Contacts and Contingencies

Camp Phone

248.347.0269 X 220

If you will be arriving late, picking up early, or have an emergency, please contact us as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency, you will be contacted at the phone number you provide on the medical form. If you would like to change the emergency number, please notify staff as soon as possible.
Welcome to Tollgate Camp!

We are excited your camper will spend their summer with us on the farm. We have crafted a camp experience which will make this the best summer ever. Wholesome farm-based activities, new camp friends, fresh forest air, tasty garden treats, and a bit of silly fun make for an unforgettable time. We hope this guide is helpful as you prepare your camper for a one week visit or the whole summer. Feel free to reach out to us at any before, during or after camp.

What to Expect

Campers will be assigned to a developmentally-appropriate group for this week of farm adventures, learning, and fun! Age-appropriate hands-on activities are created with experiential and inquiry-based methods and are led by certified teachers and trained staff.

Campers will get a lot of time with the farm animals and everyone will have the opportunity to perform some of the farm ‘chores’ like collecting eggs and feeding the goats. We will be spending most of camp outdoors, hiking, engaging in games, and paying attention to wild and domestic life on the farm. We will also visit the hoop house and may even dabble in vermicomposting! We will cool down in the Garden Kitchen making nutritional snacks and learning about seasonal and local foods. Be certain to check the Tollgate Farm blog daily [http://experiencetollgate.com/](http://experiencetollgate.com/) for garden kitchen recipes. In addition, important camp updates, fun and candid photos, and descriptions of the many exciting adventures of your camper will be added to the blog.

Groups

Each camper will be assigned to a group for the week of camp. Expect that each group has approximately 13 or less. Each group has an assigned Education Leader with youth development experience and science enthusiasm. Our staff includes certified teachers and recreation specialists.

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Lunch and Snacks
We ask that you provide your camper with a healthy, nutritious sack lunch each day of camp. Refrigeration for lunches is available, but we ask that you please use insulated lunch totes if possible. Your camper will be active all day; they will need a sufficiently nutritious meal. We will provide the campers with a re-fillable water bottle on the first day of camp. In addition to lunch, each group will prepare snacks made with fresh ingredients and will learn about seasonal and local foods in the Garden Kitchen.

Please do not pack any peanut or tree nut products in your child’s lunch. Alert camp staff if your child has any food allergies (please also note it in the medical form). Aware of food allergies, we do not permit the participants to share lunches.
*Feel free to try soy-butter or sun-butter products as a substitute.*

Medical Procedures
If your child requires medication while at camp, we ask for compliance with the following standards:

- All medications must be in their original containers bearing the pharmacy label and camper name—and have specific instructions for use.
- Medications must be current, not expired.
- All medications must be registered with the camp staff.
- Although we are not allowed to dispense medication, we are able to ensure a camper takes their medicine themselves as prescribed.

Parents of campers with severe allergies please provide an Emergency Action Plan. This should include the triggers of the reaction, signs of the reaction, and necessary steps if a reaction should occur. If your child requires an EpiPen, your camp leader will have this on their person at all times.

What to Pack
Please dress your campers appropriately! Closed-toe shoes and socks with comfortable clothing are necessary. Choose comfortable, rugged clothes, shoes or boots that can get muddy and mucky. Please pack the following items in a labeled bag or backpack:

- sunscreen
- bug spray
- extra set of clothing
- swim wear & towel (we enjoy water activities during Water and Bug Camps)
- sweatshirt
- sun hat
This bag can stay at camp the entire week. Remember, your camper will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so please pack appropriate outdoor gear!

**Drop Off and Pick Up Schedule and Procedure**

- Upon arrival, please enter Tollgate grounds via the entrance on Meadowbrook Road just north of Twelve Mile Rd. Look for the Tollgate Summer Camp flag.
- Please be timely with dropping off and picking up. We have lots of activities planned and want campers to experience all the fun!
- Participants must be signed in at the beginning of the day and signed out at the end of the day. This is for their safety.
- If someone other than the drop-off person is picking up your child, please let camp staff and your camper know. We want to avoid confusion at the end of the day.
- **If you are going to be late picking up your child, please notify camp staff via the emergency phone number.** If you are more than 5 minutes late to pick up your child, you will be charged for aftercare at the rate of $10.00 per hour.

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**Parking Policy**

On the first day of camp, you will notice signs directing you to the Activity Center (known to campers as the ‘Garden Kitchen’) where sign-in and sign-out will occur each day. In case of heavy rain, drop off will occur in the big barn. Signs will direct you to the barn on the rain dates. A map is enclosed in the packet. Campers will meet at the beginning and end of each day at their ‘Pepper Spot’ around the corner from the Activity Center. Please use this packet to help prepare your child for the drop-off in order to make a smooth and comfortable transition to their first day of camp. Parking space is limited at the farm. Please be efficient in your drop-off and farewells. We appreciate your help.
2016 Summer Camp Sessions

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Stewards and Stewards-in-Training Leadership Program takes place throughout the summer!

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What to Bring on First Day of Camp

__ Signed CARES Contract for each camper
__ Signed Media/Medical Release for each camper
__ Alternate Sign-out Consent Form
__ Horse Waiver
__ Nutritious sack lunch
__ Change of clothes, including sweatshirt
__ Boots and closed-toe shoes
__ Hat
__ Sunscreen
__ Bug spray
__ Medication labeled with instructions
__ An excited adventurer!

What to Bring on Closing Water Activity Day (Dirt and Water Camp Only)

__ Nutritious sack lunch
__ Change of clothes, including sweatshirt
__ Appropriate outdoor gear (boots, hat, sunscreen, bug spray)
__ Swim suit (Boys should choose a suit with a liner and a drawstring waist to make sure the suit stays put. By the same token, most girls prefer one-piece suits at camp because they stay on better than others.)
__ Towel
__ Water shoes (optional)
__ An excited adventurer!