



Gizmo-CDA Summer Camp 2023: Information For Families

General Information and Registration

Gizmo offers week-long summer day camps for kids ages 7-18. Each camp centers on a different theme or process. Camp listings, including dates, times, activities and age range can be found on our website at gizmo-cda.org/camps.

Camp registration should be completed online by the parent/guardian through the link on the camps page. Your registration is not final until payment is received. (For information about scholarships, see the next section.)

Please Note: Summer camp at the makerspace is a unique opportunity we wish to make available to as many youth in the community as possible. To help us achieve this goal, **each child may only be registered for ONE week of camp at Gizmo.** We may open camps to second-time registration at a later date if spots do not fill.

Please ensure your child's age falls within the specified range of the camp for which you are registering. Age range is based on your child's age on the first day of camp. In general, our camp activities are designed to accommodate a wide range of abilities and learning styles; we typically will not admit a child to a camp outside their age group simply for being advanced or behind in relation to their same-aged peers. However, if there are extenuating circumstances, please contact us to discuss *prior* to registering your child for camp. Please note, under no circumstances will a child under the age of 7 be permitted to attend camp.

Camp Cost and Scholarship Information

The cost for a week of Summer Camp at Gizmo is \$250. (The exception is the half-day camps, which are \$150.) Gizmo-CDA is a non-profit organization and prices our camps to cover operating costs. With the help of our sponsors and generous donors in the community, we are able to offer half of all camp spots at a discounted, scholarship rate. These spots are reserved ahead of time and not available for general registration.

Scholarships are based on financial need and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Gizmo uses a sliding scale system for scholarships: you decide what your family can reasonably contribute toward your child's camp experience, and Gizmo covers the difference. Families may apply for one scholarship *per child, per summer*, for the camp(s) of their choosing. To apply for a scholarship, the parent/guardian should complete the online [Summer 2023 Scholarship Application form](#).

Upon approval of your application, you will be provided with instructions for how to register your child for camp. Please do not register your child for camp prior to completing the scholarship application, as any refunded amount will be subject to a processing fee.

Cancellation Policy

If your child is no longer able to attend camp, you may cancel your registration up to 10 days prior to the start of camp for a 90% refund. (Gizmo retains 10% to cover our administrative/transaction costs.) If you need to cancel, please call Gizmo at (208) 929-4029. Refunds will generally not be issued for cancellations within 10 days of camp, nor missed camp days. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact us to discuss.

What to Wear/Bring

Campers are **required to wear close-toed shoes** throughout the duration of camp.

In general, campers should wear durable, comfortable clothing that is OK to get dirty.

For full day camps, **campers are required to bring a sack lunch & a water bottle**. Gizmo does not have a fridge or microwave available for public use, so please plan lunches accordingly. Gizmo is unable to provide meals and there are not consistent options to purchase food on campus. Please do not send your child to camp without lunch.

During the camp day, we may make outdoor excursions to the lake or park. **Please ensure your camper has weather-appropriate clothing and adequate sun protection** (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, etc.) If it is chilly, a light jacket or sweatshirt is a good idea.

If your camper requires medication during camp hours, please notify Gizmo **in writing**, including type of medication, dosage, and the time(s) it should be provided to your child. Gizmo staff are not able to administer medication. Medication must either be self-administered by the child or the parent/guardian may come to Gizmo and administer. Medications should be given to a staff member at the beginning of the camp day in a container clearly labeled with the child's name and the name of the medication.

Individual camps may have more specific attire requirements, which will be provided to you prior to the start of camp.

Cell Phone Policy

In order to promote engagement and minimize distractions, campers will be asked to silence and store their cell phones, smart watches, etc. in a cubby during the day. Campers will be allowed to access their phone **at any time** provided it does not cause a major disruption to camp activities. If your child requires an exception to this policy, you may discuss this with our staff.

Please note cell service inside the makerspace is notoriously poor. If you need to get a message to your child at any point during the day, you may call the Gizmo front desk at (208) 929-4029.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedure

For Campers ages 11 & younger:

All campers must be signed in and out each day at the front desk by an authorized adult. **The individual picking up the camper must enter the building and check in with staff at both pick-up and drop-off.** Campers will not be released to any unauthorized individuals. For the safety of our participants, staff may ask for a photo ID when a child is picked up. To make changes to the list of people authorized to pick up your child, please give us a call at (208) 929-4029.

For Campers ages 12 & older:

Campers ages 12 and over are permitted to sign themselves in and out provided permission has been given by the parent/guardian. Otherwise, we will defer to the procedure for younger campers.

General Guidelines:

Gizmo-CdA is not responsible for children until they are signed in, or after they are signed out. Please be aware of the posted camp start and end times, as we are unable to accommodate early drop-off or late pick-up. Campers should be dropped off no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the start of camp, and picked up no later than 10 minutes after. In the event of an unavoidable delay in picking up your child from camp, please notify Gizmo via phone at (208) 929-4029.

Parents/family members are not allowed to sit in on camp sessions, unless acting in the capacity of an official camp volunteer. If you would like to seek an exception to this rule, please contact us.

We appreciate you notifying Gizmo via phone in case of any absence, late arrival or early pick-up.

Health/Medical Policy

For the health and safety of other campers and staff, it is required that you do not send your child to camp if they have been diagnosed with any contagious illness (COVID-19, strep throat, pink eye, chicken pox, lice, etc.) or if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea
- Vomiting

- Rash/open sores
- Diarrhea

Campers should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before attending / returning to camp. If the camper has tested positive for COVID-19, a negative test is required in order to return to camp.

Campers who become ill or are found to be exhibiting any of the above symptoms will be provided a supervised rest area until a parent/guardian or other authorized individual is able to pick them up from camp.

If a child is injured during camp, we will administer first aid and take steps to obtain emergency care, if needed, up to and including calling 911. Parents/guardians will be notified; however, in life-threatening situations, treatment may begin before notification.

Lost & Found

Any lost and found items will be kept in a box at the Front Desk. Lost and found items not claimed by the end of the summer will be donated.

Questions

If you have specific questions about Summer Camp not addressed here, please contact us at info@gizmo-cda.org or **(208) 929-4029**.