Welcome to Wonders Summer Camp 2021!

Wonders welcomes you to Summer Camp!

This Handy Book features information that will be helpful to you as you plan for the summer. Families will receive weekly newsletters containing information about other special events.

We thank you for joining us this summer and we look forward to making memories together!

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Snapshot of Important Policies and Procedures

Hours of Operation
* Wonders Summer Camp at Little Falls
  7:30 am - 6:00 pm

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures
Wonders Summer Camp Program are committed to the health and safety of all individuals. To that end, the following policies and procedures are in place at the recommendation of the CDC, Department of Health, MSDE and OCC. As our community moves through the re-open stages, this document will be updated to reflect up to date recommendations.

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Late Pick Up Policy
There is a fee if you arrive to pick up your child after closing. You must sign a Late Pick Up form upon arrival. Thirty dollars is assessed for the first fifteen minutes (or any portion of the 15 minutes), and an additional $30 for each 15 minute interval or portion thereafter.

Disclosure Policy
All child and family information is kept confidential by Wonders staff. Information is immediately available to:

* Administrators or teaching staff who have consent from a parent or legal guardian for access to records
* The child’s parents or legal guardian
* Regulatory authorities on request.

Illness — for more information, see Health Guidelines
Children who become ill or present with COVID like symptoms while at the program will be removed from camp activities to rest until a parent/guardian or designee arrives. When notified, it is expected that parents/guardians will promptly come to pick up the child. If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, we will call the emergency contacts listed on the emergency card.

* Children must remain at home for 24 hours after a fever has broken without the use of fever reducing mediation.
* Children must remain at home for 24 hours after vomiting has ended, unless clearance has been given by a health care provider.
Program Information

Our Summer Staff
We are proud of the dedication, diversity, and creativity our staff bring to our camp. Our summer camp staff are Wonders professionals who work for Wonders during the school year. They bring a wealth of experience about children’s needs, and are experts on play, development and, of course, fun.

Family Participation
In normal times, Wonders welcomes families to visit any of our Wonders programs. Under COVID-19 restrictions, parents and most visitors are not permitted into the programs. This helps to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 for children, families and Wonders educators. As restrictions are lifted, this policy will be

Inclusion
Wonders makes every effort to accommodate children with special needs. We work closely with families to assess our ability to meet their child’s needs and establish an open dialogue to ensure a successful experience in a Wonders program. Summer Camp staff receive focused training to provide them with the tools needed to make camp accessible and supportive. If it is determined that one-on-one support is necessary, we will discuss arrangements with your family.
Daily Arrival and Dismissal

Children are met by a Wonders camp leader upon arrival in the morning. Parents/guardians will complete a daily health screen prior to their child entering the building. Children will be signed into camp through a touchless check in QR code through the Smartcare Parent App. At pick-up, children will be brought outside to meet their parent and the parent will sign the child out of camp using the same process as sign in.

Campers will only be released from the program at the end of the day to an adult who is listed on your Dismissal Authorization Form. If alternative arrangements have been made, the staff must be informed in person, in writing, or by phone. All individuals listed on the Dismissal Authorization Form and those who are occasionally authorized to pick up your child, must be at least 16 years of age. Wonders staff will check the identification of anyone they have not previously met.

Wonders reserves the right to refuse releasing a child to anyone who appears to be impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In the event that the person responsible for your child’s arrival or departure appears to be impaired, our staff members will contact those listed as emergency contacts to make alternative arrangements. If the individual becomes agitated or aggressive, our staff will contact the police for assistance.

If a family has child custody arrangements, a copy of the Custody Information form must be in your child’s file along with supporting legal documents. If there are specific restrictions mandated by a court order, we must have a copy of the order on file in order to adhere to its requirements. In all other circumstances, we will release your child to either parent.
Behavior Management

We prefer to label policies and procedures concerning the behavior of children as behavior management rather than discipline. We recognize that behavior management implies positive, constructive and cooperative efforts by teachers, families and their children. Thus, behavior management refers to teaching through experiences and modeling of appropriate behavior, rather than punishment.

We know that children can, on their developmental levels, learn to manage their own behavior. By encouraging positive behavior, setting examples, and helping children express and understand their feelings, we can guide them to develop appropriate social behavior.

Wonders staff members set clear boundaries and explain camp expectations. Once these guidelines have been established, they remain consistent. When children need behavioral guidance, staff members help the children describe the situation, their feelings, and possible alternative solutions to the problem. They follow up by helping the children plan how they will cope with future situations and remind them when and if the need arises. The aim is, within limits, to give children the power to solve their problems and nurture the skills they will need to do so.

Field Trips

Field trips are a fun part of the camp experience. Due to COVID restrictions, our field trips will be local and within walking distance. Our camp cohort will not mix or combine with any other summer camp groups. Please be sure your camper comes prepared for walking on field trip days and has comfortable clothing and shoes.

You will be notified of camp field trips the week prior in our camp newsletter. The departure time, destination, and return time will be included. On field trip days, we request that your child arrive at least 15 minutes prior to our departure time. If your child arrives after the group has departed, you will need to take your child to the trip destination or make other arrangements.

Your signature on the General Authorization and Release Form indicates your consent for your child to participate in all field trips.

A higher adult to child ratio will increase the safety and success of our field trips, therefore, we follow strict adult to child ratios.
Giving Us Feedback
In our ongoing effort to be as responsive and collaborative with families as possible, we will ask you to complete a Summer Camp Survey at the end of camp. This survey provides us with useful feedback that informs our work and helps us as we plan long- and short-term goals for camp improvement. Of course, we welcome your input any time of year. All of our staff members are receptive to your feedback.

Inclement Weather Policies
We make every effort to remain open during inclement weather. Our goal is to make sound decisions based on the safety of families and staff, while still meeting families’ needs for child care. If the Federal Government is closed, Wonders is closed. If the Federal Government has a delayed opening, Wonders has a ONE-HOUR DELAY.

Wonders may close or delay opening at the discretion of the Executive Director.

We make every effort to communicate a decision to close or delay opening as quickly as possible. Decisions are announced at 6 am.

You will be notified of any program closing through email, text alert and/or phone calls.

If camp closes early, you will be notified by phone. It is imperative that you arrange to have your child picked up as soon as possible in the event of an early closing. If this is the case, each family will be contacted by phone or e-mail and staff will stay until all children are picked up.

Closings Due to Power Outages
Licensing regulations require us to close for the following reasons:

* No electricity
* No water
* No phone service

If we need to close due to any of these reasons, a decision will be made by 11:00 am and pick up will be 1:00 pm. We will contact families by phone to communicate this information.
Wonders Health Guidelines

The following guidelines have been developed with our Child Care Health Consultant and comply with DC and Maryland licensing requirements. It is our goal to curtail illness and promote healthy environments in our programs. Hand washing is the number one method of prevention to reduce the spread of infections. All children are required to wash their hands upon entering the program each day.

The following require a child to leave camp:

* Breathing difficulty
* Diarrhea more than twice
* Mucus or pus draining from eyes
* Vomiting
* Persistent wheezing or coughing
* Lethargy that interferes with regular
* A fever of 100.4°F taken tympanic (ear), in conjunction with behavior changes or other symptoms or signs of an acute illness.

Children who become ill while at camp will be removed from camp activities to rest until a parent/guardian or designee arrives. When notified, parents or guardians are expected to come promptly to pick up the child. If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, we will contact the emergency contacts listed on the emergency card.

* Children must remain at home for 24 hours after the fever has broken or until cleared to return with documentation from a health care provider.
* Children must remain at home for 24 hours or longer, based on specific illness, after vomiting has ended, unless clearance has been given by a health care provider.

The following communicable illnesses require a child to leave camp and stay at home until the following criteria are met for each illness:

* Strep throat - Until 24 hours after start of antibiotic treatment.
* Chicken pox - Until all lesions are completely dried or crusted over, usually 5 days after the onset of the rash.
* Viral diseases - Determination of length of time to stay at home will be dependent upon the specific virus and recommendations based on the diagnosis by the child's health care provider.
* Flu - Until without fever for 24 hours and upon recommendations of the local health department.
* Conjunctivitis (pink eye) - until cleared for return with documentation from a health care provider, after taking antibiotics for 24 hours, or until symptoms have resolved.
* Head lice - Children may return 24 hours after completing the first treatment. Over the counter treatments only kill live lice and not the unhatched eggs (nits). Contact your child's health care provider for the recommended course of treatment.
* Positive or suspected COVID-19 (see COVID-19 Policies and Procedures for additional information)

Written clearance from a health care provider indicating that the child is no longer contagious is required prior to the child's return to the classroom.

All absences should be communicated to the Camp Director by 9:00 am. Please notify us if the illness is contagious, so we can alert families to be vigilant for signs of illness. We welcome children back to camp when they are ready to join us in all our activities, including outdoor play. If children are too ill to participate in outdoor play, indoor accommodations are made as long as the child is not contagious.
Emergencies

In the event of an extreme medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment, the following procedures will be followed:

* Parents/Guardians will be notified and, concurrently, the staff will contact emergency personnel.
* The responding emergency team will determine whether hospitalization is necessary.
* If a hospital visit is required, the child will be transported to the closest hospital by ambulance and will be accompanied by a staff member.
* If injury occurs while camp is participating in an off campus field trip, the injured child will be transported to the closest hospital with a staff member.
* If the injury does not require an ambulance, but does require a hospital visit, you will be contacted and may elect to have the Camp Director or other staff member transport your child to the hospital where you can join them.
* In the event the parents are not available, Wonders will notify the emergency contacts listed on the emergency cards.

Medication

Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications (including over the counter drugs will not be administered without a completed Medication Authorization Form signed by parent/guardian and health care provider.

If a form is not available, the health care provider may use stationary or a prescription pad to make the request which must include the following: child’s full name, date, name of medication, dosage, administration schedule, administration route, special instructions of the medication, duration, special instructions for administration, possible side effects, and health care provider’s signature.

All nonprescription medication must be accompanied by a completed Medication Authorization Form that is signed by the parent or guardian and health care provider. Medication must be provided to the Summer Camp Director in the original container in which the medicine was dispensed, including pharmacy label. Never place medicine in a lunch box or backpack. Over the counter drugs ordered by the health care provider must be marked with the child’s name.
Reporting Suspected Cases of Child Abuse and/or Neglect

All camp staff are mandated reporters and required by law to report any suspected cases of physical, mental or sexual abuse, and neglect to the Office of Child Protective Services. Once a report is made, staff members are expected to cooperate with any investigation undertaken by Child Protective Services or the police.

Clothing and Safe Play

Play is a vital aspect of our summer program. We encourage children to explore the world around them, seeking challenges and learning experiences. Camp staff ensure that all children are able to engage in play that is safe, respectful, and fun. The counselors observe and supervise the children at all times. This allows them to become familiar with children’s skill levels and help them as needed.

Please dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing at all times. We go outside in a variety of weather conditions.

Children should wear sneakers or other closed-toed rubber soled shoes to prevent injury during outdoor play. Sandals, and flip flops are dangerous and should not be worn to camp. Please remove any cords or strings from jackets, sweatshirts and other outerwear which may become entangled in playground equipment.

Please do not dress your child in personalized clothing or other identifying accessories, to prevent identification by strangers.

Nutrition

We provide a healthy morning and afternoon snack each day at Summer Camp. We follow state guidelines for the foods we serve. We intentionally offer familiar, as well as unfamiliar foods to encourage a wide range of healthy eating habits.

Campers must bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration or contain foods that require preparation by our staff.

Our staff create a relaxed environment for eating—teachers sit with the children, engage in conversation, model respectful interactions and encourage community-building.

We let children eat as little or as much of the food that is presented to them. We do not force children to eat certain foods, nor certain amounts of food. Children will eat more on some days than on others. This is to be expected during their development. However, all campers must bring lunch each day. We encourage you to provide balanced and healthy food for campers. Please do not send more than one sweet snack. We do not permit candy, gum or soda in lunches—these will be sent home with your child.

We work with families to be responsive to food allergies. If your child has a food allergy, please notify your Camp Director.
Weather Guidelines

Outdoor play is essential to children’s health and well-being. It is our goal to take the children outside each day. We utilize weather guidelines to ensure that we have limited outdoor play during extreme weather.

Flexibility in the schedule also allows us to extend our outdoor play on fair weather days.

The following guidelines have been established for healthy outdoor play:

Hot Weather Temperatures/Heat Index of 96° or higher and/or Code Red Air Quality:

* Outdoor activities will be limited to 15 minutes at a time. The total amount of outdoor time for the day will not exceed one hour.
* Outdoor field trips will be scheduled for the cooler portions of the day.
* Medication for children who have asthma or other diagnosed respiratory illnesses, will be taken on trips.
* Cold water will be provided frequently, whether children are playing indoors or out.
* Staff will be careful to provide a balance of quiet and active activities.

Sunscreen

Parent/Guardians will need to provide sunscreen for campers. Please remember to fill out the General Authorization form that will allow counselors to apply sunscreen to your child. Please clearly label your child’s sunscreen with his/her name.

Required Enrollment Forms

All forms must be completed for each camper in our summer program. Forms are available from the Camp Director. If your child is currently enrolled in a school year extended day program, the school year forms may be used. Please check with your Camp Director.

Required forms:

* Emergency Form
* Wonders Emergency Medical Treatment Consent Form
* Wonders Dismissal Authorization Form
* Wonders General Authorization and Release
* Wonders Custody Information Form
* Family Data Form

The required forms ensure that we meet state licensing requirements and enable us to provide the very best care for your child. Please be sure that you have provided all required information and that you keep your child’s file complete and current. Your child cannot enter Wonders Summer Camp until all the above forms are submitted and complete.

All child and family information is kept confidential by Wonders Staff.
All Wonders Programs

Wonders Early learning at Leland
Full Day Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten
4301 Willow Lane
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
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Wonders Early Learning at Edgemoor
Full Day: Infants, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten
4805 Edgemoor Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 907-4080

Wonders Extended Day at Bethesda
Before and After School Care
Bethesda Elementary School
7600 Arlington Road
Bethesda, MD 20814
(301) 366-9064

Wonders Extended Day at CESJDS
After School Care
Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School
1901 East Jefferson Street
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 366-9064

Wonders Extended Day at Chevy Chase
Before and After School Care
Chevy Chase Elementary School
4015 Rosemary Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
(301) 654-7914

Wonders Extended Day at Horace Mann
Before and After School Care
Summer Camp
Horace Mann Elementary School
4430 Newark Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016
(240) 994-9429

Wonders Extended Day at Little Falls
Before and After School Care
Summer Camp
St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church
5450 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20816
(240) 383-9094

Wonders Extended Day at Milton
After School Care
Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School
6045 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
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Final note about communications

Please make sure you have provided us with current contact information so that if we ever need to reach you, we can.
Please remember to contact us if you move, change an email or telephone number.

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