

## Cancellation Policy

- You must notify the Education Director by phone or email 3 weeks prior to the camp week date you are cancelling in order to receive a full refund, minus a 10% administrative fee. This fee is per child, per camp week cancelled.
- Without this proper 3 weeks' notice, GVA *cannot* issue a refund. You may find another child to take your child's place as an option to avoid losing your camp fee.
- We cannot issue refunds for absenteeism during camp.
- Contact the Education Director to discuss any extenuating circumstances that require cancelling a camp week.
- GVA reserves the right to cancel a camp due to low enrollment. A full refund will be issued in this instance.

## Adding or Changing a Camp Week

- If you wish to add or change a camp week, contact the Education Director as soon as possible to check availability of other camp weeks. If there is an opening available, you may add to, or change to the week at no additional cost.

## Behavior Policy Reminder

- Parents are required to read and sign the Behavior Policy on the Registration Agreement forms. Unacceptable camper behaviors such as hitting, bullying, continuous disrespect of others, will not be tolerated at camp.

## Where is Green Valleys Association?

Green Valleys Association (GVA) is located at 1368 Prizer Road, Pottstown, PA 19465. We are in the suburbs of Pottstown, northern Chester County, in East Nantmeal Township.

### **Traveling NORTH on Route 100 above the PA Turnpike Exit 312 for Downingtown:**

Follow Route 100 past Route 401 at Ludwig's Corner and continue 3.5 miles to Prizer Road on the left. Turn left on Prizer Road. GVA is 1 mile on the left. Follow signs to the camp entrance.

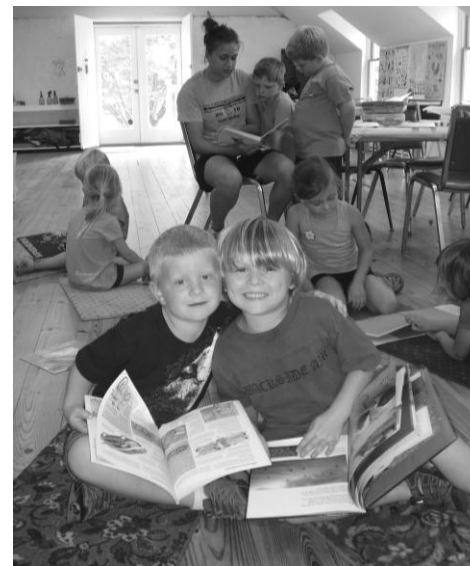
### **Traveling SOUTH on Route 100 below**

**Pottstown:** Follow Route 100 past Route 23 intersection. Travel 1 mile to Prizer Road on the right. Turn right on Prizer Road. GVA is 1 mile on the left. Follow signs to the camp entrance.



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## Green Valleys Association 2012 Summer Nature Day Camps at Welkinweir Parent Information Guide



### **GVA Nature Day Camp Mission**

To encourage children's natural curiosity of the outdoors by engaging them in fun and educational activities.

Our camps are a balance of structure and free play and exploration, and aid children in building social and life skills such as communication, teamwork, and self-confidence.



**Hello Camp Parents and Guardians** - We are excited to have your children participate in camp this year! Please review this guide carefully *prior* to your child attending camp. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We'll see you soon! ~Dawn White, GVA Education Director

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### **A Typical Day at Nature Camp**

Each camp for children Ages 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade follows this general outline:

8:55-9:00 Parents drop off children with counselors at Pavilion

9:00-11:00 Introduction to the topic, nature walk, project, guest presenter

11:00-12:30 Activity, visit the stream, lunch, free play

12:30-2:30 Activity or project, nature walk, water games to cool off

(No swimming is allowed).

2:30-3:00 Activity, pick up at 3:00.

*Activities may change due to camper interests and guest presenter schedules.*

A different schedule applies for children in grades 7 and 8 and is sent to parents prior to these camp weeks.

### **Our Facilities**

Camp runs rain or shine and is mostly outdoors. In the event of storms, all groups take shelter in the Education Building. This building also has air conditioning to escape extreme heat.

The Education Building does *not* have indoor restrooms. Portable, flush toilets and hand-washing sinks are available. Toilets are serviced once per week and maintained by GVA staff daily.

GVA has well-water that is iron-rich, so it may taste different to what campers are used to. The water is tested throughout the year and meets or exceeds standards.

### **What to Bring to Camp Daily (for all campers, half-day and full-day)**

A bag or backpack, labeled with your child's name, containing:

Extra pair of old shoes or water shoes, extra set of clothes, bug spray and sunscreen, a 'reduced-waste' lunch (no refrigeration can be provided), extra snacks.

Children must take home any trash or food waste from lunches.

We recommend packing a reusable (not bottled water) water bottle. GVA provides additional drinking water.

Children should wear "play clothes" that can get dirty and wet.

If your child is attending Pre or After Camp Care, please provide additional snacks.

### **What NOT to Bring to Camp**

Tobacco, weapons of any kind, including pocket knives.

Cell phones, electronic games, toys.

Wildlife (animals or plants) – please leave them where you find them.

**Dropping off and Picking up Campers** *Any late drop-offs or pick-ups should report to the white Education Building or available camp staff for assistance.*

**Drop-off is between 8:55 and 9:00 a.m.** in the outdoor Pavilion. **All camps start at 9:00.** Each Monday, parents must check in with the Education Director to receive a Parent Letter and to be directed to your child's group. Each day, parents must accompany children to the Pavilion.

**Pick-up is at 1:00 p.m. for half-day campers** (children age 4 & entering Kindergarten) **and at 3:00 p.m. for all other campers** in the Pavilion. GVA may charge a fee for continual tardiness.

Parents must pick up and sign out their child with the counselors.

Campers are only permitted to leave with someone authorized on the registration forms.

GVA staff may ask for photo ID if they feel it is necessary.

### **Medical Information / Health Policy**

You may change or update your child's medical information at any time.

Any medications your child needs at camp should be dropped off with the Education Director or your child's counselors.

Please use discretion in sending your child to camp if he/she has an illness. A child who is visibly ill will not be permitted to stay at camp.

### **Ticks, Poison Ivy, and Sun Exposure**

Deer ticks and poison ivy and oak are prevalent at camp. To prepare your child for potential exposure, please follow these guidelines: Apply tick repellent on your child *before* camp begins. Counselors can help with tick checks, but the best way to locate ticks on your child is to do tick checks after campers arrive home.

While the Welkinweir property has plenty of shade, please apply sunscreen to your child *before* camp begins.

Counselors can assist children in reapplying bug spray *and* sunscreen during lunch time.

For information on ticks, Lyme disease prevention, and poison ivy and oak, we recommend the following websites: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) or [www.chesco.org](http://www.chesco.org). For information on preventing extreme sun exposure, visit [www.safefromthesun.org](http://www.safefromthesun.org).

### **Friday S'mores, Parent Shows**

Each Friday, all campers can make s'mores after lunch. Children should pack a regular lunch. GVA will provide marshmallows, graham crackers and chocolate.

Parents are encouraged to come to the *Parent Shows each Friday*, which will showcase children's activities throughout the week. Presentations begin in the Pavilion at 12:45 p.m. for half-day campers and 2:45 for full-day campers.