



Good Works Farm Summer Enrichment Day Camp Frequently Asked Questions

What are the hours of camp?

Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

Do you have before and after camp care?

We cannot offer before or after care at this time

How much does it cost to come to camp at Good Works Farm?

Good Works Farm Camp is one of the most reasonably-priced camps in the area! We charge \$125/camper; \$300/family max. That means, if you are registering 3 or more campers, the maximum your family will pay is \$300. This is thanks to our generous sponsors who help offset the cost of camp. Please help us thank our sponsors!

Is Good Works Farm an Ohio Home Care Waiver Provider?

Not yet, but we will soon begin the process of applying.

What funding is available to help pay for camp?

If you qualify, you may be able to use your county DD funds to help pay for camp, such as Montgomery County's Family Home Services money. Other options include applying for grants, such as the Dayton Autism Society Family Grant, holding a fundraiser, or starting a Go Fund Me page.

Do I need to bring any paperwork with me to Camp?

If you have not filled out the Emergency medical form online, you will be asked to do this when you arrive at camp the first day of your child's camp week. Your child will not be able to stay for camp without having completed these forms. It is important you complete the Emergency Medical Form as no one will be allowed to pick your child up from camp unless their name has been specified as an authorized pickup person.

How do I register my child for Summer Camp?

All camp registration is done through our online registration system via the link on our website. This is a new system for us in 2018 but we anticipate that this system will be

much more user-friendly than our previous registration system. Your camper's spot will be immediately secured upon payment. Once all camp slots are filled, applicants will be immediately redirected to the wait list application. Please visit the link provided on our website to register your child for camp. You must complete the entire form and all payments must be received before your child's slot will be secured. At the completion of your camper registration, you should be redirected to the Emergency Medical Form. Please complete 1 form for EACH camper. Our first-responder needs to have these on hand during camp hours.

Will I receive anything in the mail?

No, in an effort to be greener Good Works Farm no longer mails out camp brochures or any other program information, including registration confirmation, unless requested. All correspondence is done via email so please make sure to enter a valid email address on your registration.

What age is this camp for?

This camp is for ages 5 and older. Campers are divided into groups based on age, ability, and need.

Who is this camp for?

This camp is for individuals, age 5 and older, with a developmental disability (autism, cognitive delay, learning disability, Down Syndrome, Sensory Processing Disorder, etc.) AND their typical siblings, age 5 and older. No formal diagnostic paperwork is required.

What if I have to cancel my child's registration?

Cancellations are accepted up to two weeks in advance of the first day of the registered camp week. After this time, no refunds will be made, without exception. Accepted cancellations will receive a complete refund or credit.

My child is too young for the camp, but will be the appropriate age just a short time after the camp starts. Can s/he come to camp anyway?

No, your child must be within the specified age category on the first day of camp in order to attend. This rule is to ensure that all planned activities are age-appropriate.

What if I want my child to only come for two or three days instead of all five Or if my child is sick for part of the week?

If you don't want your child to attend all five days of a session that is your choice but you will have to pay the full session fee. We do not prorate or offer daily rates. We have a wait list each year and in an effort to be fair to everyone, we cannot prorate.

How much do extra shirts cost?

Each camper/volunteer will receive one camp t-shirt for free. Extra t-shirts may be pre-ordered at a cost of \$15 per shirt, \$18 for 2XL, \$20 for 3XL.

What are the sizes of the camp t-shirts?

The t-shirts are sized as follows:

Youth Small (6-8)

Youth Medium (10)

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult X-Large

Adult 2XL

Adult 3XL

If you are unsure of what size to order, please order larger. In an effort to not have as many extras we will not order as many this year. We will not be able to exchange sizes.

My camper needs to take medication. How should I arrange for this?

While Good Works Farm does have a first-responder on the camp property during camp hours, we can NOT be responsible for administering medication to campers. Please consult a pediatrician so medication can be administered outside of camp.

If your child is anaphylactic, you may leave the epinephrine pen with camp staff. Please make sure you note this and all allergies in the camper's health profile when registering for camp and speak to your camper's counselor on the first day of camp to discuss your camper's allergy and go over the specifics of their allergies.

Can I send my camper to camp if they aren't feeling well?

Please do not send your camper to camp if they may have any of the following:

A fever, diarrhea, has vomited in the past 24 hours, pink eye (conjunctivitis), strep throat, chicken pox (Varicella), lice, fifth disease (Ertheme Infectiosum), hand foot and mouth disease, bed bugs.

If your camper is suspected to have any of the above, you will be asked to pick up your camper immediately. To prevent spread of disease, hand washing will be mandatory before and after animal therapy, lunch, art, gardening, and any food activities.

Campers with a fever will be sent home immediately, While at camp, campers should be well enough to participate in all camp programming.

How do I get in contact with staff or my camper during the camp if there is an emergency?

Contact Camp Director, Nancy Bernotaitis, at Good Works Farm at (937-825-7470)

What happens if my camper gets sick during camp?

Depending on the severity of your camper's condition, we may call you to come and pick up your camper. If necessary, our Camp Director and First-responder will assess

your camper's condition and seek treatment as deemed necessary. We want camp to be a safe, fun, and enjoyable experience for all campers. Campers who vomit during or before the camp are not allowed to continue to participate and are required to be picked up by a parent or someone on their contact list immediately.

What is the camp discipline and behavior policy?

Good Works Farm camp volunteers have been trained to use positive problem solving techniques with any camper(s) having a discipline issue. Generally, the pattern below will be followed:

All camp volunteers will be trained to:

Follow suggested behavioral tools provided on the registration form

- Redirect the camper's behavior
- Attempt to discern the source of the camper's behavior
- Provide alternative positive activities to stop behavior

If behavior continues, senior counselors will:

- Remove camper from offending situation
- After securing supervision for other campers, senior counselor or camp director will:
 - Attempt to discern the source of the camper's behavior in a one-on-one conversation

- Outline steps to positive behavior, whether through conversation, writing, drawing, or other methods appropriate to the child and return to camp activities

- Monitor the behavior and provide guidance to the camper as needed

If these actions are not enough, campers will problem solve with the camp director to ensure success before removing the child from camp.

While we welcome all campers to summer camp at Good Works Farm please understand that in severe cases, in the interest of safety of the other campers and staff members, Good Works Farm staff reserves the right to remove a camper from any activity due to inappropriate behavior. Depending on the severity of the situation your camper may be asked not to return to camp or you may be called to pick your camper up from camp early. In the case that your camper is removed from camp due to behavior issues, you will not, under any circumstances, be issued a refund.

!Please be honest about your camper's behavioral issues so we can be as prepared as possible to incorporate preventative measures! Behavioral issues are not typically a problem at summer camp at Good Works Farm but must be considered for the safety of all involved.

My camper is in a cast, and/or has difficulty walking. Can s/he still come to camp?

Yes, your camper may still attend camp but please understand that there is a lot of walking involved in each camp day and the surface is gravel and grass. Strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs simply do not navigate this terrain well. Please contact the Camp Director if mobility is an issue. If the condition began after your camper

registered for camp and you feel that it is best for your camper not to attend, please contact the Camp Director in order to obtain a full refund, even within the 2 week period.

Do you provide lunch or snacks?

As our campers have varying dietary needs, we ask that campers/volunteers pack their own lunch for the day. We have a refrigerator in which to store the lunches that need refrigeration. We have water stations throughout camp and encourage water several times throughout the camp day. At the end of the camp day, we have sharing time under the gathering tree, and have popcorn and snow cones available. Please indicate on the Emergency Medical Form whether your camper can have these treats and which type. Due to allergies, campers are not allowed to share lunches.

Can I meet my camper for lunch?

Lunch times vary per group. If you wish to join your camper for lunch, please inquire about lunch time at drop off. Parents are always welcome to join their camper at Good Works Farm.

My camper is having a birthday while at camp. Can I send treats or toys?

No. Due to allergy and safety concerns, no food, treats, or other items may be provided to campers other than those provided by the camp.

How often does the group take bathroom breaks? What about handwashing?

Groups often take restroom breaks between activities and at lunchtime. Campers can also visit the restroom anytime they need to by letting their group leader/buddy know. We use the buddy system at Good Works Farm Camp. Females assist females; Males assist males, with additional eyes and ears monitoring restroom breaks. Campers are also encouraged to wash their hands after using the restroom, interacting with animals, planting in the gardens, and before lunch/snack.

What are the qualifications of camp staff and volunteers?

Camp staff is comprised of adults of campers in attendance. Volunteers consist of high school and college students with experience working with children and in the outdoors. They have experience working at summer camps and are studying agriculture and/or outdoor/environmental education. All volunteers are screened through the criminal activity database and complete a mandatory training session that includes safety and first aid. Counselors in training are volunteers ages 13-15 with a strong interest in working with children and learning skills in leadership and agriculture/outdoor education. They are assistants to the counselors and also undergo a mandatory training session.

How are the campers supervised?

Campers are supervised at all times by camp staff and are escorted on restroom breaks. Two staff members will be with children at all times. Staff to camper ratios are 2:8, plus 1:1 or 2:1 buddies.

Will my child get to touch and interact with farm animals?

Yes! Part of camp is interacting with farm animals. We do not force animals on those who have a fear. Most farm campers will learn about, feed, groom, and pet the farm animals.

How will weather affect Summer Camp at Good Works Farm?

Campers will be outside, even in the rain, so please prepare your child for the weather. In the case of thunder and/or lightning, camp activities will take place in the barn until it is safe to return outside. If threatening weather, such as a tornado warning, arises, we will seek shelter in the cellar of the house. If rain or other conditions threaten the safety of the campers, or if rain will interfere with most of the activities for the day and we need to cancel camp, parents will be notified as soon as possible. No refunds will be issued due to weather-related cancelations.

What should my child bring to camp?

- Closed-toe shoes--NO SANDALS!
- Lunch
- Hat (sun protection)
- Extra set of clothes
- Backpack (to keep their extra items in)
- Raincoats (if bad weather predicted)

PLEASE PUT YOUR CAMPER'S NAME ON THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

Please leave the following items at home:

- Books
- Electronics
- Decks of cards
- Items of value

If you choose to use sunscreen/bug spray, please make sure to apply to your camper prior to camp in the morning.

What is the camp drop-off procedure?

Camp is located at 3427 Waynesville Rd., Bellbrook, OH

If this is your camper's first time at camp, or if they are nervous on the first day, you are welcome to park in the lot near the street and walk your camper to the check in tent.

On subsequent days, or if your camper is a veteran, please follow the signs to pull through the turn around and drop your camper off. A volunteer with a clipboard will check in your camper and radio for their group leader to meet them at the check in

tent. Pick up procedure is very much the same. Pull in through the turn around, let the volunteer know who you are picking up, they will radio for the camper to be brought to the area. For the safety and privacy of our campers, please do not drive or walk past the check in tent. This procedure was new for us in 2017 and it worked quite well. Your patience as we work out the bugs is greatly appreciated.

What if I need to pick my camper up early?

The camp property is completely fenced and electronically gated. If you need to pick up your camper early, pull up to the gate and call (937) 825-7470. Let Nancy know you are at the gate and who you are picking up. She will have someone open the gate and radio for your camper to be brought to the check in tent.

What should I do if I'm going to be late dropping my camper off for camp?

If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late dropping your camper off, please call Nancy at (937) 825-7470 and let us know.

What should I do if I'm going to be late picking my camper up for camp?

If you are going to be more than 10 minutes late picking your camper up from camp, please call Nancy at (937) 825-740 and let us know. Volunteers are only asked to stay until their camper is picked up. We do not have the ability to keep campers beyond camp time.

Can I observe my child while in camp?

Yes, however, for the safety and privacy of all of our campers, we ask that you request prior approval. We need to know everyone who is on the camp property during camp times. At pick up time, our volunteers and camp staff are happy to talk to you about your camper's day. Parental presence during camp can instigate feelings of homesickness and often causes distractions for other campers. Our staff is trained to assist campers with homesickness. If your presence exacerbates your camper's negative feelings, it may be better to wait until family night to see what your camper is doing at camp.

What do I do if I have questions or concerns?

We prefer to address questions or concerns via email or telephone. You can email Nancy at contactus@goodworksfarm.org with non-urgent questions or concerns or call Nancy at (937) 825-7470 outside of camp hours with more urgent questions or concerns. If your question or concern cannot wait, please ask for Nancy at the check-in tent and we will find a quiet place to talk away from the campers.

What is family night?

Good Works Farm is unlike other camps in that this camp is a family affair. Family night is usually held on the Wed. of camp week (weather dictates) from 6-8 PM at the camp property. We will have a food truck for families to purchase their dinner,

water available, a slideshow of camp thus far, and activities such as fishing, animals, games, and arts/crafts. We will also have popcorn and snow cones available for free.

Can I photograph my camper and his/her new friends while in camp?

No, for the protection of all campers, photography, videography, or audio recording is not allowed except by those authorized by Good Works Farm.

For any questions not answered here, please contact Nancy Bernotaitis, Camp Director, at (937) 825-7470.