

GCS Summer Camps 2026

Learn – Laugh – Play – Grow



SPORTS CAMP

LITTLE WARRIORS

CAMP PRESCHOOL

ACADEMIC CAMPS

COOKING CAMP

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

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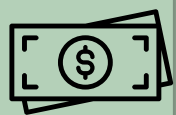
Afternoon Extended Care

Sports Camp, Little Warriors Camp and Preschool Camp will offer extended care each week from 3-5PM. Extended care is \$10 per day and specific days are chosen during registration.

Our extended care clock runs according to “cell phone time” and charges apply beginning at 3:01 p.m. Extended care ends promptly at 5 p.m. Beginning at 5:05 p.m. modified charges of \$1 per minute apply.

If no one is pre-registered, GCS reserves the right to cancel extended care without notice.

No snack is provided in extended care so please pack a healthy snack for your camper.



Registration, Fees, Cancellations, Refunds and Waitlist

Registration for each camp can be completed online using the links provided in the brochure. Please note, incomplete forms or registration submitted without the correct fees will be returned and your spot will not be confirmed or held.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis and GCS reserves the right to close a camp to further registration once capacity is reached. GCS also reserves the right to cancel a camp if enrollment is not adequate. In the event that GCS must cancel a camp due to low enrollment, your payment will be refunded in full.

In the event that a camp is full, we will start a waitlist for that camp and you will be notified immediately if a spot becomes available. Spots do open up frequently so please hang in there if you are on the waitlist.

If you remove your child from a camp after registering, a full refund will only be issued if your campers spot can be filled by someone on the waitlist. If you cancel your campers' registration and their spot cannot be filled, you will receive half of your registration payment back.

Facilities

All camps take place at Grace Christian School, (7510 E. Broad Street, Blacklick, 43004.) Sports Camp will spend the morning at GCS and most afternoons at an off campus activity.

Transportation

Sports Campers will travel by bus from GCS to our afternoon activity.

Campers are responsible for their own transportation to camp in the morning and home in the afternoon. Other than to and from the afternoon activity, no bussing is available.





Drop-off and Pick-up

All camps take place in the middle school, elementary and/or grounds surrounding the middle school and elementary. On the first day of each camp, a sign-in table will be set up at the entrance of the middle school or elementary building. After the first day, students may report directly to the designated location for their camp.

Each camp will designate where they would like you to pick up your child at the beginning of camp.



Lunch

All full day campers must bring a packed lunch. We will eat lunch at the school or at our afternoon activity. Please pack a healthy lunch that will provide energy from late morning until late afternoon. Campers may also pack snacks for the pool and/or bring money (Sports Camp only) to purchase snacks and drinks from the pool's concession stand.



Camp Discipline Plan

The GCS Student Handbook applies to summer camps and behavior appropriate for school is appropriate for camp as well. Like our school, GCS Summer Camps are Christ-centered and discipline is no exception. Campers and their parents should follow the Matthew 18 Principle if he or she has a problem or issue with a fellow camper or camp counselor.

Just like at school, certain types of behavior will not be tolerated and will result in immediate suspension from camp. Examples include, but are not limited to, physically attacking a fellow student or counselor, using profanity, disrespecting authority, defacing property and public displays of affection.

For lesser offenses, children will receive one warning and will be required to contact their parents to explain why they chose to behave in an inappropriate manner and what the consequences of that behavior are. After the second infraction, campers may be dismissed for the week with no refund in fees for missed days.



Sports Camp

Students Entering Grades 2-8

Session I
June 15-19

Session II
June 22-26

Session III
July 6-10

Time: 8AM-3PM (After Care from 3-5)

Leaders: Mr. Jeremy Hartman

Cost: \$175 (Includes a full day of camp, admission to any off campus activities and one t-shirt for the summer.)

After Care: \$10 per camper per day

Drop Off: Front doors of middle school building

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/ynDw5gjl>

Running, swimming, games, tournaments...and fun! This is just a sampling of what campers can expect at Sports Camp! We'll spend each morning at GCS learning new games and playing old favorites. For the afternoon we will switch gears for our on or off campus afternoon activity! If we leave campus, the bus will return campers to GCS for pick-up by 3 p.m.

Each day, Sports Camp campers should bring:

- A water bottle
- A healthy snack
- A packed lunch
- Appropriate swimming attire, towel and sunscreen
- Snack or money for a snack at the pool
- Extended care is available from 3-5 p.m. for just \$10 per camper per day. Pre-registration is not required, but is recommended.
- *No Cell Phones Please

Little Warriors Camp

Students Entering Grades K or 1st Grade

Session I
June 15-19

Session II
June 22-26

Session III
July 6-10

Time - 8 a.m. – 2:45 (Extended Care Available through Sports Camp from 3-5PM \$10/per day)

Teachers – Ms. Graley and Mrs. Kuhn

Cost - \$200



Drop Off: Elementary office door

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/w6XrAt70>

When school is out, Little Warriors Camp is in! Our focus is to provide superior,

high-interest hands on activities utilizing the many indoor and outdoor facilities available on our school campus. Little Warriors will spend the first half of each day engaged in arts and crafts, baking, entertaining games, songs, dance, creeking, and story time. After lunch, students will engage in bike/scooter riding and outside water fun. We have purchased water toys, fun sprinklers, and even a huge inflatable water slide/pool and bounce house to make this summer extra fun! This is a great opportunity for in-coming Kindergartners and 1st Graders to get to establish meaningful relationships with their peers and teachers. Let the fun begin at Little Warriors Camp!

What Little Warriors Need to Bring and What to Wear :

- Spray Sunscreen – please no lotion
- Packed lunch with necessary utensils
- Water bottle –(filled) with your child's name on it
- Campers are required to wear closed toe pool shoes for creeking and water fun outside
- Please have your child wear bathing suits under clothes when they arrive at camp
- Towel and underwear to change into after water fun
- Bike/scooter with helmet – drop off Monday at shed behind school and pick up on Friday at Main Elementary office door.





Camp Preschool	Students Entering Grades Preschool or Pre-K	
Session I	Session II	Session III
June 15-19	June 22-26	July 6-10
Space Week	Nature/Camping Week	Ocean Week

Teachers: Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Manis, Ms. Morrison, Ms. Winters

Time: 8:00am-2:45pm (Extended Care is offered at \$10 PER DAY and will be held in the middle school building)

Cost: \$215 a week

Drop Off: Preschool entrance doors by roundabout

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/iXpix95L>

Whether you're looking for a place for your child to grow and learn this summer, have fun and be a kid, or you want them to make friends and learn social skills, Camp Preschool is the place to go! Here, your child will have a blast while becoming familiar with our preschool environment through weekly themed activities. Hands-on discovery, guided play, and a sometimes silly, active routine are the foundation for preschool camp. Don't let all the fun fool you though - each fun activity is designed to help our campers learn important skills that will help them feel more prepared for their journey into preschool! Some of the activities your child will participate in are cooking, STEM projects, water play, bike/scooter day, challenge courses, music enrichment, and lots of ooey gooey fun!

Camp Preschool is for all children enrolled in GCS Preschool AND for children ages 4-5 if they are not enrolled in GCS Preschool.

Daily items to bring:

- Backup clothes, including underwear and socks, in a zip top bag and kept in backpack for the week
- Labeled Lunch with necessary utensils
- Labeled Snack (2 snacks if staying for aftercare)
- Insulated water bottle with child's name on it, filled with water
- Labeled Nap mat to be kept at school for the week. Nap mats should be the same kind that they need for GCS Preschool which can be found at wildkin.com

Items for specific days:

- Bike Day – Labeled Bike or scooter they know how to ride with a labeled helmet
- Water Day – Wear bathing suits under clothes, closed-toe water shoes, and a labeled towel
- Any other items specific to the theme or activity will be emailed the week prior to camp



Elementary Academic Camp **Students Entering Grades 2-4**

Session I	Session II	Session III	Session IV
June 8-12	June 29-July 3	July 20-24	August 3-7
All About Birds	Fairy & Folk Tales	Our Amazing Oceans	Puzzles & Games

Cost \$205

Time: 8:30AM-3:00PM (campers may be dropped off between 8-8:30AM)

Teacher: Mrs.Paula Tandy plus Ms Croce (S1 & S3) and Mrs. Flythe (S2 & S4)

Drop Off: Elementary arrival door near playground

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/pFqjXoln>

Minimum enrollment per camp: 10 students Maximum: 20 students Academic Camps for

incoming grades 2-4: Elementary academic camp is intended to be a fun way to meet new friends, build study skills, maintain and strengthen math knowledge and fluency, and keep students engaged in reading and writing. Many skills are lost over a long summer break if students are not engaging in activities that maintain and strengthen skills learned throughout the year.

This camp will provide extension activities of the above-mentioned content areas and will also include drawing/art projects, hands-on math practice, and dramatic retelling of stories read and discussed in camp.

Each camp session will provide the same core subjects of reading, phonics, writing, and math but the stories and activities with them will be different for each camp. Time will be provided each day for instruction specific to each grade level utilizing the suggested GCS summer online or summer work packet as well as the academic needs of the campers in the group.

Activities will be completed both inside the classroom and on the campus grounds. Campers will also enjoy recess breaks similar to that of a normal school day.







Middle School Academic Camp - GCS Students Entering Grades 5-8

Teachers: Mrs. Dawn Naylor & Ms. Kalie Manko

Cost: \$205

Time: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM (drop off starts at 8)

Drop Off: Front of the middle school building

Session 1 6/8 -6/12	Survivor: Sports Strategy & Survive the Story 	<p>What if the story depended on <i>you</i>? This week, you'll work in a team to tackle fast-paced physical challenges inspired by sports and competition. But winning isn't about being the fastest or strongest; it's about thinking smart and communicating clearly. It isn't how athletic you are, it's how well and how fast you think.</p> <p>In Survive the Story, you and your team are dropped into survival scenarios inspired by books, myths, and real-life stories, where you will face challenges based on the choices you make. Writing and discussion help you defend your strategy and adapt when things go wrong. Expect teamwork, movement, problem-solving, and tough decisions. This isn't about memorizing plot or being athletically gifted; it's about thinking like a survivor.</p>
Session 2 6/29 - 7/3	Survivor: Strategy Games Week 	<p>This week, teams compete in daily challenges inspired by Survivor and classic strategy board games. Each challenge requires smart math, careful reading, and clear communication—whether students are managing resources, calculating odds, or designing winning strategies. Teams earn points, advantages, and bonuses through collaboration and problem-solving (not speed). The week ends with a final challenge where students put everything together in a high-energy showdown that rewards thinking, creativity, and perseverance.</p>
Session 3 7/20 - 7/24	Animal Intelligence & Survival Lab 	<p>Animals are elite problem-solvers, and this week proves it. From predators that calculate the perfect moment to strike to animals that communicate, strategize, and outsmart their environment, students will explore how math and thinking drive survival in the wild. Each day features hands-on challenges inspired by real animal behaviors, combining strategy, data analysis, and decision-making with reading, writing, and debate. This is not about memorizing animal facts; it's about thinking like nature's smartest survivors.</p>
Session 4 8/3 - 8/7	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Life, Leadership, & Strategy Week. 	<p>This week, learn about executive functioning, communication, and problem-solving skills using research-backed leadership principles. Students engage in math-based planning, data analysis, reading, writing, discussion, and collaborative challenges grounded in <i>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</i>. The program emphasizes responsibility, goal setting, teamwork, and reflection; skills that support academic success, personal growth, and healthy relationships.</p>

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/ojCBrb2l>



Cooking Camp w/ Mrs. Cox

Students Entering Grades 2-5

Dates: June 1-5 July 13-17 **Time:** 8:00 am-3:00pm **Teacher:** Mrs. Cox **Cost:** \$300

(Cost includes all ingredients and cooking supplies) (For reference, The Kids Culinary

Camps through the Young Chefs Academy are over \$280 for 4 days a week, for only half days.)

Drop Off/Pick Up: Elementary office door, please drop off on time, as we cannot delay our day to wait on late arrivals. If you arrive after 8:10, please text me, and I will let your child in. Please plan to pick up exactly at 3:00 pm. There is no extended care for the cooking camp.

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/cfdLs7cB>

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and Snack, oh my! Chefs will learn how to prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families. We will wash, prepare, and cook or bake meals. We will make lunch ourselves each day and healthy snacks. We will learn about the benefits of healthy foods, compare prices of different stores, and even work in the school garden. We will take breaks with recess time and hikes on the school trail. All recipes will be different each week! So feel free to register for both weeks!

What chefs will need to bring/wear: Water bottle, comfortable shoes, clothes that can get dirty, sunglasses or a hat, and a book to read when we have downtime



Volleyball Camp

Students Entering Grades 5-8

Dates: July 13 - 16 **Time:** 6-8pm **Cost:** \$80

Coaches: Tatiana Blunt and Kalie Manko Minimum 10 Campers, Maximum 25 Campers

Registration Link: <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/XTRjI2iC>

Bump up your game with Volleyball Camp! This camp is focused on refining skills, building confidence, and having fun. Each day will include skill instruction, competitive drills, team challenges, and games that keep campers moving! Campers will work on individual skill development while learning how to apply those skills in game-like situations.

Our goal is for every camper to leave feeling strong, confident, and excited about volleyball!

SKILLS FOCUS:

- Serving & serve receive
- Forearm passing
- Setting
- Attacking & blocking
- Transitions & court movement
- Game play & competition

CAMP OBJECTIVES:

- Each camper will leave with a positive attitude about themselves.
- Each camper will enhance their own skills and enjoyment of the game in an energetic and positive environment.
- Each camper will be exposed on how to conduct themselves on and off the court through sportsmanship, competition, and learning how to deal with winning and losing.
- Each camper will learn that to be successful they will need to find the dedication, desire, and discipline to be successful in volleyball and, most importantly, in life!

EQUIPMENT: water bottle, workout clothes, tennis shoes, and knee pads (if possible).

No hats, watches, jewelry, or cell phones during camp, please.