

PARENT HANDBOOK

**Good Times
Guaranteed!**



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Welcome

Welcome to Good Times Summer Day Camp. We are confident that you have selected the very best program available, and we will do anything and everything possible to make this a wonderful and memorable summer.

PLEASE REVIEW THIS HANDBOOK IN ITS ENTIRETY

Our Goals This Summer:

BE SAFE!

We know that you are entrusting us with your child, and we understand the responsibilities that entails. Throughout each day we take extra precautions to ensure your child's well-being. Special attention is always given to staffing, security, swimming, field trips, medical needs, and hydration.

HAVE LOTS OF FUN!

We are going to pack every day with fun-filled activities. Every camper is going to have "Good Times"! Help your camper get the most out of summer by being involved with his/her camp experience. Read the Event Calendar and be ready for the FUN!

Camp Directors

Papa Dave and his adult children, Dave Jr., Danny, and Madison run Good Times Camp. If this Camp Handbook does not answer all of your questions regarding Good Times, please feel free to contact them. They can be reached by phone at (847) 729-4884 or by email at Dave@GoodTimesDayCamp.com. Most family members are with the camp on a daily basis and are always available to help with your camp needs. During camp you can always speak to one of us at our main base from 7:30 - 9:00am or 4:00 - 5:30pm.

Communication

With the proper communication, we will ensure a wonderful summer experience for all. Please keep the following in mind:

Parent / Camper Communication - Please review this handbook and stress its importance with your camper. Please speak to your camper on a daily basis about camp. This will help alleviate any potential problems in their early stages.

Parent / Counselor Communication - Please make time to frequently speak with your child's counselor. This will allow you to inform the counselor of any special needs your camper may have. This will also allow the counselor time to adequately review your child's camp experiences with you.

***Emails, cell phone calls, and texting are encouraged between parents and counselors. Please see staff profiles for counselors contact info.**

Parent / Director Communication - Please remember that our camp directors are here to speak with you at any time. If you ever have any special questions, concerns, or fears, never hesitate to speak with one of us.

Camp Phone: 847-729-4884

Dave@GoodTimesDayCamp.com

Staff / Ratios

Good Times prides itself in the safe, fun-filled environment which it provides for its campers. Camper to counselor ratios are kept low in an effort to maintain safety. We also have assistant counselors and Gophers (older campers) to help groups as needed on a daily basis. Also, we only employ mature counselors who demonstrate a high degree of responsibility, outstanding enthusiasm for the campers, and a special talent beneficial to the camp program.

All of the counselors undergo a training/orientation process and are taught to respect the individual needs of each camper. Most of our counselors return year after year and build lasting friendships with each other, the campers, and the camp families.

Schedule Changes / Refunds

Changes:

- **Before June 1st**, you can make any schedule changes through your online account or by emailing your request to: Dave@GoodTimesDayCamp.com
- **After June 1st**, schedule reductions or cancellations will incur fees (see below).

Refunds:

- **Between June 1st and July 1st**, any cancellation or reduction will be refunded 50% of any overpaid monies.
- **After July 1st**, no refunds will be given.
- Registration fees are non-refundable.
- In all cases of cancellation, there will be a \$100 minimum fee per camper.

Parents' "Need To Know"

- Read the Parent Handbook and review necessary material with your camper.
- Always check your camper in with an attendance coordinator.
- Put your camper's name on anything that could get lost.
- Have your camper leave valuables at home!
- Have your camper check-in his/her camp bag upon arrival to camp.
- Have your camper place his/her lunch in the appropriate cooler upon arrival to camp. Remember to print your camper's name clearly and legibly on his/her lunch bag.
- Always have your camper wear a Good Times camp shirt on all field trips. This means every Monday & Wednesday.
- Read your calendar and prepare for camp accordingly, i.e. bring a squirt gun on squirt gun day.
- Apply an all-day sunblock and/or insect repellent to your camper in the morning before camp.
- If you ever have any questions or concerns, talk to your camper's counselor and a director right away!

Extended Hours

The main part of the camp day is between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.
Extended hours and extra activities are included in the camp program.

Dropping Off Your Camper

DROP OFF Times Vary According To Location:

- Glenview – **St. Catherine Laboure School** (gymnasium)
MAIN BASE
7:30am – 9:00am
- Deerfield – **Holy Cross School** (gymnasium)
Satellite Base
7:00am – 8:20am
- Morton Grove— **Poko Loko School**
Satellite Base
7:00am – 8:10am
- Glenview — **Poko Loko Early Learning Center**
Satellite Base
7:00am – 8:15am

Basic Info:

- Walk your camper to the counselor stationed at the entrance, check in, then your camper may enter facility.
- Discuss questions and concerns as needed with your camper's counselor or the base director.

Picking Up Your Camper

* Parents wanting their camper to travel home on their own must fill out the “Independent Dismissal Consent” form. Forms can be obtained from a base director.

PICK UP Times Vary According To Location:

- Glenview – **St. Catherine Laboure School** (gymnasium)
MAIN BASE
4:00pm – 5:30pm
- Deerfield – **Holy Cross School** (gymnasium)
Satellite Base
4:30pm – 5:30pm
- Morton Grove— **Poko Loko School**
Satellite Base
4:30pm – 5:00pm
- Glenview — **Poko Loko Early Learning Center**
Satellite Base
4:30pm – 6:00pm

Basic Info:

- Walk to the counselor stationed at the entrance, check in, then wait for your camper to arrive.
- Discuss questions and concerns as needed with your camper’s counselor or the base director.

Calendar of Events

	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7
MONDAY	6/27 Camper Challenges Hollywood Park Ramper Cars, Laser Tag, Rock Wall, Mini Golf, Go Carts, & Unlimited Video Games! Pizza & Soda Lunch! Remember to wear socks today!	7/4 	7/18 Camper Challenges Old School Forest Preserve Libertyville Sports Complex Rock Climbing, Indoor Soccer, Volleyball, & Basketball! Remember to wear socks today!	7/18 Camper Challenges Special Event - Water Balloons Orbit Roller Skating Get ready to Boogie! Remember to wear socks today!	7/25 Camper Challenges Special Event - Leather Branding Vertical Endeavors The largest Indoor Rock Climbing Area! Will you be able to reach the top? Remember to wear socks today!
TUESDAY	6/28 Blue Star Memorial Woods Special Event - Home Run Derby! Roosevelt Pool Harms Woods Special Event - Sand Art - Cool Shapes and 10 Colors of Sand Sports Choice	7/5 Busse Woods Special Event - Inflatable! WZPEOUT - jump from ball to ball without wiping out! MELTDOWN - jump and duck or else you'll get knocked down! Rainbow Falls Water Park Swirl in the Whirlpool!	7/12 Blue Star Memorial Woods Special Event - Chalk Drawings Sports Choice Roosevelt Pool Play President's Choice and Win Tokens! Harms Woods	7/19 Busse Woods Special Event - Group Videos Who Will Make The Coolest Video? Rainbow Falls Water Park Get Flashed in the Toilet Bowl!	7/26 Harms Woods Play President's Choice and Win Tokens! Roosevelt Pool Blue Star Memorial Woods Special Event - Archery - who can pop the balloon? Sports Choice
WEDNESDAY	6/29 Counselor Challenges Lincoln Park Zoo See Your Favorite Animals! Visit The Firm at The Zoo! Ride The Zoo Carousel!	7/6 Counselor Challenges Dave & Buster's (older campers) Super Arcade Games! Chuck E. Cheese's (younger campers) Meet Chuck! BOYS' NIGHT! Sports and Game Tournament! Pizza & Ice Cream! *all 9:30 p.m. - \$50 additional fee	7/13 Counselor Challenges Safari Land Arcade, Go Carts, & Indoor Roller Coaster! + Pizza & Soda Lunch! - Remember to wear socks and shoes today! GIRLS' NIGHT! Hair Styling! Nail! Dance Party! Pizza & Ice Cream! *all 9:30 p.m. - \$50 additional fee	7/20 Counselor Challenges The Main Event Gravy Kapes Course, Billiards, Bowling, Arcade, & Laser Tag! Pizza & Soda Lunch!	7/27 Counselor Challenges Lake County Fair Carnival Rides, Arts & Crafts, Petting Zoo, & Lots of Games!
THURSDAY	6/30 Blue Star Memorial Woods Sports Choice Flick Pool Half Day Woods Treat Day - Chocolate Malt Cups Bumper Kickball Today! Group Games	7/7 Sports Choice Wheeling Aquatic Center Half Day Woods Treat Day - Funpunch Fountains in Many Colors and Flavors! Bumper Kickball Today! Group Games	7/14 Blue Star Memorial Woods Sports Choice Flick Pool Half Day Woods Treat Day - Creamsicle Only Energy-Oh, So Yummy! Bumper Kickball Today! Group Games	7/21 Half Day Woods Bumper Kickball Today! Sports Choice BareFoot Bay Aquatic Center Water slides! Treat Day - Chocolate Covered Marshmallows	7/28 Blue Star Memorial Woods Sports Choice Flick Pool Half Day Woods Treat Day - Jelly Belly Challenge Are You Ready To Get Some Bunsies? Bumper Kickball Today! Group Games
FRIDAY	7/1 Rainbow Day Wear As Many Colors As Possible! K-Max's Ultimate Dance Party! Old School Forest Preserve Sports Choice & Fast Pitch Baseball! Today's Cookout Menu: Build Your Own Sub! Choose Turkey, Ham, or Roast Beef with all the fixin's! Sides include Shredding Potatoes and Mandarin Orange! Cotton Candy & Snow Cone! Vernon Hills Aquatic Center	7/8 Wet 'n' Wild Day! Special Event - Spirit Gun Ward Riding Tour! Favorite Spirit Gun Don't Forget To Put Your Name On It! K-Max's Ultimate Dance Party! Old School Forest Preserve Today's Cookout Menu: Buffalo Wild Wings! What sauce will you choose? Sides include Fresh Sliced Apples, Carnie Slides, and Oreos! Cotton Candy & Snow Cone! Flick Pool	7/15 Dress Like A Star K-Max's Ultimate Dance Party! Old School Forest Preserve All Camp Dodge Ball! Today's Cookout Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwiches! Sides include Stuffed Pineapple, Frozen Yogurt, and Pretzels! Cotton Candy & Snow Cone! Vernon Hills Aquatic Center	7/22 X-MAS in July Hot Hot Hot! K-Max's Ultimate Dance Party! Old School Forest Preserve Sports Choice & Fast Pitch Baseball! Today's Cookout Menu: Popeye's Chicken, Mac 'n' Cheese, Corn on the Cob and Fresh Sliced Watermelon! Cotton Candy & Snow Cone! Wheeling Aquatic Center	7/29 Heroes vs. Villains Which Side Will You Choose? K-Max's Ultimate Dance Party! Old School Forest Preserve Sports Choice & Fast Pitch Baseball! Today's Cookout Menu: Walking Tacos! Take a bag of Fritos and add Ground Beef & Cheese. It doesn't get any better than this! Sides include Fresh Cantaloupe and Pudding Cup! Cotton Candy & Snow Cone! Vernon Hills Aquatic Center

ALL DAYS START WITH CIRCLE OF LIFE—MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND END WITH RETURN TO BASE—PURCHASE CONCESSIONS—HITTLES TO GO BELLIE BRAGS

The final calendar of events is available on our website: GoodTimesCamp.com. You will also receive a printed copy at Family Day with additional daily notes and information. Please reference this every day that your camper attends camp.

Watch For:

- costume days (every Friday)
- special lunch days
- early departure & late pick up days
- special event days (squirt guns)
- special requirements for field trips (i.e. shoes or socks)

Don't Forget:

- lunches
- swimsuits
- sunscreen
- bug spray
- money for concessions / souvenirs
- wear your camp shirt every Monday & Friday!

Swimming

Good Times uses Glenview's Flick Pool, The Wheeling Aquatic Center, Rainbow Falls in Elk Grove Village, BareFoot Bay in Mundelein, and The Vernon Hills Aquatic Center.

Pool Safety

All pools we frequent are fully staffed with their own trained lifeguards as well as by our Good Times counselors.

All campers are initially assessed to determine their swimming abilities. In order for a swimmer to be considered experienced, they must be able to swim across the deep end and back showing no signs of exhaustion. They also must be able to jump into the deep end to start the assessment and they are not allowed to wear swim goggles. All swimmers that do not pass will be required to wear provided life vests on all swimming days. Reassessments can be done anytime we frequent the pool.

Also, each counselor will familiarize their group with the layout of each pool we visit, reviewing pool rules and pointing out restricted swimming areas.

- Experienced swimmers are allowed supervised swim with freedom to use all the pool's attractions.
- Transitioning swimmers will be required to swim as a group and will be allowed to visit all pool attractions under the direct supervision of their counselor.
- Beginning swimmers will be required to swim as a group, under direct supervision of their counselor, only in pool areas designated for beginning swimmers.

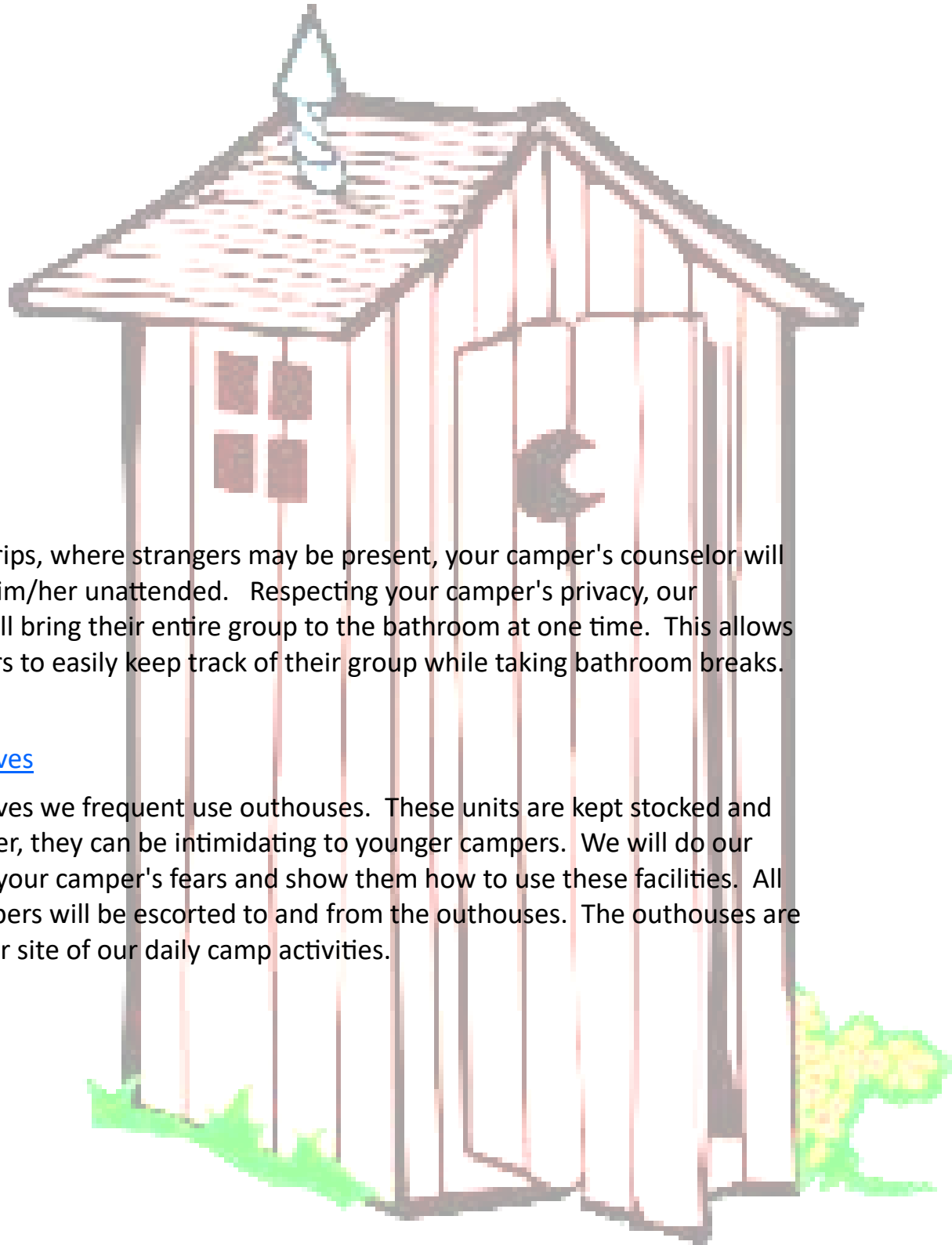
Bathrooms

Field Trips

During field trips, where strangers may be present, your camper's counselor will never leave him/her unattended. Respecting your camper's privacy, our counselors will bring their entire group to the bathroom at one time. This allows our counselors to easily keep track of their group while taking bathroom breaks.

Forest Preserves

Forest preserves we frequent use outhouses. These units are kept stocked and clean; however, they can be intimidating to younger campers. We will do our best to ease your camper's fears and show them how to use these facilities. All younger campers will be escorted to and from the outhouses. The outhouses are always in clear site of our daily camp activities.



Inclement Weather



Rainy Days

Many parents wonder what the camp does on those rainy summer days. We have several available options. If the rain is a slight drizzle, we use the shelters at our reserved sites. Here, we can make crafts or play games. If the rain is severe, we always find shelter indoors at places such as our camp base, a movie theater, or a bowling alley. Remember to dress your camper appropriately for the day's weather and events.



Cold Days

Occasionally the summer will bring a few colder days than we are used to. On these days, the scheduled activities will remain the same unless rain mixes into the forecast. Sweatpants, sweatshirts, and even a light jacket will help your camper keep warm and cozy. Always be aware of each day's weather forecast and scheduled activities, then dress your camper appropriately and leave the FUN to us!

*Please note that all pools are heated; therefore, we will swim as long as the outside temperature is 68 degrees or above.



Hot Days

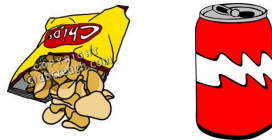
Frequently at camp we experience hot days - some very hot! On these days, camp proceeds as scheduled. Water, sunscreen, and shade are the essentials of our survival. Extra time at the pool, running through sprinklers, chilling out in front of the misting machine, or perhaps an ice cold popsicle will make these hot days as fun as the rest. Ice cold water is always available when we are not on the bus. Campers are also welcome to bring their own water bottle.

Lunch & Friday Cookouts



Please pack your camper's daily lunch in a brown bag or Ziploc plastic bag. Insulated lunch bags are unnecessary and cumbersome in the group's cooler. Each counselor has his/her own lunch cooler with frozen gel packs to keep all lunches fresh. Please remember to label your camper's lunch with his/her name. Watch your camp calendar as there may be a few field trip days that we provide lunch. On Fridays we provide the entertainment and a great lunch! See our calendar for the menu. If your camper has a special diet or just wants something else for lunch, please feel free to bring a sack lunch.

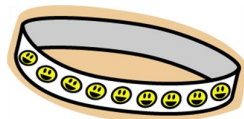
Concessions



Snacks and Drinks

Upon our return to the main base, we sell concessions consisting of assorted snacks and drinks. Please note, you are always welcome to send a snack or drink from home. Please make these snacks non-perishable and keep them separate from your camper's lunch so he/she can access them as he/she wishes. Cold water is always available to the campers when not on the bus.

Soda \$1.50, Gatorade \$1.50, Candy \$1.50, Slushie, \$1.50, Chips \$1.50, Jumbo Freeze Pop \$1.50, Ice Cream \$1.50, Popcorn \$1.50, Nachos \$3.00



Wristbands

Concession wristbands are a great way for younger campers to purchase concessions from Good Times. These wristbands eliminate cash and help prevent young children from losing their money. Parents simply purchase wristbands (each worth \$1.50) and place them on your camper's wrist at the beginning of the camp day. Upon their purchase we will remove the wristband. Wristbands can be purchased during Family Day and every camp day at each base. Unused wristbands can be turned in for a refund.

Money at Camp

Money for campers is needed for the following:

- Good Times' concessions
- field trip concessions
- pool concessions
- field trip souvenirs



Older campers are allowed to bring money and be responsible for it themselves. If they (or you) want, their counselor will be happy to hold it for them.

Younger campers are just learning about money. We recommend giving them a dollar or so to hold in their camp money holder. This will teach your young camper how to use money and how to become responsible for it. If your camper is not ready for this responsibility, the counselor will be happy to hold the money. Larger amounts of money should always be labeled and given to your child's counselor with spending instructions.

Please remember that other children will pick up any money left unattended. Please speak with your camper about the responsibilities of money.

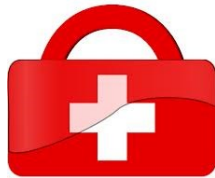
Prize Tokens & Treasure Chest

We love to reward our campers for all things positive, including excellence in attitude, behavior, performance, costume, etc. These rewards include Good Times prize tokens redeemable for concessions or choices from our Treasure Chest which is filled with lots of fun prizes!



Lost & Found

The easiest way to prevent losing anything is to **LABEL IT!** If there is no name on a lost item, we cannot return it to your camper. Labeled items will be returned to your camper's counselor. Unlabeled items will be placed on a general "Lost and Found" table at our main base. As soon as you notice that your camper is missing something, please tell your camper's counselor or Dave. The sooner we know, the greater the chance of finding the item. **Expensive items should be left at home.**



Health and Wellness

First Aid

All of Good Times counselors are trained in First Aid and CPR. Each counselor always carries a first aid kit for the little ouchies. If professional medical attention is needed, we will contact the EMS immediately. Parents will always be contacted in the event of any emergency, illness, or injury.

Sick Policy

Any campers with a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea will need to be picked up from camp and must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to camp.

Medication

Our staff will administer basic medication to your camper, as needed, with the proper consent. Always discuss specifics with your camper's counselor and a director.

Physicals

Good Times does not require physicals; however, it is very important for parents to accurately fill out the registration form (i.e. emergency contact phone numbers) and inform us of any pertinent medical issues that their camper may have (i.e. asthma, severe allergies, seizures, diabetes, etc.).

Safety Recommendations

* Multiple inhalers and EpiPens are recommended for camper's with asthma or severe allergies. The camper's counselor as well as a base director will keep these in case of an emergency. If a parent wants their camper to hold their own inhaler or EpiPen, they can; however, we would like the counselor and base director to have one as well.



Water

At Good Times we understand the importance of staying hydrated, especially with being outside in hot temperatures and participating in various activities. Therefore, we will always have plenty of cold water and shade available for our campers. * For a nice treat, pack a frozen water bottle in his/her camp bag for your camper to enjoy while on the bus.

Sunscreen

Sunscreen is very important! We recommend all parents apply an all day, high SPF sunscreen to their camper every day of camp. The camp day is long and the hours in the sun add up quickly. Your camper's counselor is also willing to apply additional sunblock throughout the day. Please talk to your camper's counselor directly with instructions and supplies.



Insect Repellant



At times mosquitos can become a real nuisance. Please feel free to have your camper or camper's counselor carry insect repellant as needed. We don't want your child coming home with bites!

Ticks / Spider Bites

Being outside increases your campers risk of spider bites and ticks. Please check your camper head to toe in case they may have gotten bit or have a tick attached to them.

Gophers

Good Times offers a special program at a discounted rate for campers over the age of 12. This program helps transition eager teen campers into responsible working adults. Gophers are assistants to their assigned counselors and in no way have direct responsibility over any camper. Many of Good Times best counselors were at one time campers themselves.

Busing

Good Times travels to our various fun spots by school buses. Our drivers are all professional bus drivers who drive school routes over the course of the year. Each bus is equipped with seatbelts if a camper wishes to use one. Good Times follows Illinois State Law and does not require campers to wear a seatbelt. If you want your camper to wear a seatbelt, please discuss your wishes with your camper and his/her counselor.





Cell Phones

Campers are allowed to bring and use cell phones at camp. Campers must be of an age to be responsible for their phone. Phones must be used in an acceptable way. For example, communicating with family and friends or playing games. Any inappropriate use, including poor judgement in texts, photos, websites, profanity, pornography, etc. will result in confiscation of the phone and parental contact.

Behavior / Bullying / Etc.

Campers must be of sufficient maturity to properly care for his/her hygiene and participate in the camp's program. Good Times Day Camp has the right to dismiss any camper whose behavior, attitude, or action, is in our judgment, contrary to the best interests of our camp community. This includes but is not limited to: pranks causing bodily harm, embarrassment, destruction of property, excessive fighting or other aggressive behavior, harassment, bullying, sexual behavior, theft, excessive disobedience, or for other conduct that is ruining another camper's experience or is harmful to the camp. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or controlled substances while enrolled in camp will bring immediate dismissal. Possession of any weapon or threatening toy may also bring immediate dismissal. Good Times Day Camp will, if necessary, search for and confiscate any items that violate camp policy or are used in inappropriate ways.





[Directions / Addresses](#)

- **St. Catherine Laboure School (gymnasium)**

MAIN BASE

3425 Thornwood Ave., Glenview

*The school is 1/2 mile West of Greenwood Ave. on the south side of Thornwood Ave. Follow Thornwood Ave. to Longmeadow Dr., continue on Longmeadow Dr. around the back of the school to the gymnasium entrance.



- **Holy Cross School (gymnasium)**

Satellite Base

720 Elder Lane, Deerfield

*The school / gymnasium is on the east side of Waukegan Rd., 1/4 mile north of Deerfield Rd.





Pools

[Flick Pool](#)

3600 Glenview Road, Glenview

[Wheeling Aquatic Center](#)

327 W. Dundee Road, Wheeling

[Rainbow Falls](#)

200 Rev Morrison Blvd., Elk Grove Village

[Vernon Hills Family Aquatic Center](#)

635 N. Aspen Drive, Vernon Hills

[Barefoot Bay](#)

1461 N. Midlothian Rd., Mundelein



Forest Preserves

Blue Star Memorial Woods / Glenview

Located between Wagner Rd. and Harms Rd. on the south side of Lake Ave.

- We camp at the south end of the forest preserve.

Busse Woods / Schaumburg

Located west of Arlington Hts. Rd. on Higgins. Turn north into forest preserve at Elk Grove Rd.

- We camp either grove #2 or #3.

Half Day Woods / Lincolnshire

Located about 1 mile north of Half Day Rd. (Rt. 22) on the east side of Milwaukee Ave.

- We camp at shelter C which is the northern most grove.

Harms Woods / Glenview

Located off Harms Rd. between Golf Rd. and Old Orchard Rd.

- We camp at the southern most grove (#1) .

Old School Forest Preserve / Libertyville

Located about 3 miles north of Rt. 60 on the east side of St. Mary's Rd.

- We camp at shelters A and B (The Meadows), which are the first groves off the forest preserve's circular loop drive.