

WELCOME TO GILMONT OUTDOOR SCHOOL!

We are so excited that you will be coming to Camp Gilmont! We hope this newsletter will answer most of the questions you have about Camp Gilmont Outdoor School. If your questions are not answered here, please do not hesitate to call Gilmont's James Hilliard or Marie Nelson 903-797-6400
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What is Outdoor School?

Camp Gilmont Outdoor School is a program modeled after Camp Tyler Outdoor School – one of the oldest and most recognized programs of its type in the country. At Camp Gilmont we are devoted to developing innovative educational programs that meet the needs of the students and the teacher. We are committed to providing a setting where children become engaged with the natural world and discover the joy of learning. Very little time will be occupied in a lecture mode of instruction. Instead, we'll immerse learners in authentic, real world, hands-on activities that stimulate the imagination, develop a curiosity about life, and create an environment to share discoveries.

Who runs Outdoor School?

Trained outdoor school instructors and a support staff will work with your child's classroom teacher to monitor and care for your child. Your child will be with his/her classroom teacher and an outdoor teacher from Camp Gilmont during daytime instruction; and, staff, and trained volunteers will be with the students at night.

Directions to the camp

Gilmer, Texas. From the intersection of Hwy 271 and Hwy 155 North (next to the Fina and Jack in the Box). Take Hwy 155 North 6 miles (toward Ore City and Lake O' the Pines). You will see a sign for a picnic area about a half

mile before the turn into the camp, you will be driving up Barnwell Mountain. See the Camp Gilmont sign and PR 2221 and turn Left or West into the camp and follow the signs to the left and down to the dining hall. Phone 903-797-6400.

Will the campers receive good physical care?

YES! A nurse will be on duty 24 hours a day during Outdoor School. The Camp Gilmont facilities provide heating and cooling for comfort. Nutritious meals are served family style and buffet style.

If your child has any special health problem such as allergies, diet, medicine, or sleepwalking, be certain to note these items on the Health History Form, so we can meet the child's needs while at outdoor school.

The matter will be kept confidential.

What about communicating with my child while he/she is at the Outdoor School?

Mail is a real thrill at camp. Mail early, the weekend prior to camp.

Child's Name
Camp Gilmont Outdoor School
6075 SHWY 155 N
Gilmer, TX 75644

In case of emergency call the camp at 903-797-6400.

NO VISITATION allowed during camp. This rule is for the benefit of the children. They often experience home sickness after visitors leave. We also consider that children who are not visited are disturbed. Should your child need you, the outdoor teacher will consult with the nurse and a decision will be made to call home if you are needed.

What clothing and equipment will be needed?

Students will be outdoors most of the time. Be prepared for any weather. Clothing for the Outdoor School should be rugged and informal. There are no dress-up events at camp. The cabins are heated and air conditioned.

- Clothes for 3 days (bring at least 4 pair of tall socks)
- Closed toe shoes (extra pair, if available)
- Sleepwear (pajamas, sweats, or shorts)
- Toilet articles (deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/hair brush, anything else needed for personal hygiene, girls may want to bring a shower cap)
- Long Pants (**no shorts**)
- Mosquito Repellent
- Self addressed stamped envelopes
- Paper for letter writing
- Flashlight
- Water Bottle (optional)
- Pencils
- Swimsuit
- Towels
- Bedding - twin bed with light blanket
- Hat
- Sunscreen

Do **NOT** bring:

- Anything electrical (hair dryers, etc.)
- Cell phones – they do not work at camp.
- Electronic items (Gameboy, CD players, etc.)
- Food (including candy and gum)
- Cola Drinks
- Pocket knives
- Money (there is not a store for purchases)
- Make-up, nail polish, perfume, cologne, razors, hair spray, and styling gels (no time for these at camp, and many of these products attract insects)
- Jewelry and other items of value

Note: Backpacks are NOT needed for day to day activities. However, you are welcome to use a backpack as luggage.

Camp Gilmont will provide the following for the students use while at camp:

Equipment needed for all activities