

SUMMER CAMP



CAMP ARK 2019

ARTS REACHING KIDS

GUIDE 2019

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Princesses & Pirates Artventure • June 24 - 27
The Great 3 Ring Circus Artventure • July 9 - 11
Advanced Camp • July 15 - 25

Monday – Thursday • 9 am – 4 pm

Tryon Recreation Center
226 Oakland Avenue
Greer, SC 29650



"Reaching for the Stars"

The mission of the Greer Cultural Arts Council is to serve the Greater Greer Community by providing affordable cultural arts opportunities.

We will offer the highest possible quality of training and events. All activities will reflect the highest moral standards. We encourage participation of all citizens, regardless of age, creed, ethnicity, gender or economic status. Through art, music, dance and drama, we hope to enrich the lives of the citizens of Greater Greer and surrounding communities.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, activity or public meeting of the City of Greer should contact Ruthie Helms, ADA Coordinator at (864) 848-5397 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.

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Greer Cultural Arts Council
301 E Poinsett St
Greer, SC 29651

Dear Parents,

The Greer Cultural Arts Council would like to welcome you to our 2019 Camp ARK. We strive to provide quality programming for your children to create lasting memories.

This packet will answer many questions you may have about our summer arts camps as well as provide information on what we need from you. Outlined in this program, you will find information on our summer camp program as well as some forms that we will need returned to us on the first morning of camp.

We hope that this packet will serve as a guide and be very informative to you but please feel free to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

The Greer Cultural Arts Council reserves the right to make any changes to the policies or camp activities at any time. We feel that you will be beyond pleased with the Camp planned for this summer! If you have any questions, please contact me at 864-848-5383 or at artscouncil@cityofgreer.org.

Beginner Camps: We will have a short camp performance on Thursday at 3 pm to showcase all that the campers learned in their drama, dance, and music classes, as well as the artwork that they created in art class. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family.

Sincerely,

Robin Byouk

Cultural Arts Supervisor



CAMP ARK THEMED DRESS-UP DAYS

Pirates & Princesses Art Venture

Monday: “Get To Know You” day – Come as yourself today so we can get to know YOU!

Tuesday: Pajama Day – Come to camp in your pajamas!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday – Wear your wackiest, tackiest outfit

Thursday: Princesses and Pirates Day – Don’t leave home without your pet parrot or tiara!

The Great 3 Ring Circus Art Venture

Monday: “Get To Know You” Day – Come as yourself today so we can get to know YOU!

Tuesday: Pajama Day – Come to camp in your pajamas!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday – Wear your wackiest, tackiest outfit

Thursday: Fairytale Character Day – Come to camp dressed as your favorite fairytale character

Advanced Camp ARK

Monday: “Get To Know You” day – Come as yourself today so we can get to know YOU!

Tuesday: Pajama Day – Come to camp in your pajamas!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday – Wear your wackiest, tackiest outfit

Thursday: Super Hero Day – Wear your favorite super hero t-shirt or costume

Monday: Magical Monday – Dress as your favorite Harry Potter character or mythical creature

Tuesday: Disney Day – “Disney Bound” as your favorite Disney character

Wednesday: Pirate Day – Arrr Mateys! Don’t forget yer parot!

Thursday: Throwback Thursday – Throw it back to the 1990’s, 80’s, 70’s...even the 20’s!

CAMP POLICIES

1. A \$50 (or \$100) registration fee was due when submitting all camp applications. The full remaining balance is due one (1) week prior to the first day of camp.

2. All paperwork (the Behavior Contract and Stage Makeup Form) will need to be signed and filled out prior to arriving at camp on the first morning. Please turn these forms in when checking your child in on Monday morning.

2. Discipline may include a verbal warning, time out from the area of play, exclusion from certain activities, and suspension for a day, week, or indefinitely. If we cannot control your child's behavior, we will ask for a conference with the parents. If the problem continues, we will ask you to make other arrangements for your child. **No refunds will be given if the child has to be removed from the program.**

3. Camp hours are from 9:00am -4:00pm. Please make plans for your child to be picked up if you are unable to pick them up between these times. Our doors will not be open for drop off before 8:45am under any circumstances. Any campers not picked up by 4:15pm will be charged a late pick up fee.

4. You are required to walk your child into the recreation center in the morning and pick them up in the car line at the end of each day.

- All campers must be walked into the facility each day by a parent or the designated ride.
- **A car tag will be given to you when you drop your child off on Monday morning. Please display it in your car's front windshield when you come through the car line.** We will not allow a child to get into a car that does not have the correct car tag.
- If your child is carpooling with another camper, you must submit a note on the first morning.
- The staff will only release a child to those listed on the registration form. If someone other than the parent/guardian listed on the registration form will be picking up your camper, we must have a note that morning when the camper arrives to camp. This person will need to have the car tag, and we will photograph their I.D.
- If the staff does not recognize you, a photo I.D. will be required before a child is released into your custody. Please plan to always bring your I.D. with you when picking up your child in case a substitute counselor has had to come in or in case our staff does not recognize you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should my child wear to camp?

For their safety, please send your child in comfortable, closed-toed shoes and “playing” clothes. Your child may want to participate in our dress up days (Listed on page 4). Please send a set of “paint clothes” each day for your child to change into or to throw on over their clothes for art class.

Advanced Campers should bring their jazz shoes every day.

What does my child need to bring to camp?

Everyone should bring a water bottle every day. They will be able to refill their water bottle throughout the day. They should also bring a set of paint clothes (as mentioned above) and a packed lunch.

Do I need to pack a lunch or snacks for my child?

Please send a packed lunch (that does not need to be heated) with your child each day. You may send snacks with your child, however, we will also provide snacks during the day! There will be a refrigerator available to store lunches. Don't forget to pack a fork or spoon (if needed)!

Can my child bring a cell phone or electronics to camp?

Electronics are not permitted at camp. The City of Greer, The Greer Cultural Arts Council, and Camp ARK will not be held responsible for any items brought to camp that become lost, stolen or broken. Cell phones may be kept in their bag and checked during lunchtime only.

How can I get in touch with my child during the day?

Since the children are often in classes or involved in camp activities, it is not always easy to reach them. Robin Byouk is reachable at 864-505-7771. However, if you cannot reach her, please call the Parks and Recreation Department office at 864-848-2190.

Can my child bring toys or books from home?

No. Our camp will have plenty of classes, activities, and games to keep your child busy all day. We do not want the possibility of your child's toys, etc. being broken or misplaced while at camp.

What if my child needs medication?

If your child needs to take any medication while at Camp ARK, you must fill out a form giving instructions and your permission for the camp staff to administer the medicine. Medication will be kept by the camp staff each day and also must be picked up by the parent each day. The center does not provide aspirin or any other medication for any child. In addition to giving instructions on the medication form, please make sure you tell camp staff about the child's medication just to make sure they are fully aware.

What if my child becomes ill during camp?

If your child stays home sick, please email artscouncil@cityofgreer.org to let us know. If your child becomes ill during the program, a parent or guardian will be notified and will be asked to pick up the child. Please provide the best emergency contact number on your registration form.

CAMPER'S BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Throughout the summer camp, I promise that:

1. I will keep my hands and feet to myself.
2. I will not hit, push, trip, or pinch another camper.
3. I will not threaten to do physical harm to another child or staff member, nor show intent to do harm by raising a fist, swinging an object or other similar actions.
4. I will not use obscene language or gestures.
5. I will not be excessively loud, or verbally harass other campers or staff members.
6. I will not argue with or behave in a disrespectful manner to any counselor or City employee.
7. I will not intentionally damage or destroy camp equipment, furniture, toys, etc.
 - a. Parents will be responsible for payment to repair or replace any and all property at the facility whether owned by the City of Greer or City employees if your child causes damage.
8. I will not leave my group for any reason without permission.
9. I will clean up after myself including any games, art projects and snack/lunch.
10. I will not bully another camper or staff member through any form of social media, including but not limited to: Instagram, Facebook, text messages, Snapchat, photographs, etc.

I recognize that if I do not obey the rules listed above and obey my counselors, my parents/guardian will be notified. I also understand the consequences of my actions. Being on my best behavior at all times will make summer camp more fun for me, my friends, the counselors and my family!

Parent's Signature

Date

Child's Signature

Date



STAGE MAKE-UP FORM

Name _____

Insurance Company & Number _____

Telephone # _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please list any medical concerns/medications taken:

Parent Authorization:

I, parent or guardian of the above named participant, hereby give approval to his/her participation in stage make up class held during GCAC Camp ARK summer camp. I assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including potential breakout or rash from the activities, and do hereby wave, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless The Greer Cultural Arts Council, Greer Children's Theatre, City of Greer, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, volunteers, participants and persons, transporting the youth to and from activities, for any claims arising out of an injury to the participant, except to the extent and in the amount covered by the accident and/or liability insurance held by GCAC.

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____