



## **Families of Summer 2025**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This summer, we are as committed as ever to creating a safe, fun, inclusive, and memorable camp experience. You are all in for a treat. All activities are a collective of fiction and non-fiction stories brought to life by diverse campers all over the world!

We are so very thankful that you will be entrusting us with your child this summer, and looking forward to a great summer ahead.

This handbook contains useful information that we want you and your camper to know so your camper's time with us is as enjoyable as possible.

### **The handbook covers the following areas:**

1. Important Reminders and Expectations
2. Our Policies and Procedures
3. Information to help prepare your camper (and you as the parent) for a fantastic summer at Camp Gnarly.

**As you review this information, please contact us if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.**

**Camp Gnarly Team**

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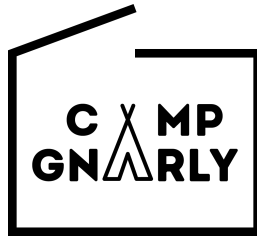


## Overview

We provide children with a place they can call their own in our constantly changing world, where they become a part of a supportive, encouraging community and where they understand not only their own rights and responsibilities but also appreciate and respect the rights of others.

Campers will get to learn and develop skills in activities they have never had the chance to participate in. Choose as many desired Specialties and receive one guaranteed per week. Choose as many desired Electives and receive one guaranteed per week consisting of our Whole Child Curriculum broken down into the five categories: (P)Physical, (SE)Social-Emotional, (COG)Cognitive, (COM)Communication, (S)Sensory.

We are a diverse community of campers and staff members from many different cultures and backgrounds. We encourage each other to try new things, enjoy our favorite activities, grow in confidence, and aid each other's accomplishments while building strong friendships that last a lifetime.



## Camp Policies

### 1. **Cancellation/Refund Policy** -

The registration fee is non-refundable.

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2. **Technology** - Devices are not permitted at camp. Upon special request, if you need your camper to have their device, it will be stored away in the camp office and brought out during the time indicated.

3. **Behavior** - Students are expected to behave appropriately while at camp and in a safe manner. If a child becomes overly disruptive, unsafe to them self and others around them, or causes altercations, this is the plan implemented at Camp Gnarly:

Step 1 - Verbal discussion with the child and mediator, with notification to the parent(s) of the occurrence.

Step 2- The director, parent, and child meet.

Step 3 - The child is suspended

Step 4- Camper dismissed from the program.

### **NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS WILL BE GRANTED IN THESE SITUATIONS.**

4. **Trips** - We are famous for having bizarre trips. We use yellow school buses, SUVs, minivans, and 15-passenger vans to shuttle our kids to and from the location. All children have seat belts and booster seats if required. Our trip days are every Friday unless indicated otherwise. All our trip prices are included in your weekly registration.

5. **Camp weeks**: Camp Gnarly runs for 6 weeks. **Monday-Friday June 30th 2025 - August 8th, 2025**. You can sign up from 1 to 6 weeks. We service campers aged (3-12).



**6. Fees:**

**Early Drop off \$75 weekly.** Drop off at 8 am.

**Door-to-door transportation is \$175 weekly. AM and PM**

Door-to-door times will be texted to your family by our dispatcher. The transportation schedule will be posted on the Friday before your registered camp week.

Camp fees include weekly enrollment, a Shuttle to all program areas, two T-shirts, Trips, and a camp lanyard.

**7. Location:**

The German School  
760 Sterling Place  
Brooklyn, NY 11216

Our pick-up and drop-off is at this location. However, we utilize other places during the program day to make our specialties and electives come to life; these program areas are indicated in your camper's schedule and trip itinerary roster.

**8. Activities:**

**Specialties for Season 2025** 1 guaranteed per week:

Fishing, Aviation, Equestrian, Kayaking, Snowboarding / Skiing, Clay World, Ultimate Ninja, Flipping Class, Rock Climbing, Sky Dive and Magic.

**Electives for Season 2025** 1 guaranteed per week:

STEAM Activities, Photography & Scrapbooking, Sandcastle, Muralist, Sundae Monster, Nerf War, Candle Making, NYC Tourist and Cardboard Architecture.

You cannot switch your specialties or electives mid-week; you are allotted two changes before **April 15, 2025**. If a necessary and immediate change needs to be made, we will try to make it happen.

**9. Lunch-** Campers will bring Lunch and Snack from home. We do not provide food.

**10. Sibling Discount:** Each sibling, eg: 1st Sibling Full Amount, 2nd Sibling -5% weekly rate discount.



## Pre-Camp Information

1. **Accounts and Paperwork** - All paperwork and payments are due at registration, if our staff needs updated paperwork, please submit it before the first scheduled day of your camper's attendance. If you have any questions or concerns about the paperwork or your account, please let us know.

2. **Clothing** – All campers will receive two camp shirts. Any additional shirts needed can be purchased for \$20 each. Campers need to bring clothes that are comfortable and can get dirty. Due to safety, all children need to wear their camp shirts every day, in the event they forget their T-shirt, one would need to be purchased at drop off.

### Land Activities:

- Closed Toe Shoes
- Shorts
- Shirt
- Dress With Shorts Underneath
- Hat

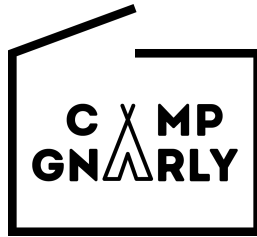
### Water Activities

- Bathing Suit / Swim Shorts
- Sunscreen
- Change of clothes
- Towel
- Hat
- Closed Toe Water Shoes (Crocs and Flip-Flops are unacceptable)
- A backpack with extra clothes, lunch/snacks, water bottle, sunscreen, and bug spray are all mandatory

We are not responsible for damaged or missing items.

3. **Photographs of Campers** - We understand that photos are a big concern for many parents and that parents want to see photos of their camper(s) enjoying camp. Photos will be uploaded throughout the week on a private parent platform (Konstella). We also construct a virtual scrapbook at the end of camp for your family's memories.

4. **Sign-In/Sign-Out Procedures** for Camp Gnarly participants- Please do not leave your child on site before they are signed into or out of the care of the camp staff; we will be using Kangarootime.



a. **Dropping Off** - Supervision begins at 9 am unless you are signed up for early drop-off. Participants may not be dropped off before the start time for which they are registered. Please sign in with your child using the Knagarootime app.

b. **Picking Up** - You must use your Kangarootime app when picking up, you have the option of adding pick-up people when filling out the registration. In fairness to our staff and the rest of the programs at our facility, you must pick your child up by 5 pm. A late fee of \$25 every 10 minutes accrued will be requested on Kangarootime.

**5. Custody/Persons Listed on Sign-in Form** - In the best interest of the child, we ask for your cooperation in clearly defining custody terms in advance of registration so that there is no confusion on the part of the staff members or the child. The individual who registers the child is responsible for identifying the people approved to pick up; if an individual not listed on the registration form claims to have custodial rights, that person will have to show court documentation that proves those rights and under what conditions those rights exist. Staff members will consult with management and the authorities before making any changes.

## **6. Medical**

Our Health Director provides first aid treatment for injuries requiring minimal care. Campers needing care beyond what we can provide are taken to the closest hospital. **We will contact you about your child's health during the day if:**

a. your camper has an injury or illness that removes them from activities for a prolonged period.

### **You will be notified immediately if:**

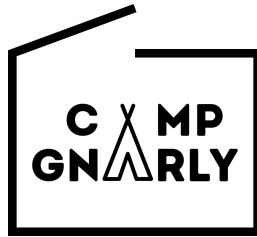
a. It is determined that your camper needs additional medical care away from camp. You will be provided updates as we can do so.

b. Your camper's illness, injury, or emotional health presents concerns for their ability to have a positive experience at camp.

c. we feel there is a concern for your camper's mental health.

**7. Safety** - Safety is our top priority, as evidenced by our excellent safety record. Significant measures of prevention and well-trained staff are key to a safe summer. All program-related activities contain an element of risk, including the unpredictable forces of nature. However, we try to minimize these risks and ensure the safest programs possible. A signed enrollment denotes that the parent/guardian and participant acknowledge this inherent risk. Additional waivers may be required for any offsite activities.

**8. Health History and Insurance** - Along with other paperwork, the camper's Medical Form needs to be uploaded online. This is due at registration. The medical form needs to be dated within a



year of your child coming to camp. Each camper must be covered by his/her family health insurance policy. Parents are responsible for payment of all medical charges of physicians, dentists, and hospitals.

## **9. Transportation Rules for Arrival & Departure**

Camp Gnarly's primary concern is for the safety of the campers in our care. Therefore, we want to highlight the following rules for our buses and vans. Thank you in advance for understanding and sharing this information with your camper.

- No excessive noise or rowdiness.
- No horseplay.
- No body parts are permitted outside of the vehicle.
- Regarding buses, campers and staff must remain in their seats and not stand in the aisles. When transported in a camp vehicle (bus, van), all passengers must remain seated while the vehicle moves.
- Make sure that all doors are locked before departing.
- Throwing litter from a vehicle is prohibited.
- Camper(s) cannot load or unload vehicles without the Camp Gnarly bus counselor.
- Throwing objects is prohibited.
- Playing music at a volume that distracts the driver is prohibited.
- Walking on a public street is prohibited unless accompanied by a Camp Gnarly staff member or approved by the parent.
- No parents are allowed on the bus.
- Behavior unacceptable in camp will not be tolerated outside of camp.

## **10. Communication Regarding Delays, Changes, and Emergencies.**

If unforeseen circumstances or any kind of emergency may affect a scheduled pick-up or drop-off time or location, Camp Gnarly's Transportation Dispatcher will post a message on Konstella or call the primary cell phone listed for each camper that may be affected. If the call is not answered, a voicemail will be left.

## **11. Konstella**

Konstella is a web-and-mobile-based service that helps parent organizations streamline communications and centralize information.

Camp Gnarly will be using Konstella as our main communication platform. On Konstella you will find your child schedule, transportation schedule, group, and our parent konnect committee. This platform allows you to chat with other parents in your group and share pictures.



NO STAFF Member will give out their number to communicate with parents.

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13. Kangarootime is a software that will streamline Camp Gnarly's process, improve security for all the children we care for, and provide a new and enhanced experience for our parents and trusted guardians.

You'll be using the KT CONNECT app for smartphones, which is available for both [iPhones](#) and [Androids](#). [Here are instructions](#) for downloading the app and getting connected!

Here are some of the features you will enjoy with Kangarootime:

- Secure check-in and check-out for your child(ren) .
- View account balances and make electronic payments through a secure portal.

**The Parent Handbook is a reference for ensuring your camper's success at Camp Gnarly and is subject to change with notice.**