

# Sandy Creek Day Camp

## General Information

### Personal Needs

The camp environment varies from forest, creeks and beaches to large open fields. To be prepared for a day of activities, each camper should bring the following:

### Required items

- Carrying bag/day pack - some type of bag to carry all personal belongings. (Please print name clearly on outside of bag.) Do not send bags with wheels.
- Reusable water bottle or cup for lunch/break time
- CLOSED-TOED SHOES REQUIRED
- Swimsuit (EVERY DAY INCLUDING MONDAY)
- Change of clothing for water activities
- Towel (EVERY DAY INCLUDING MONDAY)
- BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH
- Sunscreen - Please apply before arriving at camp.

### Optional items

- Insect repellent
- Hat and sunglasses
- Masks
- Morning/Afternoon snack

**NOTE: Make sure that all personal items are CLEARLY MARKED WITH CAMPER'S NAME.**

Do not bring cell phones, toys, weapons, electronics, or pets.

Disruptive or inappropriate items will be collected by camp staff & returned at the end of the day. The Leisure Services Department and staff are not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

### Lunch

- Pack lunches in sturdy soft-sided bags or containers clearly marked with your child's name.
- No Coolers, Hard-Sided Lunchboxes or Paper Bags

Campers are responsible for bringing their own lunches. Please put your child's name on his/her lunch. Cold storage will be provided for all lunches. Refrigeration space is limited so help by packing lunch in the smallest possible container.

Water will be provided at lunch as well as break times. You may pack a non-refrigerated snack for your camper in their backpack for the morning & afternoon break.

▶▶ Leave all cell phones and electronics at home.

### Schedule

Sandy Creek Day Camp & Teen Camp will alternate days between Sandy Creek Nature Center and Sandy Creek Park.

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will be held at Sandy Creek Park.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays will be held at Sandy Creek Nature Center.**

Camp begins at 9:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm.

Children will be accepted for camp at 8:45 am and are dismissed at 4:00 pm

### No Child may be left unattended.

Children arriving prior to 8:45 a.m. or remaining past 4:15 pm must be part of the early drop-off/late pick up program.

### Early Drop-off & Late Pick Up

- Early Care begins at 7:30 am  
Parents arriving prior to 7:30 am MUST wait with their children until 7:30 am.
- Late Care begins at 4:15 pm and continues until 5:30 pm.

Early/Late Care on M, W, F at Sandy Creek Park will be at Pavilion #1.

Early/Late Care on T, Th at Sandy Creek Nature Center will be at the Education & Visitors Center.

- A \$10.00 late fee is assessed for each 15 minute interval beginning at 5:31 pm.
- Please let camp directors know if there is an emergency that prevents you from picking your child up on time.
- [Fees may be paid online by Friday prior to the start of camp or in person the week of camp.](#)

## Dropping off Campers

Arriving at Camp: Drop campers off between 8:45–9:00 am.

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday drop off is at Sandy Creek Park, 400 Bob Holman Road.**

All campers are dropped off at the marked looped parking area. A counselor will direct you to pull up to the check in station. After completing check-in, campers will be directed to join their group.

**Tuesday, Thursday drop off is at Sandy Nature Center, 205 Old Commerce Road.**

All campers are dropped off at the marked check in stations in the Education & Visitors Center parking area. A counselor will

direct you to pull up to the check in station. After completing check-in, campers will be directed to join their group.

Late arrivals cause delays for the camp program. Be on time! Campers that repeatedly arrive late may not be able to participate in future programs.

At this time, there are no COVID protocols at the check in station or during camp; however, this may change if community numbers rise. If the ACC Leisure Service policy changes related to COVID conditions, a notification will be sent as soon as possible. Please do not bring campers that are exhibiting symptoms or have a positive COVID test.

## Picking Up Your Camper

Pick up time is 4:00 – 4:15 pm.

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday pick up is at Sandy Creek Park.**

Campers wait at the marked parking area in their group until your car pulls up to the pickup line in the parking lot and stops. Campers will be escorted by a counselor to your vehicle.

**Tuesday, Thursday pick up is at Sandy Nature Center.**

Campers wait at the marked parking area in their group until your car pulls up to the pickup line in the parking lot and stops. Campers will be escorted by a counselor to your vehicle.

Display your issued **Camper Pickup Card** on the dash of your vehicle.

Please Note: Campers who are not part of the late pick-up service will begin loading in cars promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Dangerous thunderstorms and other unforeseeable circumstances may cause a minor delay in the pickup schedule. Your patience with these delays is appreciated. We strive to provide your child with the safest camp experience possible.

## If your child must arrive late or needs to be picked up early

Campers are often on trails, wading in the creek, out in canoes, and all over the 500+ acres of our parks.

To pick up your camper or to drop them off between 9am–3pm, make arrangements in advance with the Camp Director or Teen Camp Supervisor. Please escort your camper to the **front desk** to check them in when at **Sandy Creek Nature Center**. At **Sandy Creek Park**, check in at the **gate house** and they will direct you where to go.

Campers can be picked up or dropped off without interrupting activities between Noon and 1 pm. All times must be prearranged.

If campers are dropped off late without prior planning, you will need to wait with your child until a staff member is available to assist them in rejoining their group.

Unplanned pickups will also be delayed until a staff member is available to safely retrieve the camper. **NO EARLY PICKUPS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 3:00 PM.**

### COVID Protocols for Summer

- Camp will send a notification of a positive case in the camp to the parents and guardians of the group participants.
- Leisure Services asks that all parents and guardians assess their campers for signs and symptoms of illness before sending them to camp each morning using the provided symptom checker.
- Campers who develop symptoms will be considered a presumed positive and required to isolate for 5 days **AND** be fever free for 24 hours before returning to camp. If a camper tests positive for COVID or is showing symptoms after being exposed to someone with COVID, the camper needs to **stay home** and notify their camp. Please call your camp main number or the main Leisure Services Number 706-613-3800. If email is preferred, you can email [Registration@accgov.com](mailto:Registration@accgov.com).
- All campers with COVID will be required to isolate for five (5) days.
- **In order to return to camp, campers must be feeling better, have improving symptoms, and be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medications.** Campers returning from quarantine will be expected to wear a medical grade mask for 5 more days at any ACC Leisure Services Camp.

## Activities

Sandy Creek Day Camp provides experiences that allow campers to better understand themselves, their community, and our connections to the natural world. Listed below are examples of activities that are a regular part of the Day Camp's curriculum.

The curriculum may vary due to weather, age group, and the weekly theme.

Outdoor Exploration

Animal Adaptations

Creek Walk

Pond Study

Rocks & Minerals

Live Animals

Insect Study

Outdoor Skills & Activities

Firebuilding

Disc Golf

Recycling and Conservation

Fishing

Archery

Scavenger Hunts

Canoeing

Nature Crafts

Orienteering

Outdoor Sports

Swimming

Group/Field Games

Team Building Activities

Hiking

Planetarium Programs

## Emergency Procedures

All staff are certified in Red Cross First Aid, and CPR.

In the case of a medical emergency, an ambulance will be called and the camper will be transported to Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center. Parents/emergency contact person will be notified immediately.

If contact cannot be made, the family physician will be called.

## Code of Conduct

Promoting social interaction & interpersonal skills are one of the most important goals of our camp. As part of growing up, children learn self-discipline and community responsibility. Counselors and staff help children with this process by providing ongoing encouragement and assistance as well as through appropriate role modeling. Counselors and staff are trained to respond in a positive & supportive manner designed to build self-confidence and teach children personal responsibility. Discipline problems will be handled by the staff as directed by the Department of Leisure Services policy as listed in the Athens-Clarke County Code of Conduct.

Please label all clothing, towels, backpacks, lunch containers, etc. with your child's name!

## Safety Considerations

The safety of each camper is very important to the Day Camp staff. Please observe the following:

- ♦ Never leave your child unattended.
- ♦ During the morning drop-off and afternoon pick up, please do not allow your child to get out of or approach your car until a camp counselor arrives to assist you.
- ♦ Pickup may be delayed if inclement weather is present – we want to make sure your child is safe.
- ♦ During camp week, be sure to prominently display your Camper Pickup Sheet on the dash of your vehicle. This sheet will be issued to all participants on Monday.
- ♦ Children will not be released to an unauthorized adult or to an adult failing to display a Camper Pickup Sheet. If you do not have your Camper Pickup Sheet displayed at pick up time, you will be asked to pull into a parking area and show suitable identification. All I.D.s are checked against your registration form and no child will be released unless proper identification is confirmed.

These procedures will be strictly enforced and there are NO EXCEPTIONS.

## Daily Schedule

Camp Directors will inform parents of any special needs for the week.

Schedule for campers.

7:30–8:45 am	.....Early drop off/Before Camp Care Begins
8:45–9:00 am	..... Campers arrive
9:15–11:45 am	..... Activity periods (includes break times)
12:00–1:00 pm	.....Lunch/Matinee Program
1:15–3:45 pm	..... Activity periods (includes break times)
4:00 pm	..... Camp Day Ends; Campers Picked Up
4:15–5:30 pm	..... Late pick up/after camp care
5:30 pm	.....After Camp Care Ends for late pick up campers

### Contact Number for Camp Questions:

**Monday** call Sandy Creek Park @  
762-400-7722

**Tuesday-Friday** call Sandy Creek  
Nature Center @ 706-613-3615

