

Welcome to Sportsclub Kids Day Camp Summer 2019!

We are thrilled to have your child in camp and are looking forward to welcoming them for a summer of friendship, growth, and fun! This newsletter is full of information that will help make sure your child has a great summer at camp, whether they are here for one week or the whole summer. If you have any questions, please contact us at 864.331.2530 or sportsclubkids@sportsclubsc.com!

Lauren Payne
Camp Director

Our Values:

The Sportsclub Kids' KODE

At Sportsclub Kids we are all about learning and growing while we are having fun. Our **KODE** helps guide our camp day:

Kindness: We treat ourselves and each other with care and consideration. We are helpful, patient, and celebrate effort.

Ownership: We take responsibility for our actions, act in ways we can be proud of, and take good care of our surroundings.

Determination: We know that sometimes it takes more than one try to get things right and that it is important to have goals and stick with them.

Enthusiasm: We know that our attitudes make a big difference and that enthusiasm is contagious! Things are just more fun when you are enthusiastic!

We ask that everyone—staff, campers, parents, and guests—follow our KODE while they are here to create a positive camp environment where our campers can thrive.

Communication

You will receive an email prior to each week your child is enrolled in camp with information about that week. Please read this email as it contains important information to help your camper have a great week. We also use the **Remind!** app to send text reminders about things happening at camp. You do not need to download the app to receive messages! You can join using these links:

Main Camp: remind.com/join/2019mai

Senior Camp: remind.com/join/4fk732

We will do our best to keep you updated throughout the week about anything you need to know about your child (like what an awesome helper they were that day or how they scraped their knee). We will do this in person at pickup, by email, or by phone depending on the issue. When you see our number pop up, please do not worry—we often call for things like a forgotten swimsuit. **If you have any questions or concerns about something that happened at camp, please let us know!** Please direct questions and concerns to me (Lauren) or the front desk staff and not to counselors.

If you'd like to get in touch with your child during the day, please call us at 864.331.2530, and we will get your child for you or pass along a message. Campers are not allowed to have cell phones or other electronics at camp—we want them active and making friends, not staring at their phones!

Our Mission: To Help Kids

At Sportsclub Kids, our mission is to:

- Foster **growth** in our campers
- help them develop positive, nurturing **relationships** with peers and adult role models
- provide them with **opportunities** to have fun, try new things, and learn skills
- protect and promote their physical, social, and emotional **well-being**.

Health and Safety

For our campers' safety, all of our staff members are CPR certified and trained in preventing and detecting concussions. **Safety (physical, emotional, and social) is our top priority.**

We require that each camper has a completed **Confidential Information Form** to attend camp. To help us keep your camper safe, please make sure this form is up-to-date. On this form, please also include any major life events your child is experiencing or anything else that may affect your child while they are at camp. The more information we have, the better care we can provide your child! Our staff members are trained to keep this information confidential, and we only share information with staff if it's needed to help your camper have a safe and happy camp experience.

We will only release your child to people on their **pickup list** (on the Confidential Information Form). You are welcome to update this list at any time. All updates to this list must be in writing (email or note).

Team and Schedule

Team: Campers learn what Team they are on for the week each Monday morning when they arrive at camp. Campers are grouped by rising grade, but there is overlap between the Teams. (For instance, there will be more than one Team with 2nd graders on it.) We try to keep campers on the same Team throughout the summer, but their Team may change. If you have requests about your camper's Team (like placing them with a friend), please let me know at least a week in advance, and I will do my best to make it happen!

Schedule: You will get a schedule that shows where each team will be throughout the day. Field trip days have different schedules, so please ask me if you have any questions about those days.

Drop Off and Pickup

Early Stay Drop Off (7:30-8:55AM): Park and walk your child in or drop your child off at our front door. We will welcome them and make sure they know where to go! Before 8:00 AM, campers are welcome to bring their breakfast with them.

Regular Day Drop Off (8:55-9:10AM): We have a carpool line at our front door. During this time, a counselor will greet your child at your car and bring them inside. This line moves quickly! **We will automatically add early stay (\$15) for campers dropped off prior to 8:55AM.**

Regular Day Pick Up (3:55-4:10PM): We have a carpool line at our upper field gate (at the top of the playground near the road). Your child will receive a placard with their name on it and a rubber band on their first day of camp. Please attach this card to your passenger-side sun visor. When you arrive for carpool, flip your visor down so the card is visible—this will help us get through the carpool line quickly! If it is raining or too hot to sit out in the sun, we will have **indoor carpool**, which means the carpool line will begin at our front door so our campers can wait inside. When this happens, we will put a sign outside of our front door, post messages on Facebook and Instagram, send out a message on Remind!, and have someone go to the upper field gate to redirect traffic. **We will automatically add late stay (\$20) for campers not picked up by 4:15PM.**

Late Stay Pick Up (4:10-6:00PM): Please park and come in to check your child out at the front desk. **We charge a late fee of \$1 per minute after 6:00 PM.** If you will be late, please call and let us know.

You are welcome to add early stay or late stay at any time!

We only release campers to people on your approved pickup list, so please keep this list updated.

Early Dismissal

You are welcome to get your child during the camp day, but we appreciate having advance notice for early dismissals. **Unless prearranged with the camp director, we do not allow early dismissals 3:30-3:55 PM.** This is a busy time for us as we end our camp day. If you arrive during this time, we ask that you get in our carpool line, which begins at 3:55 and moves quickly. **Thank you for helping our camp day go smoothly!**

Sick Campers

To protect everyone's health, we ask that you keep your child at home if they are ill. We play closely with each other, and germs can spread quickly to other campers and staff. If your child becomes ill while they are at camp, we will call you. The following symptoms and conditions require immediate pick up: a fever (99 degrees or higher), vomiting, diarrhea, untreated head lice or pink eye, unexplained rash, or other symptoms that compromise your child's wellbeing at camp or the wellbeing of our other campers and staff.

Special Events

The attached calendar shows the Special Events we have each week. We begin each morning with a special group activity to get our day off to a great start. Main Camp has one Special Event each week (on Wednesdays, except week 10). One of the AWESOME things about being a Senior is they get TWO Special Events every week (usually Tuesdays and Thursdays). Most of these Special Events are Field Trips outside of camp, but we also have a few exciting Special Events that take place in camp.

Please let us know if your camper will not be able to make a Field Trip so we can properly account for room on our buses. We take campers to Field Trips in several groups, and we carefully plan these groups. If your camper misses their bus, we may not have room for them on a later bus. If there is a reason your camper is going to be late to camp on a field trip day, please discuss it with me ahead of time. **For safety reasons, we do not allow parents to pick up or drop off their camper at Field Trips.** Feel free to check with us ahead of time about Field Trip times.

Campers will receive a green camp shirt on their first day of camp to wear on Field Trips!



Behavior Management

We expect everyone at Sportsclub Kids to act in ways that are consistent with our KODE values (Kindness, Ownership, Determination, and Enthusiasm), and we strive to create a positive environment that teaches, encourages, and rewards positive behavior.

When issues with camper behavior arise, we respond with a variety of techniques including redirection, one-on-one counseling, time out, and written activities that help campers think through their actions. We may also give campers the opportunity to make amends for their actions (for instance, if a camper is in trouble for not taking care of our supplies, they may be asked to help clean or repair them). This approach helps teach children that it is important to contribute to our community and that when you mess up, you can work to make it better.

We value our partnership with parents and take our responsibility to you and your child seriously. We will bring ongoing problems to parents and may ask for a parent conference to talk about behavior issues. Our goal is for every child to have a wonderful, safe camp experience full of growth and connection. If a camper does not respond adequately to behavioral interventions and negatively impacts the mental, emotional, or physical wellbeing of other campers or staff, they will be dismissed from camp.

At Sportsclub Kids, we *never* respond to camper behavior by yelling, belittling, withholding food or bathroom access, using exercise as punishment, or physically punishing (spanking, etc.) children. Our goal is to create a positive, supportive environment that is respectful of our campers and helps them learn and grow.

Lunch and Snacks

Lunch: Campers need to bring a lunch with them each day, which will stay in our air-conditioned building. Since there are so many of us, we are not able to refrigerate or microwave lunches.

Snacks: We provide campers with a snack each afternoon. We have 20+ different choices, so there is something for everyone! If your child is staying for late stay, they will get an additional snack during that time. **Please make sure you note your camper's food allergies or restriction on their Confidential Information form.**

Nuts



We allow campers to bring nuts and nut products to camp. To keep our campers with nut allergies safe:

- We make sure that counselors are aware of any nut allergies or other health concerns that are shared on our health form.
- We provide peanut-free tables where campers with peanut allergies and anyone without peanuts or peanut products in their lunch can sit.
- We have a strict no-sharing policy for lunches.
- We never serve campers nuts or nut products. Some of our snacks have warnings that say they may be processed in a facility that uses nuts or that they may contain nuts—please make sure we know if this is not safe for your camper.

Medication

All medications (prescription and over-the-counter) need to be in their original packaging and must be registered with our front desk staff accompanied by a medication permission form (on our website or available at the front desk). We keep medications at the front desk while we are at camp so they will be easily accessible, and we carry them with us each time we leave camp.

Did You Know?

Our parking lot is **one way**, coming in straight from the entrance and circling around by the tennis courts and in front of the gym. We know it can be tempting to cut off that circle, but following the traffic pattern helps keep our campers and everyone else safe. We appreciate you following the arrows and only driving the correct direction!

Receipts and Statements

We are happy to supply you with a statement that shows your expenses at Sportsclub Kids and has our Tax ID Number. You can request these by email, by phone, or in person. Please allow us one to two weeks to get it back to you as we get a high volume of requests.

Swimming

We LOOOOOVE swimming! Sportsclub Greenville has a wonderful saltwater, shallow-water pool that they close down for several hours each day during camp for us to use! All Main Campers have swimming lessons 4 days a week. (Wednesday is our day off, except Week 10 when we take Friday off.) These lessons are an important part of our camp day, and we ask that you avoid picking your child up during their swim period (see attached schedule). Seniors have optional free swim time most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

What Parents Can Do To Make Camp Great

We need everyone's help to make sure your children have the best possible experience this summer. These are a few of the things you can do to help make camp great:

- Let us know what we can do to make your camper's experience better;
- Encourage your child to display KODE behaviors (Kindness, Ownership, Determination, and Enthusiasm) towards themselves, their peers, and our staff;
- Communicate with the camp director or front desk staff about any problems or concerns you or your child has when they arise;
- Read all emails about camp;
- Help campers make sure they have the materials they need at camp each day and leave unneeded/prohibited items at home;
- Make sure campers come to camp dressed to run and play with sunscreen already on and a refillable water bottle with them;
- Be respectful in language and manner in interactions with our campers and staff;
- Follow all policies and procedures agreed to at enrollment;
- Make sure all camper paperwork is current;
- Be on time to pick your camper up and let us know if you are running late.

Camper Campfire

**Friday, July 12
5:00-9:00 PM**

Our annual Camper Campfire is the highlight of the summer! This once-a-year event is open to Main Camp and Senior Camp and only costs \$25. The night is packed with special activities we **ONLY** do at the campfire, like having a shaving cream fashion show and making s'mores over a real fire, along with other camper favorites, like a pudding-eating contest and dodgeball! Your child does not need to be registered for camp that week to attend. We will begin signups in the third week of camp, so keep an eye on your email!



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What to Bring to Camp



Main Camp

(rising 5K-rising 4th grade)

What to wear to camp:

- Swimsuit (under clothes or as shorts for boys)
- Socks and gym shoes (needed for many of our activities)
- Waterproof sunscreen (wear to camp and pack for later reapplication)
- Comfortable clothes for playing and being active (Please have girls wear shorts under dresses or skirts)
- Green camp t-shirt on Field Trip days (most Wednesdays—see schedule)

What to bring to camp each day:

- Lunch and a drink
- Refillable water bottle
- 2 towels*
- A second swim suit*
- Underwear (and shorts for boys)
- Waterproof sunscreen (also apply before camp)
- Goggles and flip flops for the pool (if desired)
- Swimming vest or puddle jumper (if needed for swim—can leave at camp; “water wings” are not allowed)
- Plastic bag for wet clothes

*After playing on the waterslide in the morning, campers will change into their 2nd swimsuit. After swim, campers will change into underwear and shorts.

Senior Camp

(rising 5th-9th grade)

What to wear to camp:

- Socks and gym shoes (needed for many of our activities)
- Waterproof sunscreen (wear to camp and pack for later reapplication)
- Comfortable clothes for playing and being active
- Green camp t-shirt on Field Trip days (usually Tuesdays and Thursdays—see schedule)

What to bring to camp each day:

- Lunch and a drink
- Refillable water bottle
- Waterproof sunscreen (also apply before camp)

What to bring for swim (optional most Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays):

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Goggles (if desired)
- Flip Flops
- Plastic bag for wet clothes

Label EVERYTHING!

We do our best to help our campers keep up with their things, but some things will get left behind! If your child's name is on it, we'll return it to your camper or email you letting you know we have it. **Please help us help you by putting your child's name on everything they bring to camp!**

What to Leave at Home

We have a fun week planned for campers, and we want them to be able to enjoy the camp experience and be in the moment, try new things, develop skills, and connect with others. Also, during our busy days campers may get dirty, and items they bring may get lost or damaged (though we'll do our best to prevent that!). Because of that, **we ask that campers leave these items at home:**

- **Toys, games, stuffed animals, and other similar items**
- **Pokémon and other trading cards**
- **Electronics, including games, iPods, and cell phones**
- **Expensive or valuable items**

We *strongly* encourage campers to leave smartwatches at home; if your camper has one at camp, please note they are not allowed to use functions like texting, making calls, playing games, etc.

Campers will be given the opportunity to put away any unnecessary items that interfere with our programming. If campers do not put away these items when asked, we will confiscate them and return them to parents at the end of the day. We will, of course, confiscate anything we think poses a safety hazard to our campers, such as weapons of any sort (including pocket knives) or anything resembling a weapon. Camper safety is our top priority!

Have Fun at Camp All Year Long!

We offer many great opportunities for your child to bring the fun of camp into the school year:

- **After School:** We pick up at 11 local elementary and middle schools and offer homework help along with an afternoon full of fun activity choices.
- **School Break Camp:** Nearly every time Greenville County Schools are closed, we offer a full day of camp (8:00 AM-6:00 PM) featuring our favorite camp activities.
- **Kids' Night Out:** One Friday evening (5:30-9:30) a month (September-May), we have a fun party at camp! Each month has a different theme!
- **Birthday Parties:** Your child can share their favorite camp activities with their friends at a birthday party completely customized for them. We take care of everything so you can enjoy the party!

We also host school groups for customized **field trips** in the mornings.