

# Camper *Handbook*

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Recreational Sports

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**Department of Recreational Sports Mission Statement:** The Department of Recreational Sports in the Division of Student Affairs promotes healthy lifestyle choices by providing development, growth, and education for the University of Georgia through the spirit of recreation.

**Camp Philosophy:** To provide campers with a fun, safe, and enjoyable camp in which to learn sportsmanship, participation, and cooperation. Positive reinforcement is emphasized.

**Age Grouping:** Campers are divided into three groups: 7 & 8 year old's, 9 & 10 year old's, and 11 & 12 year old's.

**Drop-off Procedures:** Children are to be dropped off at the northwest corner of the surface lot E-03 in front of the Ramsey Student Center. If the child is signed up for the 7:45 a.m. session (early drop off), children may be dropped off between 7:45 and 8:15 a.m. If the child is signed up for the 9:00 a.m. session, children may be dropped off between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. Please pull up just behind the motorcycle spaces. A counselor will greet you as you drive up to the curb to drop off your child. ***Please be sure to have your camp drop-off/pick-up card situated on the passenger side dashboard so that we can make the drop-off procedure as efficient as possible.***

If you feel more comfortable accompanying your child, especially on the first day, please do so. The children meet in Gym East (the gym downstairs next to the climbing wall) to start off the day. After 8:15 a.m. for the early session and 9:15 a.m. for the late session, it is mandatory for parents to walk their children into the building and down to Gym East.

**Pick-up Procedures:** Children are to be picked up in the surface lot between 2:55 and 3:15 p.m. for the regular day camp. If the children stay for the late session, they are to be picked up between 4:55 and 5:15 p.m. Please note that if your child is picked up late, you will be charged \$5.00. After 5:20 p.m. the fee increases to \$5.00 per five minutes. Late fees must be paid (cash or check made payable to UGA) at the time of pick-up to the counselor waiting with your child. Early pick-ups: ***if you need to pick your child up at any other time, you will need to come inside Ramsey and follow the directions listed below. Please allow a little extra time for transport through the facility.***

**a. Before 3:00pm – go to our main office, 201 Ramsey.**

To access room 201, you will need to enter the Main Lobby Entrance of Ramsey and turn right. Our office suite is 201 on the right when you enter our facility. Our staff will radio the camp staff so your child can be brought to the front of the building to sign out.

**b. Between 3:00pm and 5:00pm - Gym East.**

The Facility Staff will be able to provide you with directions to Gym East.

***In case of rain, parents are to walk children into the Ramsey Student Center Main lobby for both drop-off and pick-up.***

**Pick-up Authorization:** If your child is to be picked up by someone not authorized on the registration form, we must have written permission from the parent when the child is dropped off in the morning.

**Attendance:** If your child is not attending the camp due to illness, doctor's appointment, etc., please call the Recreational Sports Office between 8am – 9am, at 706-542-5060, and inform the Office Manager of your child's name, and they will inform camp administration. Please do not send sick children to camp. If your child develops a fever or has contagious symptoms, you will be notified immediately to pick up your child.

**Camp Schedule:** The calendar of activities planned for each camp session will be sent to you prior to the session's start date. Parents, please tell your children that they do not have to know how to play or be skilled in all the sports or activities. We are here to teach and have FUN!

**Clothing:** Children should come to camp dressed comfortably and ready for activity each day. Please outfit your children in a T-shirt, shorts, socks, and **TENNIS SHOES**. *We ask that you do not send your child to camp in sandals (slides, flipflops, Crocs, etc) as many of the activities and games could cause injury to a child if they are wearing sandals.* You may also want to put sunscreen on your child before camp as some activities take place outside.

**Swim and Field Day Activities:** Please make sure children bring their bathing suits and towels on swimming days. Children will be swimming two or three days a week during each session, so please make sure to note the days in the calendars. We typically swim on Monday's, Tuesday's, and Friday's. This year we will have a field day on Thursday's (weather permitting), so please make sure to put sunscreen on your children before dropping them off on Thursday's this summer. We will be playing some water sports while outside, so make sure to also send a change of clothes including socks and shoes along with a towel on those days as well.

**Snack:** A snack (chips, crackers, etc.) and a drink (lemonade, and/or water) will be served at mid-morning and mid-afternoon; normally at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Campers do not need to bring any extra money. Access to vending machines is **prohibited during camp hours** as it causes a lot of distractions & disruptions.

**Lunch:** Please make sure to send a sack lunch each day for your child. Campers will not have access to a microwave or any other heating source.

**Field Trips:** Field trips are taken in the Athens area and are normally taken once a week. The campers will be riding in 12-passenger University of Georgia vans. If this is unsuitable for the parents, we ask that you please make other arrangements to get your child to and from the field trip location. All field trip costs will be taken care of by the camp unless your children want to purchase anything while on field trips.

**Car Seat Requirements:** In accordance with Georgia State Law all passengers under the age of eight years old, in any vehicle other than a school bus, must be in an authorized child restraint seat. We will be transporting campers on field trips on Wednesday of weeks 1 and 2, and on Friday for week 3 and ask that you please bring an “Authorized Child Safety Seat” with your child to camp each field trip day on that week’s calendar that he or she is attending camp. This will allow us to transport your child in a manner that is safe and in compliance with all state mandates.

**In Case of Health Emergency:** If your child is injured, the Camp Director will take whatever steps are necessary to obtain medical care. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian.

In extreme emergencies:

1. Senior Counselors will call E.M.S.
2. Parent/Guardian will be contacted once E.M.S. has been activated.

In minor injuries/sickness:

1. Parent/Guardian will be contacted if necessary.
2. If a parent/guardian is unable to be reached, the emergency contact persons listed on the registration form will be contacted.
3. If unable to contact anyone listed above, we will contact the child’s doctor.

**Disciplinary Procedures:** We expect all our campers to behave appropriately in camp. Children are expected to participate in all activities unless notified by a parent or guardian. Children are to listen and follow the directors’ and counselors’ directions. Our discipline procedure is as follows:

- 1) Minor Behavior Concerns: This is a situation when a child is not cooperating, not listening, or disrupting the group’s activity.
  - a. First time- sit down and talk to the camper about the problem.
  - b. Second time- having camper sit out of activity.
  - c. Any recurring problems will be directed to Camp Administrators Jason James, Scott Lively, or Marty Mullis.

2) Major Behavior Concerns: This is a situation in which a child becomes violent toward another camper and/or counselor. These actions include fighting, verbal abuse, etc.

- a. First time- sit the child out of the activity and fill out a discipline report. The camp administrators will notify parent/guardian of the incident.
- b. Second time- dismiss the child from camp.

Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. No refunds will be given if a child is dismissed from camp due to concerns for their conduct.

**T-shirt:** Each child receives one (1) camp T-shirt. Please send your camper in their T-shirt on the days that we have field trips off campus.



**No outside toys/items are allowed at camp. These items include but are not limited to: toys, video/computer games, trading cards, books, cell phones, iPads, etc.** Any toys/items brought to the camp will be taken by our camp administrators, held in our office, and then returned to the camper's parent/guardian at the end of camp.

**Rec Sports Phone Numbers:**

Department of Recreational Sports: 706-542-5060

Ramsey Center Admissions Desk: 706-542-1454

Marty Mullis: (voice mail-messages before/after camp) 706-542-7660

Scott Lively: (voice mail-messages before/after camp) 706-542-8526

Jason James: (voice mail-messages before/after camp) 706-542-8081

**Staff Members:**

Our camp administrators are Jason James, Scott Lively, and Marty Mullis.

Jason, Senior Coordinator for Competitive Sports, is in his 24<sup>th</sup> year at UGA. Jason has coordinated summer camps for the University for the past eighteen years and has been involved with the Rec Sports Youth Camp since the summer of 2002.

Scott, Senior Coordinator for Competitive Sports, is in his first year with our program and is wrapping up his first year working at UGA. He has years of experience with youth programming and will be a huge asset to our staff.

Marty, Assistant Director for Competitive Sports. Marty is in his fourth year with our program as an administrator. Marty has been working for UGA Rec Sports since 2017. He has three children, one of which will be attending camp.

**Questions/Concerns:** Please feel free to contact us at the Rec Sports phone number listed below if you have any questions regarding camp. In addition, if any concerns arise regarding your child during camp – e.g.: their uneasiness with a planned activity, wanting a friend in their group, etc. – please notify us as soon as possible. Our goal is to make this camp experience a fun and positive one for everyone involved.

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