



Parent's Guide 2023

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WELCOME TO LML Compass Camp!

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Professional Staff

Joel Johnston, Executive Director

Joel has been in charge of Compass Care for ten years and also established Compass Academy Charter School.

Gladys Hemple, Morning Camp Director

Gladys has over 30 years of experience in caring for children, has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education, and is CPR & First Aid certified.

Maya Holmes, Afternoon Camp Director

Maya is a third grade teacher at Compass Academy Charter School and has been the co-director of Compass Care for the last four years.

IMPORTANT STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

Camp Payments

Kinside is the third-party company Compass Camp has hired to handle all payments. You should have set up arrangements for automatic payments each week with Kinside.

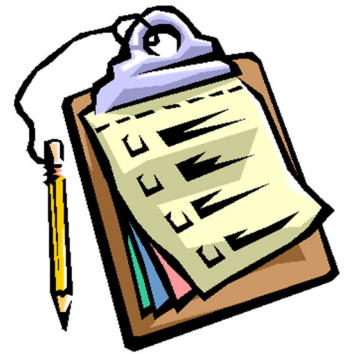
Camp Cancellation Policy

The following criteria will be used to determine the amount of money that will be returned to you if a cancellation is requested. This applies to each session in which the child is enrolled.

- Only the non-refundable \$25 registration fee is retained.

Forms

The following forms must be received in our office prior to camp starting for your child. Your child(ren) will not be permitted to participate in camp if paperwork is not submitted.



Terms of Agreement

This document contains statements on payments, photo release and other general conditions of acceptance and enrollment.

Medical History

To ensure the safety of your child(ren), an updated medical history form is required.

Medications

If your child requires medication during the course of the day please make sure that you fill out a "Medication Form." These forms can be picked up from the Camp Office or downloaded from our website. LML Compass Camp is allowed to dispense prescribed medication in its original package. We are prohibited from dispensing over-the-counter medicine to your child unless we receive a physician's note describing the prescribed dosage.

Authorization for Pick-Up and Custody Issues

For the safety of your child, we must have on file, a written authorization/ permission from the legal parent/guardian, of all persons permitted to pick-up your child. Please complete the form provided; you may add or delete names in writing at any time. If there are any legal issues we should be aware of, please provide us with an updated court document stating such. We will abide by legal documents only when dealing with children and custody issues. Otherwise, either parent has equal rights to their child(ren) and the information regarding them such as invoices, medical records, and camp schedules.

IMPORTANT: CAMPER DROP-OFF AND PICK UP INFO

Drop Off Times: Begins at 8:00 am and ends at 8:30 am.

Pick Up Times: Begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 5:30 pm sharp.

Drop off and pick-up Process:

1. Park in the parking lot behind the school. There is an entrance in the back.
2. Accompany your child to the entrance during the designated drop-off and pick-up times.
3. Please drive through the area slowly and watch for staff in the street and other cars entering from the opposite direction.

Important for Pick-Up Only

1. Pick-Up runs from 5:00 pm until 5:30 pm. Please be sure to bring proper identification with you at this time.
2. Every person picking up must be on the authorization list and sign out the child they are picking up.
3. You will be asked to show proper identification to pick up your child at any time of the day. If you do not have proper ID and/or are not on the authorization list, you will not be allowed to pick up your child. Every effort will be made to call all persons on the child's authorization list for clearance and verification. If we are unable to reach anyone at that time, the child will remain with us.
4. An authorized list will be created that will allow certain individuals to pick up your child from camp. Both parents will be on the list unless court documents state that custody is different. Please be sure our office has a completed copy of that form or fill one out prior to camp. If at any time you need to make deletions or additions please contact our camp office.

Late Pick-Up (After 5:30 pm)

Please contact the camp office or the main office in advance for any unavoidable late pick-up or emergency. You will be charged \$5 per child for each and any portion of 15 minute segments you are late picking up your child. This payment will be due that day. More than three late pick-ups may result in the participant's dismissal from LML Compass Camp.

Age Groups

We will be placing children in age-appropriate groups for our programming. Each grade group of no more than 20 students each week. At times, all children will be together or grouped in a manner so that students can teach and learn from one another.

Grade Groups:

PreK-4 and Kindergarten

1st and 2nd

3rd and 4th

5th through 8th

A Sample Day in the Life of Your Camper

Morning

8:00	Child Drop-off
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	Morning Meeting
9:30	First Group Activity
10:30	Outdoor Free Play
11:00	Second Group Activity

Afternoon

12:00	Lunch
12:30	Outdoor Free Play
1:00	Third Group Activity
2:00	Outdoor Free Play
3:00	Afternoon Snack
3:30	Fourth Group Activity
4:30	Indoor Free Play
5:00	Child Pick-up



Weekly Themes

Week One: July 3, 5-7
Disney

Week Two: July 10-14
STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math

Week Three: July 17-21
Olympics

Week Four: July 24-28
Games

Week Five: July 31-August 4
Water Fun

Week Six: August 7-11
Carnival

Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack

We provide breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. If your child has food allergies, please be sure to let us know on the medical forms.



Playing Outside and Water Sports

If the weather is hot enough, we will be playing outside in sprinklers to cool off.

Please be sure to have your child come with a swimsuit and towel daily.

Children will have the opportunity to change into their swimsuits prior to playing outside in the sprinkler. If your child wears their swimsuit to camp, please have them bring their undergarments to change into after swimming. Wet swimsuits are not advisable for children to stay in all day due to health concerns.

Sunscreen

Due to outdoor activities, we recommend that you send your child to camp with waterproof sunscreen (30 SPF or higher), with your child's name clearly marked on the item. The staff does not supply or dispense sunscreen, due to different needs and allergies. Please send your child to camp with what has proven to be successful in the past. Helpful Suggestion: Try applying all day waterproof sunscreen on your child before they leave for camp. If necessary, our counselors will help children that cannot apply sunscreen by themselves.

Lost & Found

Campers will surely lose countless items this summer. If your child loses something, please let us know and we will check in the camp lost and found. To prevent such loss, please mark all items with your child's name. LML Compass Camp is not responsible for any items lost during camp. Any items not picked up on the last day of camp will be donated to those less fortunate.

Camp T-Shirts

On the first day of camp, each camper will be given a LML Compass Camp T-shirt. This shirt may be worn at any time during the week; however, it is not required for camp participation.

Camp Dress Code

Campers should wear comfortable clothing such as t-shirts and shorts. For safety reasons, sneakers are required for participation in all camp activities.

Open toe shoes, sandals, and wheelies are not permitted.

Miscellaneous

While much of the camp occurs indoors, please note we will be outside when the weather permits it. All children are expected to participate in the planned activities, as we are unable to provide individual supervision otherwise.

Please do not allow your child(ren) to bring toys, portable electronics, playing cards, or cell phones – there will be plenty for them to do while at camp. LML Compass Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items, so keep them at home.

There will be a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** on cell phones due to privacy issues, especially with cameras now on most cell phones. Cell phones will be confiscated by the camp director and/or camp counselors and will not be returned without a parent coming to retrieve it.

Disciplinary Procedures

All incidences of behavior problems will be documented and reported to the LML Compass Care Administration. In most cases, minor incidences (unacceptable language, not following directions, talking back to counselor, refusal to cooperate, pushing or shoving in lines, etc.) will result in a discussion with the student or time-out in the office and phone call to parent/guardian if deemed necessary. Repeated minor or major incidences (fighting or intentional infliction of pain, continuous use of profane language, bullying, endangering the safety of others, extreme temper tantrums, leaving the grounds, etc.) will result in a meeting with the parents/guardians.

On rare occasions there may be incidences deemed so serious by the Compass Care administration that immediate suspension may occur, either temporarily or for the remainder of the summer. In these instances, parents will be contacted immediately and a meeting will occur to discuss all the facts surrounding the situation. All decisions regarding suspension will be made with the best interest of the camp in mind.

So, What Should Your Child Expect?

He/She can expect...

- ...to have fun
- ...to make some of the best friends they ever had – with both campers and staff
- ...to be exhausted at times
- ...to feel good about what they have accomplished
- ...to learn a lot about others and themselves
- ...to find out just how strong their sense of humor really is
- ...to play hard
- ...to laugh hard
- ...to do some things that they never have done or thought of doing– and love it!
- ...to be outdoors a lot
- ...to gain more from the experience than they thought they would...so much more
- ...that 6 weeks will fly by and school will be right around corner
- ...to learn
- ...to feel included
- ...to cry when it's time to say goodbye
- ...to try something new
- ...to sing, dance, cheer, dress-up and act silly (and not be embarrassed)
- ...to be in safe hands
- ...to be busy all day long
- ...to grow
- ...to play with others who may be different
- ...to stand in a straight line and be quiet at the same time!
- ...to follow the rules, even though they may not agree with all of them
- ...to make memories that will last a lifetime

