training in recognizing, reacting, and responding to child sexual abuse.

Medical Needs (See Center Manager or Camp Director for more details)

If your child becomes ill or has a fever, he/she cannot be present at camp. If your child becomes ill during the program, a parent or guardian will be notified and you will be asked to pick up your child. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to camp.

Center Managers or Camp Directors will keep medication on a daily basis in a lock box or bag. They will directly monitor/supervise/distribute the administration of medicines or testing procedures as required. Please send the medication for that day only in its original container. Be sure that it is clearly labeled with your child's name on it, the name of the medicine and dosage. The parent must give the medication to a Manager or Director each morning. There is also a permissions form that you will need to complete that must be on file by the first day your child attends camp (please request a copy of the form from your site's Manager or Director at registration). You (or your representative) will also be required to sign the medications in and out daily. A sharp box will be available if needed for needles, finger prickers, or other sharp items which are considered a biohazard.

If your child is injured and requires more than basic first aid, the following steps will be taken:

- Staff will call 911.
- Staff will notify parent/guardian.
- If parent guardian is not available, the emergency contact listed on the registration form will be contacted.
- If no one on the registration form can be contacted or if it is imperative that the child be immediately transported for care, a Greenville County staff member will accompany the child.
- Paramedics will take the injured and /or sick child to the nearest hospital.
- Greenville County Rec staff will continuously call the parent/guardian/emergency contact until someone is reached.

Check In – Sign Out Procedures (including Walkers and changes to pick-up list)

You are required to bring your child into the camp and sign in each morning, as well as sign them out at the end of each day. This is very important for the safety of your child, please do not drop your child off and assume that your child has checked in with a counselor, or tell your child to watch for you to pull up to come get in the car without signing him/her out.

The staff will release a child to those listed on your registration information. If the sign out staff does not recognize you, a photo ID will be required before a child is released into your custody. It is helpful to **ALWAYS** have your ID with you when picking up your child in case a substitute counselor has had to come in at some point during the day. If they don't know you, they will ask you to get your ID. Please do not get up-set with our staff, they have been instructed to ask for ID from Greenville Rec Management and it is for the safety of your child. Please be patient.

If you would like someone not listed on your registration information to pick up your child, you must **contact your Center Manager or Camp Director** or send a written note with your child stating who will be picking him/her up and a contact number. This person will be asked to show his/her ID.

If your child is allowed to walk to and from camp, the parent/guardian must send a hand written note stating the times they will be arriving and when they may leave. This child will not be allowed to come and go from camp during the

camp program. Keep in mind the field trip and waterpark schedule when allowing your child to walk. Any child under the age of 8 will not be allowed to do this unless accompanied by an older sibling.

Late Pick-Up

If you arrive after 6:00 PM when the program has ended for the day, **a \$1.00 per minute late fee** is charged per household which must be paid before your child can return to the camp the next day. Consult with your Manager or Camp Director for instructions on how/where to pay the late fees. Remember, your child cannot return to camp until the fee has been satisfied. **Based on the time/clock kept at camp.**

Field Trips/Transportation

Campers will be transported to waterparks and other field trips by Greenville County vehicles (full size buses and mini buses). We use certified bus drivers with commercial driver's license and our camp staff. All of our staff who may be driving a vehicle attends a mandatory driver's improvement training class. Field Trips are included in the registration.

Waterpark Information (7th Inning Splash, Otter Creek, and Discovery Island)

1. Certified lifeguards will be on duty at all times. Campers who fail to obey waterpark rules will be disciplined according to facility procedure.
2. Proper swim attire is required. No cutoffs, shorts, leotards, or metal details are permitted.
3. All children under 42 inches tall must wear a lifejacket at all times within the waterparks. You may provide a US Coast Guard approved life jacket for your child or the waterpark will provide one.
4. Diving, running, pushing, shoving and rough play is not permitted.
5. Long breath holding under water is not permitted.
6. Campers may swim in the deep end at 7th Inning Splash upon completion of the swim test administered by the facility.
7. No outside food or drink is permitted. Campers may purchase food in concessions if they bring additional money to do so. All food must remain in the designated concession areas.
8. Campers with contagious conditions, open wounds, infections or fungal diseases are not allowed in the water until the parent notifies the camp staff, with a doctor's note, that the child has been cleared for swimming.
9. The waterpark management reserves the right to take action to limit any situations within the park that may not be within the best interest of the general public.

Bus Rules

1. Stay seated while the bus is moving.
2. Keep all body parts and personal items inside the bus window.
3. Talk in low voices.
4. Do not throw any objects out the window.
5. Do not distract the driver.
6. Obey your counselor.
7. Violation of ANY of these rules may result in forfeiture of field trip(s).

Make the bus driver's day.....smile and say thank you!

Program Calendars/Communication

Community Center campers will receive a monthly Camper's Calendar from your camp staff. The calendar will include activities, field trips, and times of events. Camper calendars will be available at least one week prior to the beginning of a month. **Please note:** programs/field trips are subject to change due to inclement weather or transportation problems. Each center has a daily message board that will update you on any changes. **TEXT UPDATES:** if you would like to receive updates on major changes or reminders for the program, please ask your Center Manager or Director for instructions for text updates.



CAMPER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

(Parent's please review this information, in detail, with your child(ren))

In order for everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer, all campers must demonstrate good behavior and respect for others by following these basic rules.

CARE AND RESPECT FOR SELF, OTHERS AND THINGS

1. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself. Respect other people's belongings and space.
2. Treat other children, staff and visitors with respect (good behavior and language).
3. Follow the instructions of your counselors.
4. Always stay with your group.
5. Be kind to the environment and camp facilities, including all equipment.
6. Participate in all activities we have planned to make your summer fun. Share your positive attitude.
7. Be responsible for the things that you bring to camp. Your bathing suits, towels, lunch cooler, backpack, etc. are your responsibility. Label all your belongings with your name.
8. Be careful and watch out for others on the playground equipment.....exercise playground safety when using the equipment. Do use the equipment properly. If you see broken glass or broken equipment, tell your counselor immediately.
9. When on field trips and at the waterparks, we are guests of wherever we visit. PLEASE BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR, and thank people for letting us visit by using your best manners. That way we will be welcomed and allowed back again.
10. Bring a positive attitude with you every day.

CAMP STAFF WILL

1. Praise, reward, encourage, and listen to the campers.
2. Reason with and set limits for the campers.
3. Provide clear explanations related to the camper's understanding.
4. Model appropriate behavior.
5. Provide natural and logical consequences for misbehaviors.
6. Use short, supervised periods of time-outs.
7. Give clear directions for activities and schedule of events.
8. Interact with parents and provide updates on their child's participation in camp.

CAMPERS WILL AVOID

1. Hurting others and self.
2. Leaving designated areas without permission.
3. Running away from staff.
4. Destruction of property.
5. Cursing or profane language.
6. Threatening violence.
7. Jeopardizing the health and safety of others.

For safety reasons, certain behaviors cannot be tolerated. These behaviors may result in a child's suspension or termination from the program. If such misbehaviors occur, parents will be notified and will be expected to support and work with camp staff.

Do: Make new friends, have loads of fun, share new experiences and have a terrific summer at Camp!

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF!

Wear a Smile, T-shirt and Sneakers (closed toed shoes), and Sunscreen EVERYDAY!

The Camp T-shirt **must** be worn whenever we are away from camp for field trips. CAMPERS WILL GET DIRTY FROM OUTSIDE PLAY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES! Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers instead of sandals. We are very active and sneakers are safer. **No flip flops or slides please!**

Campers may be asked to bring swimsuits on non-waterpark field trips days; we may play water games at camp (boys' swimsuits must have a drawstring). On waterpark visit days, your child should come to camp wearing his/her bathing suit underneath clothing. This speeds up the process of entering the waterpark. For additional sun protection, tight fitting swim shirts are helpful.

WE CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNSCREEN AND HYDRATION!

We highly recommend and encourage waterproof/sweatproof sunscreen **SPRAY (not lotion)** with at least an SPF of 50. Please help us instruct and remind your child about the importance of applying sunscreen. Please apply before you leave for camp each day due to outside activities. The Counselors will remind campers about reapplying before going to the waterpark and before and after water activities or outdoor activities. We will use the buddy system when applying **SPRAY** sunscreen.

We have water fountains at all locations; however, please feel free to send extra water DAILY! Staff will provide water breaks throughout the day; however, **PLEASE HELP REMIND YOUR CHILD ABOUT STAYING HYDRATED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**

LUNCH AND AFTERNOON SNACK

Greenville County Rec will provide daily lunch and an afternoon snack to all participants. Greenville County Rec is a partner agency of Livewell Greenville, "Making the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice." Our snacks and lunch items will be nutritious in content and value. Campers should eat a morning snack or breakfast each day before attending camp.

If you choose to send your own snacks or meals, please send appropriate snacks and drinks: fruit, granola bars, string cheese, carrots & dip, sandwiches, etc. If your child brings his/her own food, please pack it in a small cooler with your child's name on it (no glass containers). If you have more than one child attending camp, we **highly recommend** that each child have his/her own cooler for lunch, drinks, and/or snacks. These items should not require the use of refrigeration or a microwave. **TIP:** Freeze water bottles to use as ice packs in the coolers and your child can drink it later in the day!

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Greenville County Rec **will not** be held accountable for valuables such as game systems, personal electronic devices, jewelry, excess money, etc. that are brought to camp. **CELL PHONES OR SMART WATCHES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT CAMP. WE HIGHLY DISCOURAGE SENDING ANY OF THESE ITEMS TO CAMP.** Our amazing activities and events will be enough to keep the campers entertained throughout the day.

PLEASE CHECK your child's belongings (towels, bags, swimsuits, coolers, sunscreen, etc.) before and after camp each day.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Greenville County Rec Admin. Office

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

(864) 288-6470

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THANK YOU AND SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!!!