

## General Information:

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: 1717 Rayville Road Parkton MD 21120

Phone: 410-343-0138

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Office Hours: Monday- Friday 7:45am- 5:00pm

TAX ID Number: 52-1233868

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### CAMP HOURS

All camper drop off: 8:30-9:00 am

Pick up 4:00-4:30

Extended Care is available for all campers 4:30-6:00

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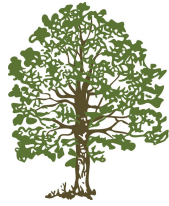
### CAMP DATES

Camp runs for 10 weeks from June 10- August 16, 2024

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### PRICING

- Lil' Sprouts: \$430/week
  - Youth Camp: \$430/week
  - Intermediate Camp: \$430/week
  - Junior Camp: \$430/week
  - Senior Camp: \$475/week
  - Adventure Camp: \$800/ week
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## EXTENDED CARE

*Both options include early drop off from 8:00-8:30am (normal camp drop off starts at 8:30am).*

- **Regular Extended Care:**
  - Available to all age groups
  - Drop off between 8:00-8:30am / Pick up between 4:30-6:00pm
  - \$60 per week

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## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide quality learning experiences that promote growth and nourish the development of individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We work hard to create a safe and nurturing environment for every camper who steps foot on our property. In this ever-changing and sometimes challenging world, we feel that a positive summer camp experience is so important for the development of children both socially and emotionally. We encourage our campers to try new things and build relationships with those around them. Our passionate and compassionate staff work to build confidence in our campers as they explore the many activities we offer. We take pride in our ability to make a positive impression on the lives of our campers and influence their growth as human beings.

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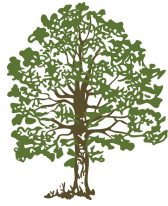
## DIVERSITY

As stated in our mission, Genesee Valley provides quality learning experiences that promote growth and nourish development of individuals of all ages and backgrounds. In this vein, the camps at GVOLC are committed to creating and maintaining a community of respect for all individuals regardless of ability, age, cultural background, ethnicity, faith, gender, gender identity, ideology, income, national origin, race or sexual orientation. By registering for camp, you are agreeing to partake in this community that nourishes the self worth and inherent dignity of each human being in order to provide a welcoming space that nourishes the growth of all individuals who participate in our camp programming this summer

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## CHALLENGE BY CHOICE

Our goal is for your child to learn, grow, and experience camp with healthy boundaries. Many of our activities provide campers the opportunity to step outside of their comfort zone and try new things. We



understand that each camper has a different definition of a comfort zone. We will never force your child to try an activity but will work with them to find a version of it that is fulfilling, safe, and fun for them.



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### ACCREDITATION

Genesee Valley Summer Camp is proudly accredited by The American Camp Association. ACA establishes a series of standards and practices in which we follow to ensure a quality program. ACA runs inspections of our camp policies and facilities to ensure we are meeting these standards. This is a voluntary accreditation process that Genesee Valley chooses to be part of.

More information can be found at: [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)

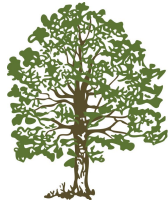
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### PACKING LIST (GENERAL CAMP)

- Water Bottle
- Clothes that are comfortable and can get dirty
- Comfortable walking shoes or sandals with a heel strap (no flip flops, cros highly discouraged!)
- Extra clothing/extra shoes (shoes will get wet)
- Lunch (non-refrigerated)
- Swimsuit and towel
- Rain jacket
- Sunglasses / hat / sunscreen
- Backpack / tote bag to carry items

An additional packing list will be sent before the Senior Camp overnight.

Genesee Valley is not responsible for any personal property brought to camp. This includes cell phones, any amount of money brought to camp, contraband items (list below), or items of clothing. Children might lose socks, towels or water bottles at camp. GVOLC staff will make a good faith effort to protect the personal belongings of campers, however ultimately are not



responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

Genesee Valley is an outdoor facility that engages participants in activities that involve running, climbing, aquatics and high aerial adventures. During any of these activities personal property might go missing or be damaged. A young person might jump into the lake with a cell phone in a pocket, or a sock might be misplaced during a stroll to the lake.

Items found across property will be placed in our “Lost and Found.” Our Lost and Found will be available at check out for campers and parents to look through in order to retrieve missing items.

Clothing that has been found to be soiled with bodily fluids may be thrown away according to bloodborne pathogens standards and practices depending on how soiled the garment is.

- Electronic Devices
- Items that can be considered weapons
  - Knives, multi-tools, swords, firearms, throwing stars
  - Matches, lighters, fireworks
- Tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, vaping paraphernalia (including nicotine free vaping materials)
- Any materials that violate youth protections laws or are counter to our diversity statement.

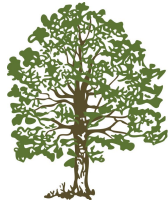
**Technology:**

Genesee Valley is a technology free camp. We feel that devices prevent children from becoming full immersed in nature and experiences. Please keep valuables and devices at home. Genesee Valley is not liable for any damages, missing, or broken devices. Your camper will be asked to keep any technology in their bag or in our office.

**Search Policy:**

Genesee Valley is private property and has the right to protect our stakeholders from harm and to fulfill our mission statement. For the protection of all staff and campers at GVOLC, Genesee Valley observes the right to search a camper’s personal belongings if there is a reasonable suspicion that they are in possession of illegal or dangerous objects. Because GVOLC is responsible for the wellbeing of all campers, it is critical that we are able to control what is brought into the camp setting.

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## OUR STAFF

Our summer staff is made up of individuals from a wide range of ages and backgrounds. We have college students, teachers, and folks who have been working at Genesee Valley for decades.

Staff must be 18 years or older to work at GVOLC. We hire responsible, compassionate, and enthusiastic people to fill our counselor positions. Staff go through an interview process and are background checked before hiring. Each camp counselor attends an intensive two week training where they learn technical skills and group development techniques.

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## EARLY PICK UP

If you need to pick your child up early, please call the office (410-343-0138) or email [camp@geneseevalley.org](mailto:camp@geneseevalley.org) to let us know so that we can coordinate getting your camper to the office at the appropriate time. All authorized persons picking up a camper will need to come to the office to sign that child out.

Any adult who picks up a camper must be included on that camper's "Authorized pick up" list. Parents can add authorized adults through the camper registration. A parent can also send in a handwritten note or email ([camp@geneseevalley.org](mailto:camp@geneseevalley.org)) with the authorized person's name if someone needs to be added last minute.

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## LATE DROP OFF

If you need to drop your child late (after 9:00am), please call the office (410-343-0138) or email [camp@geneseevalley.org](mailto:camp@geneseevalley.org) to let us know so that we can communicate the message to their counselor.

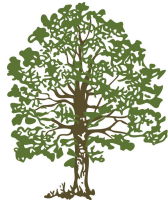
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## REGISTRATION

All camp registration takes place through CampBrain (follow the "Register Here" links on our website to create an account).

Through a CampBrain account, parents/guardians will:

- Record family contact information
- Insert camper general and medical information
- Register for camp weeks



- Make online payments
- And much more...

If you have an issue with your account at any time, call our office at 410-343-0138

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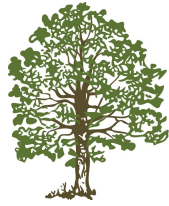
## WAITLISTS

- If sessions are full, you can add your camper to the waitlist
- Waitlists are compiled in the order they were processed. Once a spot opens up, office staff will begin calling, starting from the first person who added their name to the waitlist. That person will have 24 hours to respond until we move to the next person in line.
- You are welcome to call our office or email us at [camp@geneseevalley.org](mailto:camp@geneseevalley.org) to learn the spot you are in on the waitlist. If your plans have changed, please contact us so we can remove your name from the waitlist.
- The only time you will be contacted by us regarding the waitlist is to be offered a spot.

## PAYMENTS AND REFUNDS

- A \$100 deposit **per week, per camper** is required to reserve your spot.
- Deposits are due online at the time of registration. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable to other weeks. The deposit reserves your campers spot for that week.
- Payments are due 21 days before the first day of the camp week. **Payments are automatically processed through the payment method used during registration.**
- Cancellations that occur at least 21 days before the first day of the registered camp week will be credited or refunded except for the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit.
- Cancellations that occur within the three weeks prior to the first day of camp forfeit 100% of the total registration cost + non-refundable, non transferable deposit.

Debit card payments run without additional charge. Credit card payments will automatically include a 3% surcharge.



### Grouping Request Policy:

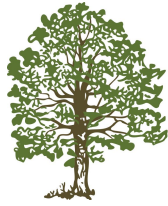
Because of the extremely large number of requests we receive to put campers with friends and in order to ensure an enjoyable experience for other children that may be in the same group, the following guidelines are in place to discourage cliques and allow GVOLC to be fair to all families with regards to groupings:

1. Grouping requests are limited to one other child per week and are made at the discretion of Genesee Valley.
2. The request must be made in writing or through registration and the family of the requested child must make the same request on their account.
3. No requests will be honored if not done when registering or in writing at least two weeks before the scheduled camp starting date.
4. Groupings are not guaranteed.

### Facilities + Activities:

Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center is made up of about 150 acres of farmland and forest. Here is a list of the notable features of the property that make our camp activities possible:

- Animal pen which houses our goats, Bonnie and Clyde
- Archery range
- Arts and Crafts building
- Chicken coop
- Climbing Wall (The Alby)
- Fields for sports like soccer and kickball
- Forests for fort building
- GaGa Pits
- Garden including vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers
- Lakes for swimming, fishing, boating, and zip n' dips
- Lil Sprouts Barn
- Nature Center
- Nature coves like "The Secret Hole" for play and nature exploration
- Playground



## Genesee Valley

Outdoor Learning Center

- Several high ropes courses including climbing elements, aerial courses, ziplines, "zip n' dips" and wire bridges
- Three low ropes courses
- "The Arc": Main office and nurses office

### WEATHER

Camp runs rain or shine. During inclement weather, camp groups are housed in four separate buildings on the main side of property (where drop off and pick up take place).

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### GENERAL CAMP SCHEDULE:

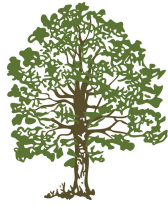
- 8:00- 8:30am: Extended Care arrivals
  - 8:30-9:00am: Campers arrive at Genesee Valley
  - 9:00am: The camp day begins!
  - 9:00-12:00pm: Scheduled camp activities
  - 12:00- 12:30pm: Lunch (campers must bring a bagged lunch)
  - 12:30- 4:00pm: Scheduled camp activities
  - 4:00pm: Camp groups move to check out area next to main parking lot
  - 4:00-4:30pm: Camper pick up
  - 4:30-6:00pm: Extended care pick up
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### CAMP ACTIVITIES

Lil' Sprouts Activities (4-6 years):

- Play and explore in nature among trees, streams, and farmland.
- Swim in one of our roped off, lifeguarded lake (life jackets required for all Lil Sprouts regardless of swimming abilities) and sprinkler time
- Participate in nature studies and arts and crafts activities
- Rock climb on our bouldering wall, Gaga, and time on the playground
- Story time, themed activities, and much more!



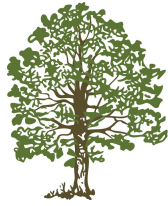


Youth Camp Activities (Entering 2nd or 3rd grade):

- Paddling in open top boats (This is a lifeguarded activity. Lifejackets are required)
- Swim in one of our roped off, lifeguarded lakes (Campers must pass a swim test OR wear a lifejacket)
- Fishing in our ponds (all equipment provided)
- Fort Building in the forest
- Arts and Crafts lead by an Arts + Crafts counselor
- Archery lead by a certified archery instructor
- Rock Climbing on the various climbing walls and climbing elements around our property.
- Experience our wire bridge high elements.
- Nature exploration + environmental education
- GAGA!
- Interaction with farm animals (we have chickens, turkeys, and goats!)
- Group games, team building, scavenger hunts, and more!

Intermediate Camp Activities (Entering 4th or 5th grade):

- Paddling in open top boats (This is a lifeguarded activity. Lifejackets are required)
- Swim in one of our roped off, lifeguarded lakes (Campers must pass a swim test OR wear a lifejacket)
- Fishing in our ponds (all equipment provided)
- Fort Building in the forest
- Arts and Crafts lead by an Arts + Crafts counselor
- Archery lead by a certified archery instructor
- Rock Climbing on the various climbing walls and climbing elements around our property.
- Experience our wire bridge high elements.
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- Interaction with farm animals (we have chickens, turkeys, and goats!)
- Group games, team building, scavenger hunts, and more!
- Zip line!

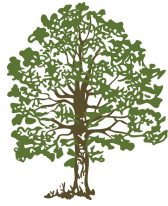


Junior Camp Activities (Entering 6th or 7th grade):

- Paddling in open top boats (This is a lifeguarded activity. Lifejackets are required)
- Swim in one of our roped off, lifeguarded lakes (Campers must pass a swim test OR wear a lifejacket)
- Fishing in our ponds (all equipment provided)
- Fort Building in the forest
- Arts and Crafts lead by an Arts + Crafts counselor
- Archery lead by a certified archery instructor
- Rock Climbing on the various climbing walls and climbing elements around our property.
- Experience our wire bridge high elements.
- Nature exploration + environmental education
- GAGA!
- Interaction with farm animals (we have chickens, turkeys, and goats!)
- Group games, team building, scavenger hunts, and more!
- Zip line and Zip n' Dip (zipline that lands in our lake!)
- High aerial static course called "The Mini DID"

Senior Camp Activities (Entering 8-10 grade):

- Paddling in open top boats (This is a lifeguarded activity. Lifejackets are required)
- Swim in one of our roped off, lifeguarded lakes (Campers must pass a swim test OR wear a lifejacket)
- Fishing in our ponds (all equipment provided)
- Fort Building in the forest
- Arts and Crafts lead by an Arts + Crafts counselor
- Archery lead by a certified archery instructor
- Rock Climbing on the various climbing walls and climbing elements around our property.
- Experience our wire bridge high elements.
- Nature exploration + environmental education
- GAGA!



- Interaction with farm animals (we have chickens, turkeys, and goats!)
- Group games, team building, scavenger hunts, and more!
- Zip line and Zip n' Dip (zipline that lands in our lake!)
- High aerial static course called "The Odyssey"
- Senior Campers will travel off site one day out of the week for an adventurous day trip. Senior Campers either go rock climbing, tubing, or hiking.
- Campers will have an opportunity to tent camp one night at Genesee Valley with dinner, breakfast and lunch included.

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### ALL CAMP ACTIVITY

Each Friday from about 2:00-3:30pm, we host an "All Camp" activity. In the past we have done cardboard boat races, egg drops, dance parties, carnival games, scavenger hunts, and more! If we plan on including any food or candy items in this event, we will contact parent prior to the event to receive permission.

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### LOST AND FOUND

Lost and Found is set out each day during check out. Please take time to check through for missing items. Items will be donated at the end of the camp season.

### Medical:

#### CAMP NURSES

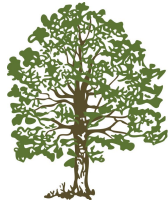
We have an on-call camp nurse who assists us in collecting and organizing medical paperwork, advisement of medical policies, and more.

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#### MEDICAL HISTORY

Please thoroughly and honestly complete your child's medical form in CampBrain. Our camp nurses will inform counselors of pertinent camper information. Complete information about your child will help us to make their week fun and successful.

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### **CAMPER MEDICATIONS**

If your child needs to take a medication while at camp:

- Complete a Medication Authorization Form (in the CampBrain registration)
- Drop off medication to office staff on the first day of the camp week. Medication should be packaged in a labeled bottle with enough medication for the week.

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