

It's not "just camp"...

At Camp Gordyland, your child will learn that...

When I play sports, I am learning...

- To overcome challenges as a team
- Problem-solving and flexible thinking
- Camaraderie and sportsmanship
- To take pride in my talents and recognize others' contribution to my team
- Effective communication skills
- Balance/spatial awareness and hand/eye coordination
- To acting quickly in fast-paced situations and environments

When I am taking swimming lessons, I am learning...

- Confidence and stamina in the water
- Proper swim and stroke techniques
- Knowledge and skills to be safe in the water

When I am doing arts and crafts, I am learning...

- To positively express myself
- Creative and abstract thinking
- To develop fine and large motor skills
- Relationship between space and size
- To feel pride in what I have created

During campfire cooking, I am learning...

- To enhance my creative culinary skills
- Principles of national H.E.P.A. initiative (Healthy Eating and Physical Activity)
- Portion control and importance of eating family-style
- Independence and pride by cooking for myself
- Delicious, healthy eating alternatives and various cooking methods

During my camp group meeting, I am learning...

- To understand and appreciate diversity
- That I am a role model
- That my ideas are valued
- To support and positively influence others
- To respect my peers' ideas
- To resolve issues and negotiate as a collaborative group

When I use the high or low ropes course, I am learning...

- Safe communication in a high risk area
- To confidently overcome challenges while balancing between familiar concepts and learning new tasks
- Self-awareness and reliance to complete the ropes course
- To support other's challenges and goals as a role model to my peers

When I participate in dance and dramatic play, I am learning...

- To embrace my imperfections and my individuality
- To inspire confidence in others to step out of their comfort zone
- Self-expression and creativity
- Flexible and quick thinking through improvisation
- To engage imaginatively with my peers

When I am shooting a bow and arrow, I am learning...

- Patience, strength, and determination in one's center
- Fine motor skills and muscle memory
- Aiming and accuracy through eye-hand coordination
- Valuing steady personal improvement
- Safety and judgment in a higher risk environment

During "Camp Connections", I am learning...

- To foster life-long bonds
- To overcome natural shyness by joining in social settings
- That my actions/words impact others' lives
- That I am a part of a strong and supportive camp community
- To think critically and communally when solving brain teasers/riddles
- Social integration through proper social cues and communication
- To value social, unstructured downtime

During outdoor adventure, I am learning...

- To appreciate the beauty of nature and its sustainable offerings
- Self-reliance and confidence in the outdoors
- Camping safety guidelines and tips
- To use nature to construct shelters
- Return to a "back-to-basics" mindset

When I play mini-golf, I am learning...

- Fine motor skills of appropriate strength needed for each shot
- Proper golfing technique and eye-hand coordination
- To feel confidence in an "individual sport" vs. "team sport"
- That golf is considered a "therapeutic/stress reliever" as one truly focuses on task

**When I go to Camp Gordyland, I am learning what it means to
personify our camp motto...**

"Make Friends, Make Memories and Make a Difference"