



Philosophy on Childcare

Camp Granite Lake is an innovative camp that gives children valuable growth opportunities in a fun, creative environment. We believe that the informal play of the camp setting offers an ideal complement to campers' home and school lives in which to learn about self, community, and the natural world.

The Camp's Value Statement is: To be intrinsic to a person's lifelong growth through authentic connections with people and nature.

In practice, what we view as valuable lessons in community and personal development, campers see as just plain fun! Campers return each summer to a welcoming and supportive camp community, ready to embrace new challenges and explore new things.

Policy on Discipline for Staff

The progression of consequences for inappropriate behavior:

1. Conduct a clear discussion of inappropriate behavior and a warning.
2. Utilize quiet time/separation from the group or restriction to adult supervision
3. Give campers extra responsibilities to engage them
4. Conference with the director
5. Phone call to parents
6. Conference with parents and camp director
7. Removal from camp

A staff member is not permitted to use corporal punishment, humiliating actions, frightening actions or language or other harsh punishments including but not limited to: Pinching, Shaking, Spanking, Punching, Biting, Kicking, Rough handling, Hair pulling.

Camp Granite Lake rules include, but are not limited to:

- Alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, and illegal drugs are not allowed at camp.
- Violence is not permitted.
- Weapons of any kind are not allowed in camp or on camp property. They will be immediately confiscated by the camp director and may not be returned. The only exception would be in the case of pocket knives allowed at the discretion of the camp director.
- Camp Granite Lake is not responsible for campers' lost, stolen or damaged personal belongings or money
- Campers and staff cannot bring animals/pets to any camp activity unless the camp director grants permission. If an unauthorized pet is brought to camp, Camp Granite Lake is not responsible for the actions of the animal or for the animal's safety or well-being.
- Electronics of any type are not allowed at camp by campers, including, but not limited to: mobile phones, MP3 players, CD players, game consoles, etc. (single-function cameras are allowed, though discouraged, as we take photos for you).

Admission and Registration

All admission and registration forms are available online. All online forms should be completed before the camper attends camp. Additionally, any standard medical forms and other supplemental medical forms

should be received with the appropriate physician signatures by Camp Granite Lake before a camper attends camp.

Camp Granite Lake Changes

Camp Granite Lake staff will notify parent/s in writing of significant changes in its services, policies, or procedures so they can decide whether Camp Granite Lake continues to meet the needs of the child.

ADA Services

Camp Granite Lake will endeavor to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will consider accommodations so that, to the extent possible, those with disabilities may participate in our program. During our summer programs, a Director may help with the intake of campers with special needs. This individual creates goal plans for each camper with special needs that help the staff foster a successful environment for the camper.

Activity Participation

The online Terms of Agreement contains a list of Camp Granite Lake activities. Parents must notify Camp Granite Lake in writing at any time before the start of the camp session, if they do not want their child to participate in any activity/s.

Missing Person Procedure

Upon determining that a camper is missing the staff will begin their pre-determined routine for searching for missing campers on site and on any trips away from camp. This process includes a systematic check of the area and communication between campers, staff and the director.

Accounting for Campers

For all trips, each group will have: a roster of participants, copies of their health forms, parent contact information and a first aid kit. At the start of each trip and before leaving a destination, the driver or designated trip leader should take a head count. Head counts should be taken on a continual basis throughout activities.

Transportation

Campers will not be participating in off-site activities this year, so no transportation policies apply.

Child Abuse Reporting

As per state law, staff are required to report all suspected cases of abuse to the Director and may be responsible for reporting to state authorities.

Ages of Children

Camp Granite Lake is accepting boys and girls, 7-17 years-old at camp.

Informing Parents of illness, injuries or incidents

In the case of injury or illness of a camper, the supervising medical professional or director may contact a parent. If the camper misses program for more than a few hours, or needs further medical attention, the parents will be contacted. Camp carries accident insurance that may serve as primary insurance for injury/s up to the limits of the policy.

Medications Administration - Over the Counter

Use of "as needed" and "over the counter" medication is supervised by the camp medical professional, and given under the Treatment Procedures of the camp medical professional. Restrictions listed on the camper health form signed by their physician should be reviewed before OTC medications are administered.

Medication Storage and Administration - Prescribed and Controlled Medications

All medications (stock meds and personal meds of both staff and campers) should be kept in a locked area under staff supervision.

Prescription medications should be in their original containers as prescribed by the physician. Upon receipt by medically trained staff, medications are counted and safely secured. The camp medical professional will access, distribute and handle any controlled medication. This complies with ACA standards and State Department of Health guidelines.

Staff should not accept medication that does not include the appropriate packaging and forms. Any questions about medications and parent/physician communications should be documented in the camp Medical Log.

All prescription medications should include:

- Medication, Allergy (for Epinephrine), or Asthma (for inhalers) Forms
- Medication in its original packaging
- Child's Name
- Licensed prescribing practitioner name, telephone number and signature
- Date authorized
- Name of medication and dosage
- Time of day medication is to be given
- Route of medication
- Length of time medication is to be given
- Reason for medication (unless this information needs to remain confidential)
- Side effects or reactions to watch for
- Special instructions

Camp Granite Lake permits campers to carry their own inhalers and use them as directed as long as there is written parental consent and authorization from the prescribing practitioner. All staff should be aware of which campers have asthma and which ones may use their own inhalers.

Contacting Camp

Phone: 720-249-2997

Mail: 11902 Camp Eden Road, Golden, CO 80403

Immunization Records

Although up to date immunizations are required for campers and staff, there may be campers or staff in attendance that are not up to date on immunizations due to medical issues.

Inclement Weather Plan

Inclement weather is defined as any weather that may endanger the health and safety of campers or staff and/or would be cause for a change in activity or plan (including but not limited to severe storms, earthquakes, tornadoes, unseasonably or excessively hot or cold weather, etc.). In the event that weather or fire prevents (or compromises) any scheduled activity, we train our staff and practice with campers organizing in cases of emergency.

Food

Camp serves healthy, plentiful food for most diets and preferences. Campers are encouraged to try everything, and may have options, such as a salad bar, if they don't like what they have tried. There is always water available, and often milk.

Technology

Campers experience a technology-free environment while at camp. Exceptions to this may include

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activities that involved photography, and movie night. Movie night should be appropriate films for campers, usually popular Disney-type animated films.

Bathroom & Shower

Campers are encouraged to shower at least every other day. Staff supervise shower and bathroom times, while providing campers privacy as well.

Homesickness

Being homesick really does happen to everyone at camp at some point, so we train our staff to be ready for it. If your camper is homesick, we may call you to get more information and let you know what's going on. Typically, bedtime is where we see campers expressing their homesick feelings through words or actions. We highly recommend reading Michael Thompson's [Homesick & Happy - How Time Away From Parents Can Help a Child Grow](#)

Restricted Areas & Activities

Our lake, climbing site, ropes course, and archery range can be hazardous, and we train our staff to help campers understand that they should not be near either of these natural elements when not on specific activity programs.

Emergency Response

In the event of an emergency, 911 will be called and response protocols, be the medical or evacuation in nature, will be used. In the event of an evacuation due to fire or flood, campers may be brought to the Meiklejohn Elementary School in Arvada. By then, a plan will be in place to communicate with parents about the next steps.