

April 2011

Dear Parents and Gymnasts:

Thank you for choosing U.S.GTC as your child's summer camp! The Gymnastics Summer Camp of New England. Enclosed is some information about camp that will help prepare campers and parents for a fun and rewarding camp experience. Please call or check our website: www.usgymnasticscamps.com if you have any questions or need any more information. We are posting all of our forms on the website.

CAMP INVOICE & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please review the enclosed invoice to verify the session your child is attending and that the balance due is correct. **May 15, 2011** is the date that the balance of tuition is due. Before April 30 we will accept personal checks for payment. After May 15, 2010 all payments and registration fees must be in the form of a money order, a cashier or bank check. No personal checks after May 15, please.

REFUND POLICY

- Written notice of cancellation is needed by April 30. You will be refunded your deposit less a \$75.00 processing charge.
- After April 30, registration deposit fees are non-refundable. This includes cancellation for medical and athletic injuries.
- Written cancellation postmarked 30 days prior to 1st camp day; you will receive session fees less the deposit.
- Cancellations within 30 days of first camp day will not receive a refund.
- No refund will be made for campers who withdraw at any time after arriving at camp.
- We reserve the right to ask any camper whose conduct adversely affects the camp or other campers to leave without a refund.
- There is no reduction or refund of fees for late arrivals or early departures.
- We recommend that you consider camp cancellation insurance. We have enclosed a page of information about TravMark Insurance.

REGISTRATION

When: Registration is Sunday July 31 and August 7 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If your child is attending both weeks of camp, you will only register once; Sunday, August 1.

Where: Registration is held in Kendall Field House which is at the end of Dunlap Street on campus. There will be "USGTC" signs to guide you.

What is needed at Registration:

- All medications, as they must be checked in with the nurse prior to registering.
- Leave luggage in your car, you will be given a room assignment at registration and then you can proceed to your dorm.

Campers and families that register early might want to have lunch close by as the first meal for campers will be dinner (there are several restaurants across from campus). All campers must be back at their dorm for their first dorm meeting at 1:00 p.m. Parents and friends must say goodbye and leave at that time.

END OF CAMP - DEPARTURE TIME

Check-out is on Saturday, August 6 & August 13, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Please meet your child on their dorm floor to sign out with their dorm counselor and pick up spending money. Remember to check closet, drawers and under bed for all items. Pick up medications at the Gym with the camp nurse.

Camp theme for the optional room decorations and costume contest:

Hollywood

Year after year the decorations and costumes get better! It will be hard to out do them! We can't wait to see this year's decorations! Sorry Parents! Only campers can decorate rooms.

Remember: No decorative string lights or crepe paper streamers will be allowed, per order of the Fire Marshall.

Camper Mail

It is always great to get mail at camp! Allow an extra day for sending mail; since it has to go through the college post office. A good idea is to post your mail just before camp starts. Camp mailing address:

Campers name
U.S. Gymnastics Summer Camp
Mount Holyoke College
50 College Street
South Hadley MA 01075

Phone Calls

We recommend that you arrange a time for your child to call home, as opposed to you calling camp. **Please understand that we do not allow campers to have cell phones at camp!**

We prefer that the campers try to wait until Monday to call home!

The camp office is in the gym and it's best not to pull a camper out of a class for a phone call (unless it's important or an emergency). You will receive the camp office phone number in the July newsletter. Dorm Phones are used for campers to call home. Please limit phone calls to 5 minutes, so that there is an opportunity for other campers to call home. Each dorm floor has a limited number of phones (outgoing calls only!), for credit card or collect calls. There are also pay phones on the main floor of each dorm. Pre-paid calling cards seem to work well for campers and the staff can assist in dialing the call. A good idea is to arrange for your child to call home during one of the meal times or in the evening between 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mealtimes: Breakfast 7:30-8:00 Lunch 12:00-12:45 Dinner 5:15-5:45.

Remember some parents are more prone to homesickness than campers! It's understandable. Campers have a busy schedule so if they don't call home each day it means they are having a great time, the days go by fast at camp!

Visits

For the safety of our campers no visitation is allowed during the camp week.

New Policy for 2011 double week campers - We no longer allow parents/visitors to visit camp during the weekend.

We prefer that double week campers do not leave camp at any time during the weekend in between sessions.

Camp Store

The camp store will stock leotards, gymnastics apparel, USGTC camp T-shirts, etc. Along with the new canteen, the camp store will be opened each evening at the new recreation center. Spending money will be placed with dorm counselor and given out when needed each night.