



PARENT HANDBOOK 2014



*“Make Friends, Make Memories
Make a Difference”*

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Letter from Camp Gordyland Directors

Welcome to Camp Gordyland! Everyone at Gordyland is very excited to continue the Wilton Family Y and Camp Gordyland journey. As in years past, this summer we will strive to reinforce our Five Camp Character Values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Unity.

To all of our returning families, we would like to thank you for your continued support and for allowing us to be a part of your lives. We would like to welcome all new campers to the Camp Gordyland family. We look forward to providing a fun and positive camp experience and as our motto says, "Make Friends, Make Memories, Make a Difference!"

Please feel free to contact the camp office with any questions or concerns during the summer.



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Camp Overview

YMCA Mission:

The Wilton Family Y is a charitable organization dedicated to maximizing the personal potential of all individuals in the community!

Character Development:

Camp Gordyland is led by a team of enthusiastic, certified Camp Directors and group leaders. Campers will experience a day of both traditional and non-traditional activities. Our program will help campers demonstrate sportsmanship, skill development and fun in a safe environment based on our Five Camp Character Values:

Caring (Red)

Help others
Be sensitive of others feelings

Respect (Yellow)

Value the worth of every person and myself
Treat others as I would have them treat me

Honesty (Blue)

Tell the truth
Make sure my actions match my value

Responsibility (Green)

Do what ought to be done
Be accountable for my behavior

Unity (Orange)

Becoming a whole group
Accept and celebrate diversity

Traditional Camps:

Why choose a Wilton Y Summer Camp? Camp Gordyland is an all inclusive, Peanut Aware, State of Connecticut Licensed program that offers your child one of the most exciting Summer Day Camp experiences available in the region. The Y's mission is to be accessible to everyone regardless of special need or financial situation offering a wide range of activities and programs that run from 7:30am-6:30pm each day. Camp Gordyland is 22 acres of property ideal for a rewarding camp experience.

Activities may include the following where age appropriate: Pond/Beach, Pool, Splash Pool, Fishing, Sports, Arts & Crafts, Archery, Beads & Legos, Outdoor Adventures, Gordy's Gourmet, Canoeing, Dance, Drama, Picnic Games, Mini-Golf, Soccer, Kinect, Community Service, Street Hockey, Gaga, Imagination Village, Scavenger Hunt, Playground Time, Water Games, Wall Ball, Explorer Time, Playground, High Ropes, Low Ropes, Climbing Wall, Water Polo, Fitness, & Themes.

Daily Schedule for Traditional Camps:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Traditional Camp</u>
7:30 – 9:00	Before Camp Program
9:00 – 9:30	Drop off, Camper Sign-in, & Morning Meetings
9:30 – 9:55	Opening Ceremonies
10:03 – 10:33	Activity Period 1
10:41 – 11:11	Activity Period 2
11:19 – 11:51	Activity Period 3
11:59 – 12:29	Activity Period 4
12:37 – 12:57	Lunch
12:57-1:07	Group Meeting
1:00	Busy Bees Pick-Up
1:15 – 1:45	Activity Period 5
1:53 – 2:23	Activity Period 6
2:31 – 3:07	Activity Period 7
3:00	Camp-To-Come-To Pick-Up
3:30	Free-To-Be Pick-Up
4:00	Teen Camp Pick-Up
3:15 – 6:30	After Camp Program

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Camp Gordyland Staff:

To ensure the safety of our campers and quality of our program, Camp Gordyland maintains a lower maximum amount of campers per group than mandated by the State of Connecticut. To prepare staff for their summer camp experience, they attend mandatory trainings that include and are not limited to Child Abuse Training, Camper Behavior Management, Water Front Safety Procedures, Positive Discipline, Inclusion, and Risk Prevention. First Aid, Ropes, Archery, and Canoeing Staff has further specialized training. Camp Gordyland has a counselor to camper ratio that ranges from 1:6 to 2:14. The Wilton Family Y is the largest employer of teens in the town during the summer months.

Campers with Special Needs:

Camp Gordyland is dedicated to an all-inclusive environment for all campers. The Wilton Family Y will provide a one-on-one staff member (paraprofessional) for an additional fee of \$50 per week to those in need. Families will work closely with the Special Needs Coordinator to make sure your child's needs are met at camp. Campers will be assigned to a group and while working with their paraprofessional will have the flexibility to modify activities to meet the child's needs. Paraprofessionals from local schools and organizations are permitted to attend Camp Gordyland after they comply with Wilton Y staffing guidelines.

Communication is the key element to a healthy relationship between families and Camp Gordyland. If the camp feels that a child may require some extra help during the camp day as the summer progresses, a conversation will be initiated by the camp to determine if the family is comfortable with having a camp paraprofessional work one-on-one with their child. In this situation the \$50 paraprofessional fee may apply.

Waterfront:

Our waterfront programs are one of the highlights of our camper's day. We strongly believe in providing a fun and safe atmosphere at our waterfront. Camp To Come To and Free To Be children are provided with a combination of general instruction and recreational free swim times throughout the week. Campers are encouraged to swim each day.

On their first day of each session, all campers will be given a swim test. This procedure allows us to place campers into a swimming group appropriate to their abilities.

A dock test must be passed at the beach in order to swim out to the dock, roughly in the center of the Pond. In order to pass the dock test, campers need to be able to swim out to the dock in the deep water area (10 feet deep), tread water for two minutes without holding onto a lifeguard and swim back to the shallow end. If a child does not pass the dock test, they are welcome to try again. Campers that pass the dock test will wear a bracelet to be easily identified.

The buddy system is used during free activity swimming. Buddy checks are conducted every 5 minutes to be sure all swimmers are accounted for. Our aquatics staff holds current Lifeguard, First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certifications. We also have implemented the Wahoo Swim Head band system for the additional protection of all of our Campers.

An air horn will sound in the event of a camper not accounted for at the swimming area or vicinity. The land and water will be searched until the child is located. All emergency procedures will go into effect with coordination of the Camp and Aquatic Staff. The Camp does practice these drills during camp hours. They are better known as "Pond Drills".

Rainy Days:

We do operate on rainy days. On these days, most activities take place inside the buildings and under tents. However, campers should be prepared with proper rain gear for transitions to and from program areas. Please send campers with a raincoat, extra clothing and closed toed shoes.

Hot Weather & Poor Air Quality Days:

Camp Gordyland is an outdoor traditional day camp, and will modify daily activities when necessary to compensate for extremely hot or poor air quality days. Activities that are normally in sunny areas may be moved indoors, and other activities will be modified to be less vigorous to limit physical activity. We make every effort to provide campers with water based activities to keep them cool. Campers can refill their own personal water bottle throughout the day at each activity location, all of which are equipped with a single, self serving water cooler.

Camp Arrival:

Each Monday parents/guardians are required to escort campers to their group. The board located by the Free-To-Be and Camp-To-Come-To field will specify the camp group your child has been placed in.

In an effort to avoid parking shortages, Express Drop Off will be offered Tuesday through Friday, 8:55-9:30. Follow the signs on the immediate right when entering the parking lot after the bridge. Staff will be stationed outside to direct you and escort campers to their appropriate groups after they are signed in to the Express Drop Off Staff. Express Drop Off is NOT for Busy Bee campers or Specialty Camps.

Camp Locations for Drop-Off:

<u>Camp</u>	<u>Outside (Good Weather)</u>	<u>Inside (Poor Weather)</u>
Busy Bees	Activity Center Playground	1 st ½ of Activity Center
Camp-To-Come-To	Right Baseball Field	2 nd ½ of Activity Center
Free-To-Be	Left Baseball Field	Gymnasium
Teen Camp	Studio Building	Studio Building
C.I.T.'s	Drama Tent	Drama Tent
Lego Camp	Front Room	Front Room
Mad Science	Front Room	Front Room
Ropes Camp	Front Stoop of Y	Lobby
Arts Camp	Front Room	Front Room

Camp Pick-Up Procedures:

The following procedures have been put into place for camper pick-up:

1. Campers must be picked up by a parent/guardian or by someone listed on the approved emergency contact form.
2. All campers **MUST** be signed out at pick-up. Please see the website for camp specific pick-up times.
3. No camper will be released to an individual if they are not listed on the emergency contact form as an alternate pick up or written permission has been received by a parent/guardian.
4. Photo ID is required by all persons picking up.
5. If you are picking your camper up early, please check in at the Front Desk. The Desk Staff will ask you to sign the check in book, and then call on the radio for a Camp Director to bring your child to the Lobby. Again, photo ID's will be checked.
6. We ask that you try to make all early pick-ups before 2:00 pm.
7. Failure to sign your child out may result in a "Lost Child" search until the child is located.

For all Camps, if you are late picking up your child our Late Pick-Up Fee will go into effect (1-15 minutes late will be a \$10 fee, then \$10 for each additional 15 minute segment). You will automatically be charged for late pick-ups.

Field Trips:

Only Teen Camp goes on field trips. Teen Camp will travel two days a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays) and stay on the camp grounds the remaining three days. Parents will receive a permission slip on Monday listing the trip destinations, items needed and any additional fees. Your child will not be able to attend a trip if a permission slip has not been received. Admission fees and transportation is included in the weekly cost of camp. The buses leave promptly on those days between 9:30am and 10:00am. Trips may include the following: Lake Compounce, Bronx Zoo, Bounce U, Splashdown Water Park, Brownstone Water Park, etc.

Camp Medical and Emergency Policies

First Aid:

Our Camp First Aiders adhere to state requirements for the administration of medication, oxygen and insulin. The Camp First Aid Staff is stationed in the Camp Office located in the Meeting House. In the event of an emergency or illness, the Camp First Aider will notify parents/guardians after appropriate medical steps have been taken, which may include calling 911. Please keep sick campers home so germs and illness will not spread to other campers and staff. Unless otherwise notified, any camper that requires further medical attention will be transported to Norwalk Hospital. In addition, a doctor is on call and supervises our medical and emergency procedures.

All campers who receive first aid will have their injuries recorded in the First Aid Log Book by the Camp First Aider or appropriate staff person. Logs are reviewed weekly by the Camp Doctor. The Camp First Aid Staff will notify parents of mild injuries at his/her professional discretion and all serious injuries that occur at camp. On trips, Teen Camp will be accompanied by a designated First Aider. Campers may be sent home for certain conditions such as Lice, or other skin ailments.

Emergencies:

We devote significant time and attention to emergency procedures during our staff development and training in June. We have specific procedures for lost campers or members at the waterfront or on land, as well as for fire, severe weather, and medical emergencies. We practice these procedures during staff training and throughout the summer so that campers and staff will be prepared in the event of an emergency. The Wilton Y has also implemented a Lockdown procedure in light of recent local events, and it is also a part of the staff training.

Medical / Emergency Contact Forms:

Medical Forms are available on the website or in the lobby. They will also be emailed to you within a couple of weeks of registration. A physician must complete the medical form. Campers must have had a physical within the past 24 months. A copy of a previous form, including a school medical, can be submitted as long as it meets the two year requirement. Parents are required to update the camp office with any changes in health status or medications between the time the forms are submitted and the end of camp.

Parents are responsible in filling out the Emergency Contact Form. Please be sure the form is filled out completely including, house number, street, town, state, and zip code where required.

All forms are due two weeks prior to the campers first scheduled camp day. Emergency contact & medical forms must be received, reviewed and marked complete before any camper begins camp.

As we have a 24 hour processing time, campers will not be able to begin camp if any paperwork is submitted, missing or incomplete on their first scheduled day.

Campers will be able to begin camp the following day assuming all paperwork is complete. The Camp First Aid Staff will need this time to review all forms to make sure all

questions are answered. **No child will be admitted into camp or on field trips without completed forms.**

Medication Policy & Forms:

All medications, including inhalers, must be given to the Camp First Aider for approval either before or on the campers first day of camp. Medications cannot remain with a child at camp; they will be kept in the Camp Office in a locked box. If your camper needs to take medication, either over the counter or prescription, during the camp day, our camp First Aid Staff can dispense medication if the following requirements are met:

1. The medication is in its original, sealed bottle/box with the campers name printed on the prescription.
2. A physician has filled out and signed the Authorization for the Administration of Medications Form and it is on file in the camp office. Forms are available on the website or in the lobby.
3. The medication has not expired.
4. Any remaining medication must be picked up by the parent on the last day of camp. One month after the last day of camp, per our camp regulations, all remaining medication will be destroyed.

A Camp Director will take your child to the First Aid Staff to receive their medication at the appropriate time.

Ticks & Lice Prevention

Camp Gordyland asks that all families assist us in the prevention of Ticks and Lice.

Lice: When necessary, campers may be checked for Lice. If the camp has any concerns over the appearance of Lice or nits in your child's hair, you will be contacted to pick up your child that day. We ask all campers be free of nits before returning to camp to ensure containment of exposure. Before your child may be permitted to return to camp, they will be checked by a camp First Aid Director or Senior Camp staff member.

Ticks: Wear repellent, check your child for ticks daily, and have them shower soon after being outdoors. Call your doctor if your child gets a fever or rash.

Sunscreen:

We recommend that campers wear sunscreen everyday. Campers should apply sunscreen or bug repellent before coming to camp each morning. Under camp guidelines, staff cannot apply sunscreen unless it is the spray on kind. If campers need sunscreen reapplied during the day, please show them how and counselors will remind them to do so.

If your child's physician strongly recommends that he/she needs sunscreen reapplied, the Authorization for the Administration of Medications form must be completed by the physician. The camper will be taken to the Camp First Aider at the appropriate times for it to be reapplied.

Allergy Protocol:

With the growing number of campers with severe peanut/tree nut allergies, we are asking all camp families to refrain from bringing peanut/tree nut products to camp. Campers with peanut/tree nut allergies range in severity. Some react with mild skin hives while others experience life-threatening symptoms when they touch or even smell peanut/tree nuts.

If you are interested in bringing in cupcakes or baked goods for your child’s birthday, please provide ONLY store-bought products that are sealed and contain the ingredients. All products need to be preapproved by a Camp Director before being served to campers to account for any other food allergies in the group.

Camp Gordyland’s Protocol for a “Peanut-Aware” Camp

1. All lunches will be inspected by your child’s Counselor before distributing lunch bags to the group.
2. Any foods that contain peanut/treenut products or are processed in a plant with peanut products will be discarded. Please inspect your child’s snack ingredients for possible traces of peanuts/treenuts.
 - a. Example:

Calories:		2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

INGREDIENTS: RICE, RICE BRAN OIL, CANE SUGAR, SALT, CHILI, SOY SAUCE POWDER (SOYBEAN, CORN, SALT, MALTODEXTRIN, SOYBEAN OIL), GARLIC, CITRIC ACID, TOCOPHEROL (VITAMIN E). **CONTAINS: SOY.**
MANUFACTURED IN A FACILITY THAT PROCESSES PEANUTS.
GLUTEN-FREE • VEGAN

3. If your child’s lunch or snacks contain nut processed products, it will be discarded and Camp Gordyland will provide a substitute lunch of a jelly or cheese sandwich and approved snacks and water. There may be a fee for continual disregard for this policy.
4. Parents who pack peanut products in their child’s lunch will be contacted by a Camp Staff member that day.
5. Campers are not permitted to share food.
6. Please send in box labels for food that is not sold in individual packages (Costco or BJ’s brands) for quick review by Camp Staff.
7. Homemade products such as cookies and cakes will not be allowed into Camp. All food must have a store bought ingredient label with it.

Registration

Registration:

Registration for summer is currently open. All registrations may be done on-line, if you have any questions or difficulty with registration, contact the camp office. Campers should be registered for the grade he/she is entering in September. Please note there is a difference of \$100 per week for non-members. To receive member pricing, a camper must have at least a full child membership. Memberships can be taken out on our website or by calling our Membership Director. If you purchase a membership on-line, please allow enough time for the membership to be processed before registering for camp to ensure correct pricing.

After May 1, there will be limited spots available. To ensure your camper is registered for your first choice in weeks, registrations should be completed before this date. Camp weeks will close the Monday of the week before to allow enough time to complete rosters.

Financial Assistance:

Financial Assistance is available to those who qualify. Applications must be submitted before registering for camp. Due to limited spaces after May, please allow enough time for your application to be reviewed and approved so you can register for your preferred camp weeks. Financial Assistance Forms, available at the front desk or on our website, must be completed and submitted along with a copy of last year's 1040 form as well as a copy of your most recent pay stub in a sealed envelope to the Y no later than May 1st.

Camp Balance Payments:

There are two ways to pay your Camp balance:

1. A payment draft can be set up to begin on the 1st of the month beginning in February, and/or the next month following your registration. Balances will be divided into equal payments with the last installment being made on August 1st. There is a 3% Convenience Fee for credit card drafts. There is not for Bank EFT drafts.
2. Payment by check may be made for the total remaining balance by May 1st.

Beginning May 2, prices will increase. On this date, any new camp registrations must be paid in full at the time of registration.

Camp Change or Drop Policy:

- There is a \$20 change fee for a change in camp weeks. The \$20 is non-refundable and non-transferable to other weeks, other camps or other programs. Any money paid above the \$20 will be transferred to the new week.
- If a week is dropped, the \$50 deposit will be kept. Any money paid beyond the \$50 will be issued as a Y credit. This credit may be used within a one-year period to pay for other camp weeks, other programs or membership.
- After June 1st, there are no credits or refunds issued of any kind.
- Change/Drop Forms are available on the website or in the lobby. These forms must be filled out completely by a parent/guardian and approved by the camp office.

Parents & Campers

Extended Camp Care:

Extended Care is offered at an additional cost. You can choose morning care beginning at 7:30 am until the beginning of camp, afternoon care beginning at the end of camp until 6:30 pm or both. “The Happening Hive”, Busy Bees Extended Care is available until 3:00 pm only. There is no requirement on the number of days. Forms are available on the website or in the lobby and need to be submitted to the camp office no later than the Tuesday of the previous week.

Please pick up your camper no later than 6:30 pm. An additional \$10 charge every 15 minutes will be charged for late pickups. If a child has not been picked up by 6:45, the camper’s parent/guardian will be contacted. If they cannot be reached, the emergency contacts will be called. At 7:00 pm, if staff is unable to contact an authorized person to pick-up, the Wilton police will be contacted for assistance.

Camper Rights:

As a summer camp participant you have the right to:

- (1) Be free from cruel teasing and put-downs
- (2) Have a safe, calm, clean and orderly environment
- (3) Be free from fear of physical harm
- (4) Have a fair turn in any group activity
- (5) Make mistakes without being ridiculed by others
- (6) Seek help from adults who are here to help you
- (7) Be treated with dignity and respect by everyone.

Camper Responsibilities:

As a summer camp participant you are expected to:

- (1) Avoid fights or verbal abuse of other children
- (2) Be fair and accepting of others eager to join any activity
- (3) Work and play safely
- (4) Use appropriate, acceptable language
- (5) Be kind, considerate, helpful and respectful toward others
- (6) Share equipment and materials fairly and use them properly
- (7) Respect property, especially things that do not belong to you
- (8) Cooperate with others, and with adults who are here to help you
- (9) Speak out when you witness unfairness or offensive language or behavior of others
- (10) Be a good sport whether you win or lose
- (11) Be honest and truthful with everyone
- (12) Leave valuable property and money at home.
- (13) Respect all Camp Staff

Lost and Found:

Please label all of your child's belongings. Counselors will make every effort to collect all belongings before leaving an activity. Please remind your camper it is his/her responsibility to keep track of their own belongings, with the encouragement from their Counselor. The Camp Lost & Found is located at the tent past the baseball fields next the Camp Storage Shed. Please follow the signs.

What to Leave at Home:

We require that children do not bring any of the following valuable items to camp: money, supersoakers, Pokemon cards, toys, games, playing cards, Game-Boys, iPads, iPods & other hand-held electronic devices, stuffed animals, Magic cards, cell phones, etc. These items may be held by a Director until the end of the day.

What to Bring to Camp:

Item	Free-To-Be	Camp-To-Come-To	Busy Bees	Specialty Camps & Teen Camp
Lunch	Yes-in paper bag	Yes-in paper bag	Yes-in paper bag	Yes-in paper bag
Morning Snack	Optional	Yes-pack separately	Yes-pack separately	Optional
Afternoon snack	Optional	Yes- pack separately	Optional	Optional
Sneakers	Yes-sneakers please!	Yes-sneakers please!	Yes-sneakers please!	Yes-sneakers please!
Swim Suits	Yes-wear to camp	Yes-wear to camp	Yes-wear to camp	Yes-in backpack
Extra Swim Suit	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Optional
Water Shoes	Optional	Yes-required	Yes-required	Optional
Rain Jackets	Yes – when needed	Yes – when needed	Yes – when needed	Yes – when needed
Extra set clothes and/or sweatshirt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Beach Towel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water Bottle	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Climbing Helmets	Will be provided	N/A	N/A	Will be provided
Sunscreen	Apply @ home	Apply @ home	Apply @ home	Apply @ home
Label all items	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Early Pickup	Before 2 pm please	Before 2 pm please	Before 2 pm please	Before 2 pm please

Camper Discipline:

Discipline is based upon the Positive Discipline model created by Jane Nelson, Ed. D., Lynn Lott, M.A., and H. Stephen Glenn, Ph.D. Positive Discipline methods “provide a safe climate in which students can examine their behavior, discover how it affects others, and engage in effective problem solving to create change.”

*Nelsen, Jane, Lynn Lott, and H. Stephen. Glenn. Positive Discipline in the Classroom: Developing Mutual Respect, Cooperation, and Responsibility in Your Classroom. New York: Three Rivers, 2000. Print.

First Offense – Verbal warning and sitting out at activities until ready to return.

Second Offense – Counselor contacts Director, and the Director dispenses disciplinary action.

Third Offense – Phone call home by Director, and child to be picked up if deemed necessary.

Fourth Offense – Possible expulsion from camp.

My child must comply with the camp’s rules and standards of conduct and that if positive outcomes cannot be achieved the camp reserves the right to suspend or terminate my child from the program if he/she does not comply with our standards.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **Camp Drop Off Begins at 9:00 a.m.** – After Opening Ceremonies, each group’s daily schedule begins at 10:00am.
- **AM Care** – Begins at 7:30 a.m. and runs until 9:00 a.m. Drop-off is in the Activity Center. Staff will bring the children to regular camp.
- **PM Care** – Runs until 6:30 p.m. Staff will bring children to Aftercare and confirm everyone’s attendance. Please check in with the Front Desk to locate your child’s group for pick up. The PM Care Staff and Director will be in communication with the Front Desk. All Campers must be signed out.
- **Express Drop Off** – In an effort to avoid parking shortages, please follow the express drop-off signs in the parking lot. Staff will be stationed outside to escort your children to their groups every Tuesday through Friday beginning at 8:55 ending at 9:30.
- **Lost and Found** – Any lost articles are placed in the Lost and Found tent located in the back of the Y Building next to the Camp Shed.
- **Sunscreen** – Staff cannot apply sunscreen. Please apply sunscreen to your child before camp, and show them how to apply it to themselves. Staff will remind them to do so throughout the day. Staff will be able to help apply spray on sunscreen.
- **Medication** – If your child needs medication administered during camp hours you must notify the Camp First Aider & have your pediatrician complete the Medical Administration Form. We are prohibited from administering any medication without this form. The Camp First Aider will be on the Drop Off field each morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Only the Camp First Aider can accept or distribute medication. Each day, Directors will take your child to the Camp First Aider to receive their medication at the appropriate time.
- **Visitors** – We have an “Open Door” policy, but we ask that parents check in at the Front Desk and a Director will escort you around the grounds. This is for the safety of all of our campers.

- **Camp Rosters** – Each week rosters are placed on the outside bulletin board. Check there for your child’s placement and any other pertinent information each week.
- **Forgotten/Peanut Product Lunches** – If you forget to pack a lunch for your child, or pack one that contains peanut or treenut products, we will provide a simple sandwich and drink and dispose of the peanut product food.
- **Items Not Permitted At Camp** – We require that children do not bring any of the following valuable items to camp: money, supersoakers, Pokemon cards, toys, games, playing cards, Game-Boys, iPads, iPods & other hand-held electronic devices, stuffed animals, magic cards, cell phones, etc. These items may be held by a Director until the end of the day.
- **Dogs** – Dogs are not permitted at Camp Gordyland.
- **Late Pick Up** – For all camps, if you are more than 15 minutes late for pickup, an additional fee will be charged (\$10 for each 15 minute segment).
- **Weather** – Camp Gordyland is an outdoor camp. We remain outside unless the weather becomes dangerous (excessive heat, thunder, lightning). Please provide your camper with clothing appropriate for the day’s weather.
- **Photographs** – Photos of the campers may be used for publicity purposes in Wilton Family Y literature and promotional materials including newspaper and social media ads.
- **Climbing Helmets** – Helmets will be provided for use during climbing periods on the Ropes Course and Climbing Wall. Helmets are worn with a coffee filter on the head, and helmets are sprayed with cleaner before each use. Please – no helmets from home.
- **Transportation** – For all Teen Camp trips, transportation is provided via school bus.

Camp Song

I'm Going to Camp – (Aaron Britton/Bill Zsunkan)

Where you going? I'm going to Camp.
What you gonna do? Gonna swim and dance.

Where you gonna do it? Out in the sun.
What you gonna have? Have lots of fun.

You know I'm never going to leave,
You know I'll always want to go,
Even when the summer days are done,
Camp will always be my home!

What'd you play? Played ball and tag,
Climbed the wall and captured the flag.

Who did you meet? My best friend,
I never want this summer to end.

You know I'm never going to leave,
You know I'll always want to go,
Even when the summer days are done,
Camp will always be my home!

This winter came and it started to snow.
Missed going fishing and my archery bow.

Don't worry Camp's only 'round the bend,
I never want this summer to end!

You know I'm never going to leave,
You know I'll always want to go,
Even when the summer days are done,
Camp will always be my home!

Employee Code of Conduct:

We recognize that our employees are role models to your children. Please review our “Employee Code of Conduct” that outlines appropriate behavior.

The Wilton Family Y’s system of rules and regulations is designed to promote and enhance the quality care of our members and participants as well as organizations efficiency and safety. As a condition of continued employment, all employees are required to abide by the rules and regulations that are generally applicable within the Y as those that are effective within specified departments.

1. In order to protect the Wilton Family Y staff, volunteers and program participants, at no time during a Y program may a staff person be alone with a single child where they cannot be observed by others. As staff supervises children, they should place themselves in a way that others can see them.
2. Camp staff will use appropriate language and maintain themselves in an appropriate manner. Swearing is never acceptable: either by staff members or in music lyrics being played on camp grounds.
3. Staff shall not leave a child unsupervised at any time.
4. Restrooms Supervision: Staff will make sure that the restroom is not occupied by suspicious or unknown individuals before allowing children to use the facilities. Staff will stand in the doorway while children are using the restroom. The policy allows for privacy for the children and protection for the staff (not being alone with a child). If staff is assisting the younger children, doors to the facility must remain open. No child, regardless of age, should ever enter a bathroom alone on a field trip.
5. Staff should conduct or supervise private activities in pairs, especially when campers are changing clothes. When this is not possible, staff should be positioned so that they are visible to others.
6. Staff will respect children’s rights not to be touched in ways that make them feel uncomfortable. Other than diapering, children are not allowed to be touched in areas of their bodies that would be covered by a bathing suit.
7. Staff may NOT be alone with children they meet in Wilton Family Y programs outside of the Wilton Family Y. This includes, and is not limited to, babysitting, sleepovers, inviting children to their homes. However, parents of children in Y programs may authorize staff to baby-sit in the child’s home by signing a waiver form, which is available through the Y’s Executive Director’s Office.
8. Staff is NOT allowed to transport children in their own vehicles to and from Y programs and activities.
9. Adult staff may not date program participants, members, or other staff under the age of 18 years.

Camp Gordyland Dictionary:

Big Show Belt	What is awarded to the Color Games Team that wins Friday's Big Show event.
Britton Bucks	Our Camp Currency. Campers earn Britton Bucks throughout the week and can spend them at Heatwave.
Buddy Check	Every 5 Minutes we do Buddy Checks at the Pond.
Camp Song	"I'm Going to Camp" - It is sung each day at Camp Gordyland. It is an original song written especially for Camp Gordyland.
Carnival Day	The day we set up a huge carnival on the baseball fields with bounce houses, dunk tanks, games, and lots of prizes!
Character Cup	What is awarded to the Color Games Team that wins the Week long Sportsmanship Points Competition.
Character Rock	The Large Colored Rock outside the entrance to the Baseball Fields. It is Awarded to the Color Team that earns the most points at the end of the summer.
Color Games	Our Week long Color Competition where the teams are judged on the dance, entrance, chant, mascot, and sportsmanship.
Construction Junction	The Beads and Legos Tent.
Crayola Cabana	The Arts and Crafts Tent.
Delta House	The name of the Studio Building that Teen Camp calls home.
Floyd	The Name of the Climbing Wall.
Everglades	Sometimes known as the "Grassy Knoll". It is the area of Camp where Beads & Legos, Arts & Crafts, & Theme are located.
Gaga	Our hexagonal enclosure where the campers play a specific game – GAGA!
Golden Gator	The little toy gator that groups in grades 1-3 have to find at Camp and earn points.
Golden Ticket	Groups get a clue based on age group to find Gordy's hidden Golden Ticket. When a group finds the ticket they get Treasure!
Gordy the Gator	Our mascot! Remember to wish Gordy a Happy Birthday on August 9th!
Gordy's Gourmet	The Campsite where campers in 3rd grade and older learn to cook healthy foods like Gordy does.
Green Gator	The little toy gator that groups in grades 4-6 have to find at Camp and earn points.
Hall of Justice	Otherwise known as the Meeting House, it is the Camp Office and where the First Aid Station is located.
Heatwave	The name of our Camp Store. It is Open for campers to "purchase" items using Britton Bucks.
Homecoming Game	Each year the Camp Staff play the Directors after Camp in a football game for that summer's bragging rights. All campers, parents, and past counselors are invited to watch!

Imagination Village

Our little playground for Camp-To-Come-To and Busy Bees.

Lagoon

The Fishing Area

Make Friends, Make
Memories, & Make a
Difference

Our Camp Motto.

Memory Lane

The Camp name for the Pavilion.

Opening Ceremonies

What Camp does each morning after drop off with all the campers to play games, give announcements, and sing our Camp Song!

During Color Games, each color collects change in bins in the lobby to earn points towards their color. The money is then donated to the Y's Annual Appeal

Penny Wars

The Archery Range.

Robin's Hood

Where Gordy works in the winter before returning to Camp.

SeaWorld

The name of the Free-To-Be baseball field.

Serengeti

Gordyland's Got Talent! A great way for campers to show off their skills in a performance for the entire camp & parents.

Talent Show

The name of the Camp-To-Come-To baseball field.

The Den

Each week, Camp Gordyland puts an added twist to activities by having a specific theme. The most popular themes include, Gordyland's Got Talent, Color Games, and the Carnival.

Themes

Tiger's Woods

The Mini-Golf Course.

Camp Gordyland Calendar:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Week 1 Shipwreck Island	<u>June 23</u>	<u>June 24</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>June 25</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>June 26</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>June 27</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open
Week 2 Alien Invasion	<u>June 30</u>	<u>July 1</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 3</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 3</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>July 4</u> NO CAMP
Week 3 Gordyland's Got Talent	<u>July 7</u>	<u>July 8</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 9</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 10</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>July 11</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Talent Show 9:45am-11:00am in Y Gymnasium Parents Are Welcome
Week 4 Party in the U.S.A.	<u>July 14</u>	<u>July 15</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 16</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 17</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>July 18</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Week 5 Color Games!	<u>July 21</u>	<u>July 22</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 23</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 24</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>July 25</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Color Games Big Show 1:00pm-3:30pm Parents Are Welcome!
Week 6 Fairy Tale Week	<u>July 28</u>	<u>July 29</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 30</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>July 31</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day!	<u>August 1</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open
Week 7 Carnival	<u>August 4</u>	<u>August 5</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>August 6</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Carnival Day!	<u>August 7</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day Teen Camp Sleepover	<u>August 8</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open
Week 8 Battle of the Ages	<u>August 11</u>	<u>August 12</u> Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>August 13</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open	<u>August 14</u> Hot Dogs – FTB & CTCT \$2 Teen Camp Travel Day Express Drop Off Camp Store Open Dress Up Day	<u>August 15</u> Express Drop Off Camp Store Open