

Go West Camps

PARENT GUIDE



FROM THE DIRECTORS

Welcome to Go West Camps. We are excited that you are making Go West part of your family's summer plans. Camp is an environment where children have unique opportunities to develop meaningful relationships, gain independence and take on new adventures. Our "Kids On the Go" philosophy and commitment to creating a positive camp community offer endless possibilities for exploration and creativity.

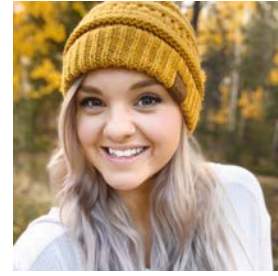
We have created this Parent Guide as a reference for families to best prepare their child to take advantage of all of the opportunities that a summer at camp has to offer. The guide can be used as a quick reference, but we do recommend that you spend some time to familiarize yourself with our policies. And, as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.



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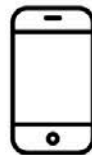


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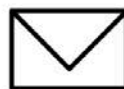
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ABOUT GO WEST CAMPS

Go West Camps is family owned and operated. We offer day camp programs for children ages 5-14 at two locations (Chinook Trail Middle School and Eagleview Middle School) in Colorado Springs.

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of Go West Camps is to provide a program where children are encouraged to embrace their creativity, explore, and enjoy the outdoors in a safe, structured environment under the guidance of qualified, caring adults. We believe that children thrive in a community that promotes teamwork, embraces physical activity and places value on exploring the outdoors.

INCLUSION

Go West is an inclusive camp community that values children and adults of all different backgrounds and abilities. Go West follows DEIJ principles which stands for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice. We take these principles and create an intentional space for campers and staff to feel welcomed and valued in our community. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we strive to provide accommodations that allow our community members to thrive in our day camp programs. We value and celebrate diversity and inclusion in our camper population and staff team. Please contact us to talk about how we can make a participation plan and how Go West can best be of support to you and your family.

OUR CAMP COMMUNITY

At Go West, we strive to create a community of caring, respect and support where staff, children and families form meaningful and positive relationships. Our focus on creating one-on-one relationships, open communication with families, and positive facilitation strategies are intended to support children in developing 21st century life skills. We believe that camp staff, campers and parents working in partnership is essential to a positive camp experience.

To uphold our community culture, each age group works together to build guidelines called the Code Of Living. This sets the tone for how campers would like to treat each other during their time at camp. Code Of Living ties directly to what we call Recognition, which is our way of following through with accountability and positively recognizing campers who exemplify the Code of Living during the camp day. Recognition is a tangible and collectible representation of your campers' impact at camp that they can bring back year after year. Code of Living and Recognition are core parts of Go West Camps culture and traditions.

Mission

Together we discover the wonders and adventure of exploring our own backyard and take to the neighborhood. We take advantage of the summer sunshine, nourish our bodies through physical activity and fresh food, and challenge our minds through activities that encourage exploration and innovation. We create a community that supports skill development and helps kids to be successful as they grow.



OUR CORE VALUES

SENSE OF PLACE AND SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Being part of a supportive and encouraging community of kids and adults provides a sense of belonging and responsibility to contribute positively to the collective.

MOVEMENT AND INDEPENDENCE

Getting moving and using human powered transportation keeps us healthy. Learning to navigate our neighborhood by foot and bike allows kids a sense of independence and familiarizes them with their neighborhood and community.

CONNECTION TO THE EARTH AND HEALTHY FOOD

Maintaining a food garden and learning healthy gardening practices gives kids a sense of accomplishment, helps them make nutritious food choices and inspires an interest in working toward a healthy earth.

EXPLORATION AND INNOVATION

Taking part in activities that foster collaboration and inspire the imagination encourages kids to think like innovators, solve problems and embrace their creativity. From setting a bike route and caring for a garden, to working through a team building initiative, kids gain the perseverance and work ethic that will make them successful in their community and their future.



OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

We know that a great camp experience starts with caring, mature staff members. Our staff is made up of adults committed to providing guidance, encouragement and an unforgettable summer of fun. At Go West we hire the cream of the crop. Our counselors go through a rigorous hiring process and are selected based on their experience, knowledge and skills in specific camp activity areas, and their ability to create positive relationships with campers and fellow staff members. Every individual contributes to the spirit and culture of camp, and we highly value including counselors from diverse backgrounds and experiences. Preparation is everything. We work hard to prepare for camp, to ensure a great experience.

TRAINING

All of our staff members complete a thorough training before summer begins and are evaluated throughout the summer. Topics our training includes, at a minimum, First Aid, CPR and certifications in specific program activities.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

Staff members go through state and federal criminal background checks.

RATIO

To ensure the safety of our campers, Go West maintains a 1:6 staff to camper ratio. Go West staff are all 18 years of age or older.

SUPERVISION

Children in Go West programs are constantly supervised by qualified staff members. Attendance is taken several times throughout the day and the Camp Directors are continuously aware of groups' locations and travel routes. To keep track of attendance we use UltraCamp to sign in campers in the morning and sign out in the afternoon.

CONTRACTED STAFF

Go West partners with The Colorado Climbing Company to provide our rock climbing program. We have chosen to work with The Colorado Climbing Company based on their experience and record for safely guiding these activities. In addition to our partners' staff, Go West Staff are always present and partnering with our guides to lead these activities.

ACCREDITATION



Go West Camps is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA), the nationally recognized accrediting body for the camp industry. The ACA accreditation process requires a camp to undergo a thorough (over 300 standards) review of its operation, from staff qualifications and training to emergency management. ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving

agencies to ensure that the practices of the camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Learn more about accreditation at:

<https://www.acacamps.org/campers-families/planning-camp/preparing-camp/fun-safety-aca-accredited-camps-set-standard>

PROGRAMS

DAY CAMP

Go West offers outdoor, nature based programs for children ages 5-14. Activities are designed to be progressive and serve as the foundation of positive peer relationships and opportunities to build self-esteem. Three-week sessions provide opportunities to build skills and lasting friendships.

DATES AND RATES

SESSION 1: June 3rd - June 21st

SESSION 2: June 24th - July 12th

SESSION 3: July 15th - August 2nd

\$1445 (3-week session, Monday through Friday)

ACTIVITIES

Activities include biking, rock climbing, stand up paddle boarding, gardening, farm animal interaction, cooking, fishing, art, and more. Field trip destinations include Red Rock Canyon Open Space, Ute Valley Park, Garden of the Gods, North Cheyenne Canyon, Palmer Lake, Quail Lake and more.

Excursions is an add on program option for adventure campers during the third week of camp. During the week-long excursion program campers will have the opportunity to explore Salida, go white water rafting, horseback riding, river surfing, camping and more!

HOURS OF OPERATION

Go West operates from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 3rd - August 2nd, 2024.

Daily Schedule

8:00	Pre-Camp / Drop Off
9:00	Opening & Morning Activities
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Afternoon Activities
4:00	Post-Camp
5:00	Close



The daily schedule offers a foundation for a progressive curriculum of activities as well as space for campers to learn independence and help shape their camp experience through choice. The following schedule includes approximate times for lunch and activities.

REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE CHANGES

REGISTRATION

Online registration is available at www.gowestcamps.com. All forms must be complete and submitted two weeks prior to attendance. This includes our online Registration Form, Authorization Form and Health Form. A record of immunization that indicates that your child is up to date on their immunizations must be uploaded to your online account. If a medication will need to be administered to your child by Go West staff during the camp day, a Medication Form, signed by a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority, is required. The Medication Form, Immunization Form and links to online authorization and health form are available in your registration confirmation email, your UltraCamp account dashboard or our website.

PAYMENT

The rate for our 3-Week camp session is \$1445. There is also a non-refundable registration fee per household of \$100, due at the time of registration. Payment may be made in full at the time of registration, or paid in four monthly installments (January, February, March, April). We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover.



CANCELATION

A \$100 non-refundable registration fee will be charged per household. This fee covers the costs of registering your family for camp, which are not recoverable for camp if your session/sessions are canceled for any reason. This means that families making cancellations before April 1, 2024 will receive a full refund, less the \$100 per household fee. Refunds cannot be provided for cancellations after April 1, 2024. Registration may be transferred from one camp session to another in the same summer, at no additional cost, if space is available. Please call for special circumstances.

Go West reserves the right to terminate a camper's registration due to nonpayment, continuous early arrival or late pick up, or due to parents or children not abiding by rules and policies. At termination, no refund will be given.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

Going to camp can be a challenging transition for some campers, especially if it is their first time. As a parent you can help your camper adjust to the camp environment and enjoy their experience.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Emphasize to your child that it is an opportunity rather than being “sent” to camp.
- Speak positively and share your own stories of going to camp.
- Talk about what the schedule will be like.
- Let your child know that it is okay to be nervous.
- Pack appropriately and make sure paperwork is complete to ensure a smooth drop off.

MISSING HOME

Short term separation from parents and learning independence are an important part of growing up. If your camper does begin missing home and it is detrimental to his or her camp experience, we will communicate with you. We would like to ask for your help in counseling your child prior to the start of camp. Let them know that you have confidence in their ability to be independent and focus on the positive aspects of camp.

THE CAMP ENVIRONMENT

Go West is primarily an outdoor, nature focused day camp program. Chinook Trail Middle School and Eagleview Middle School serve as our locations. Because of our hot, dry summers, campers are encouraged to stay hydrated and wear sunscreen and sun protection, including hats, sunglasses and swim shirts. Colorado weather can change quickly. Afternoon showers are typical. Weather may also include hail and lightning. Our staff are trained in procedures for inclement weather and we have indoor space to accommodate indoor activities. Our staff is vigilant and cautious regarding weather and we strive to provide an environment that is comforting, fun and full of adventure.



WHAT TO BRING

Packing the proper items for each camp day helps to ensure that campers are comfortable and ready for a great experience. Campers will carry their belongings with them throughout the day. A backpack with comfortable straps is ideal for camp. Campers should bring lunch and a reusable water bottle each day. In Colorado we experience sunny, hot days as well as cool rainy weather throughout the summer, so a rain jacket, hat and sunglasses help us keep comfortable. We will be outdoors most of the day, so a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 is a must.

Campers must not bring motor vehicles, animals, weapons, drugs or alcohol. Campers also should leave toys, games or money at home. Campers should not use cell phones during the camp day and we ask that cell phones brought to the program be stored in their backpack. Personal sports equipment, including bikes, may be stored in a secure location at camp.

Every Day



BACKPACK



WATER BOTTLE



SUNSCREEN



RAIN JACKET



LUNCH



HAT & SUNGLASSES



Paddle Board Days



SWIMSUIT



SWIM SHIRT/RASH GUARD



BOARD SHORTS



WATER SHOES



TOWEL

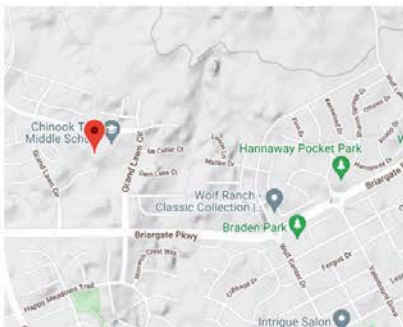
CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT

Check-in/Check-out will be a hybrid of Kiss and Go drop off/pick up or walking inside to the parent table to drop off/pick up. This will give parents the option to come inside and see the space and also have talks with staff members that might take too long for the car line. Parents must sign in and out of the program each day whichever way that may be.

Check In is from 8:00-9:00 a.m.. Campers must be dropped off no earlier than 8:00 a.m. We ask that campers arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. so that we can depart for trips on time.

Check Out is from 4:00-5:00 p.m.. Campers will be returning from trips as late as 4:00. Please note that arrival times may occasionally be delayed. Anyone checking a child out of camp must be age 18 or older, be indicated as an authorized pick up person in their account, and must be prepared to provide a picture I.D.. Children may not be released to unauthorized individuals.

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Eagleview Middle School
1325 Vindicator Drive
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ABSENCES

Please notify Go West staff if your child will be absent. Call Eagleview at 719-357-8813. Call Chinook Trail at 719-357-8805.

LATE PICK UP/EARLY ARRIVAL

Our programs are licensed to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.. A limited number of staff members are scheduled to arrive prior to and stay after these times to perform administrative and organizational tasks that are important in keeping our programs running smoothly. Continual late pick up or early arrival can be very disruptive during this planning time. While we understand an occasional circumstance that prevents parents from making it to pick up on time, continued late pick up or early arrival will result in disenrollment from the program.

LATE ARRIVAL

Please make arrangements with the Camp Directors if you will arrive late, after 9:00 a.m..

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from camp is the responsibility of parents. Go West does not provide transportation to or from camp at the beginning or end of the camp day. Staff are not permitted to transport children in their personal vehicles at any time.

SUNSCREEN & SUN PROTECTION

Parents are responsible for providing sunscreen, labeled with their child's first and last name, with an SPF of at least 30, as well as a swim shirt/rash guard for stand up paddle board days. In the case that a child does not have their sunscreen, Rocky Mountain Sunscreen brand lotion will be provided to them. Camp staff may assist in applying sunscreen to campers. Campers spend most of their day outdoors. We encourage you to discuss the importance of sunscreen with your child prior to camp, and teach younger children how to apply it themselves. We encourage campers to wear a hat and sunglasses and tops that provide full coverage of the back and shoulders.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Colorado experiences a range of inclement weather situations during the summer, including high temperatures and thunderstorms. During bouts of rainy weather daily, we do try to continue our activities outdoors when conditions permit. In the case of excessively rainy weather or thunderstorms, activities like rock climbing, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities may be canceled. Our staff have planned a variety of fun and engaging indoor activities for such occasions.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Please provide your child with a lunch that is packed in a way that will prevent spoilage and is adequate to meet their energy needs for a busy day at camp. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided. If your child has a food allergy or dietary restriction, please indicate that on the online health form. It is our priority to accommodate our campers' dietary needs.

FIELD TRIPS

We transport campers to and from trip destinations using only qualified, licensed drivers in accordance with Colorado State Law. Children wear seatbelts and are expected to behave in a non-disruptive manner. Staff are not permitted to transport children in personal vehicles.

Field Trip Times:

Trailblazers (going into K-2nd grade) & Trekkers (going into 3rd-4th grade): 9:30 - 3:30

Pathfinders (going into 5th-6th grade) & Adventurers (going into 7th-8th grade) 9:00 - 4:00

While we follow this schedule as closely as possible, please note that return times may occasionally be delayed.

HEALTH

INJURY & MEDICAL EMERGENCY

All Go West staff members are certified in First Aid, CPR, Standard Precautions and Emergency Medication Administration. If a child sustains a minor injury while at camp, our staff will provide First Aid, monitor the child, and contact parents as needed. In case of a medical emergency, we may need to contact Emergency Medical Services - 911 and have the child transported to the hospital. Registration with Go West includes an authorization for consent to secure emergency medical care for your child at the expense of the parent. In the event that we must initiate emergency medical assistance, we will make every effort to contact you and your emergency contacts prior to obtaining medical treatment. For your child's safety, please keep your child's health information and emergency contact information up to date.

SAFETY

At Go West it is our goal to provide children with a community supported by trustworthy adults who make their physical and emotional health and safety a priority. If a child attempts, or discusses, self-injury or makes threats of suicide, or we are concerned about their physical or emotional health, we will follow up with parents regarding those concerns.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

Anyone who works with children is required, by Colorado State Law, to report any suspected signs of child abuse or neglect. Examples include, but are not limited to, suspected verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, lack of basic care in the areas of personal hygiene or nutrition, or leaving a child in the care of another child under the age of 12.

To report suspected child abuse or child neglect in the case of an emergency, call 911. If it is not an emergency, call your local child abuse hotline, county social services department or local law enforcement agency. If possible, reports of suspected abuse or neglect in Colorado should be made to the county in which the activity is taking place. Please report abuse or neglect to the local county department of social services.

ILLNESS

If a child becomes ill while at camp, we will notify parents and care for them away from the group until the parent arrives. If a parent cannot be reached, we will call the emergency contacts listed on the child's account. In case of illness, parents must be prepared to make pick up arrangements as soon as possible, and in a timely manner.

As a licensed child care program through the state of Colorado, Go West Camps is regulated by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. Go West adheres to the CDPHE guidance regarding illness, included in the following, ***How Sick is Too Sick?*** Document.



How Sick is Too Sick?

When Children and Staff Should Stay Home from School or Child Care

During Colorado’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, children and staff who have been exposed to a positive case or who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 listed below, must follow the [Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools](#). Testing for COVID-19 is strongly recommended for anyone with symptoms or a known exposure. When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, this guidance may be used to determine when children and staff may return to school or child care.

MAJOR SYMPTOMS of COVID-19

- Feeling feverish, having chills or temperature of 100.4 °F or greater
- Loss of taste or smell
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

MINOR SYMPTOMS of COVID-19

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting
- Diarrhea

There are four main reasons to keep children and adults at home:

1. Someone who the child or staff lives with or has had close contact with who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19.
2. The child or staff member does not feel well enough to take part in usual activities. For example, a child is overly tired, fussy or will not stop crying.
3. A child needs more care than teachers and staff can give while still caring for the other children.
4. The symptom or illness is on this list, and staying home is required.

Remember, the best ways to stop the spread of infection is staying home when sick and good hand washing.

Symptoms	Child or staff must stay home?
Coughing	<p>Yes - Is the cough new and unrelated to an existing chronic condition? If the cough is unexplained and inconsistent with the person’s baseline, then follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, they may return to school or child care as long as the cough has been resolved for 24 hours unless the cough is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer. If the cough is explained by a specific illness other than COVID-19, then the child or staff can return to school or child care following exclusion guidelines for that illness.</p>





Symptoms	Child or staff must stay home?
<p>Diarrhea Frequent, loose, or watery stools (poop) compared to normal ones that are not caused by food or medicine.</p>	<p>Yes - Is the diarrhea new and unrelated to an existing chronic condition? If the diarrhea is unexplained and inconsistent with the person’s baseline, then follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, they may return to school or child care 24 hours after their last episode of diarrhea unless the diarrhea is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer. If the diarrhea is explained by a specific illness other than COVID-19, then the child or staff can return to school or child care following exclusion guidelines for that illness.</p>
<p>Fever Fever is a temperature of 100.4° F or greater. Babies who are 4 months or younger need to see a doctor right away for a fever of 100° F or higher.</p>	<p>Yes - Follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, they may return to school or child care if the fever has been resolved for 24 hours without fever reducing medications unless the fever is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer. If the fever is explained by a specific illness other than COVID-19, then the child or staff can return to school or child care following exclusion guidelines for that illness.</p>
<p>Minor Symptoms of COVID-19 Sore throat Runny nose or congestion Muscle or body aches Headache Fatigue</p>	<p>Yes - Follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, they may return to school or child care as long as the symptoms have been resolved for 24 hours unless the symptoms are caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer. If the symptoms can be explained by a specific illness other than COVID-19, then follow the exclusion guidelines for that illness.</p>
<p>New Loss of Taste or Smell</p>	<p>Yes - Is the loss of taste and smell unrelated to severe congestion? If yes, follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p>
<p>Vomiting/Throwing Up</p>	<p>Yes - Is the vomiting new and unrelated to an existing chronic condition? If the vomiting is unexplained and inconsistent with the person’s baseline, then follow the COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>When the guidance for COVID-19 instructs children and staff to follow their regular return to school illness policy, they may return 24 hours after their last episode of vomiting unless the vomiting is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer. If the vomiting can be explained by a specific illness other than COVID-19, then follow the exclusion guidelines for that illness.</p> <p>If a child with a recent head injury vomits, seek medical attention.</p>

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Illness	Child or staff must stay home?
Chicken Pox	Yes - until the blisters have dried and crusted (usually 6 days).
Conjunctivitis (pink eye) Pink color of eye and thick yellow/green discharge	No - children and adults do not need to stay home unless they have a fever or are not able to participate in usual activities. Call your doctor for advice and possible treatment.
COVID-19 symptoms may include any of the following: New loss of taste or smell Fever or chills Fatigue New or unexplained persistent cough Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing Sore throat Runny nose or congestion Muscle or body aches Headache Fatigue Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea	Yes - children and staff who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 must be excluded until: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The child or staff member has not had a fever for 24 hours, AND 2. Other symptoms have improved (example, the cough or shortness of breath has improved), AND 3. At least 10 days have passed since the symptoms first appeared. <p>Prior to diagnosis, children and staff with symptoms or known exposure to COVID-19 should follow COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools the exclusion guidelines for COVID-19 found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools.</p> <p>Testing is strongly recommended for anyone with symptoms of or known exposure to COVID-19.</p>
Fifth's Disease	No - the illness is no longer contagious once the rash appears.
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (Coxsackie virus)	No - unless the child or adult has mouth sores, is drooling and is not able to take part in usual activities.
Head Lice or Scabies	Yes - children may stay at school or child care until the end of the day but cannot return until after they have had the first treatment.
Hepatitis A	Yes - children and staff may return to school or child care when cleared by the health department. Children and staff should not go to another facility during the period of exclusion.
Herpes	No - unless there are open sores that cannot be covered or there is nonstop drooling.
Impetigo	Yes - children and adults need to stay home until antibiotic treatment has started.
Ringworm	Yes - children may stay at school or child care until the end of the day but cannot return until after they have had the first treatment. Keep the area covered for the first 3 days if participating in sports with person to person contact.
Roseola	No - unless there is a fever or behavior changes.
RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)	Yes - For any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, follow COVID-19 Guidance for Cases and Outbreaks in Child Care and Schools the exclusion guidelines for COVID-19 found at https://covid19.colorado.gov/cases-and-outbreaks-child-care-schools .



MEDICATIONS

All medications, both prescription and over the counter, must be accompanied by a Medication Form, signed by a licensed health care provider with prescriptive authority. Medication Forms must be uploaded to your account **TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE**. Medications may only be submitted to Go West staff with complete Medication Forms. Medications without forms, including emergency medications such as inhalers and epi-pens, can not be administered by Go West staff and **WILL NOT** be accepted. Medications at camp are dispensed only by staff who have completed a Medication Administration training course and have been delegated by our Nurse Consultant.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Prescription medications must be in the original container with a pharmacy label that includes the child's name, the physician's name, the pharmacy's name and phone number, the date filled, the expiration date, the name of the medication, how often and the length of time given.

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Over the counter medications must be in the original container, labeled with the child's first and last name.

MEDICATION FORM

All prescription and non-prescription over the counter medications require a licensed healthcare provider's written authorization in order to be dispensed by camp staff. The Medication Form must be complete, including: child's first and last name, physician's name, physician's phone number, physician's signature with date, name of the medication, start and end dates, dosage, time of day to be given, route, length of time to be given, reason, side effects and special instructions.

ALL medications require a form signed by a doctor!

Medication Forms



PRESCRIPTION + OVER THE COUNTER

EMERGENCY PLANS

SEVERE WEATHER

Staff and campers will take shelter until 20 minutes after severe weather has cleared.

EXCESSIVE HOT WEATHER

Activities will be provided indoors or in well shaded areas as appropriate for hot weather that poses a health risk. Children should carry water bottles and are encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the day. Drinking water is available to staff and campers at all times.

LOST CHILD

If a child becomes lost, parents will be notified immediately. Staff will search for the child immediately and will contact the police department in a timely manner. Any incident of a lost child will be reported to the Colorado Department of Human Services within 24 hours.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY

If a medical emergency arises, staff will provide emergency care and call 911.

VEHICLE MECHANICAL FAILURE OR ACCIDENT

In case of vehicle mechanical failure or accident, staff will provide First Aid care and contact the authorities. All vehicles are equipped with First Aid supplies, and emergency contact information for children and staff is taken on all trips. Parents will be notified as appropriate.

NATURAL DISASTER / EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event that camp must be evacuated, everyone will be transported to an off-site evacuation area and parents will be contacted. Campers will be released only to parents and emergency contacts listed in the camper's registration paperwork.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

In the event of an emergency, parents will be contacted by phone. Please ensure that the contact information listed in your child's registration paperwork is kept up to date.

If a parent has an emergency and needs to locate his/her child, or needs to communicate with the Camp Director they can call:

Eagleview: 719-357-8813

Chinook Trail: 719-357-8805

CLOSURE

If Go West must close for any reason, parents will be notified as soon as possible by email and phone. Please make sure that the contact information in your child's file is kept up to date.

SCHEDULES AND GO WEST APP

Families will receive a detailed schedule for each week of camp. We have created an app for our registered camp families! Stay connected with us with real-time updates all summer long. You will have access to our calendar of activities with a save-to-calendar option so you'll always know what to expect. No more forgotten swimsuits or bikes! Living photo albums allow you to see all the fun your camper is having. No more "I don't remembers" on the ride home! You can even save and share images directly in the app. Contact our staff easily via phone or email and even follow the news feed for updates. We love collaborating with our families to create the best possible camp experience. Stay connected with us by downloading the app, just search Go West Camps in the App Store.

LICENSING

Go West Camps is licensed through the Colorado Department of Human Services - Division of Childcare. To file a complaint contact the Colorado Department of Human Services - Division of Childcare at 303-866-5958, 1575 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203.

TELEVISION/VIDEO VIEWING

Television and video viewing is not a routine part of programming. However, on occasion, videos may be shown for educational purposes, or to enhance programming. In the case that videos are shown, staff are present to ensure appropriate content.

PHOTOS AND VIDEO

Go West may take photos or record video of your child while participating in camp programs for promotional use.

CAMPER STAFF CONTACT OUTSIDE OF CAMP

We strive to put your children in the company of the most trustworthy and appropriate young adults we can hire and put a lot of effort into screening and selecting our staff. However, we are not in a position to recommend them as babysitters or nannies. We work with your child in the context of a visible, well scrutinized community with checks and balances. Counselors are supervised and are guided by clear, firm policies regarding behavior. We discourage staff from having contact with your children after camp since we cannot supervise it.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Campers and counselors develop close, trusting relationships. We are aware that many campers may naturally want to keep in touch with counselors after camp. However, we discourage the exchange of personal contact information between campers and our staff. Our recommendation is for you, as a parent, to be aware of your child's online activities and supervise them. If you wish for your child to exchange such information with a camp staff member that is, of course, your right. However, by doing so, you accept full responsibility for overseeing whatever contact occurs as a result.

VISITORS

All visitors to camp must first check in with the staff, provide photo identification and sign in in the Visitor Log. Anyone visiting for any significant portion of time must have pre-approval from the Camp Director. Parents may visit the program for the purposes of interacting with their own child, but may not visit for the purpose of interacting with other children.

CAMPER CODE OF CONDUCT

We are excited to have you join us for what promises to be a great summer. In order to provide the best experience for everyone, there are certain policies and rules of camp that you and your child need to know. Our overall goal is to provide a safe environment for each participant. Please read over the following policies and share them with your child.

We strive to offer a well-rounded program with a wide variety of activities. We promote and encourage communication, problem solving skills, and positive social interactions between peers and staff. We believe that this helps to create an atmosphere which decreases the amount of behavior concerns that arise. When concerns arise which are beyond the normal range of issues with a child, staff will communicate those concerns to parents. Steps for serious behavior problems may involve a behavior plan, including methods for redirection and reinforcement of positive behaviors. If behavior problems continue, permanent dis-enrollment may result. A child will not be allowed to remain in the program if they are potentially dangerous to other children, staff, him/herself, or who continually disrupt the positive experience of other campers..

The following are grounds for immediate termination from camp without a refund or credit:

1. Anything that endangers the health and safety of campers and/or staff
2. Possession or use of drugs, alcohol or cigarettes
3. Possession or use of fireworks or weapons
4. Destruction of property
5. Leaving camp boundaries or property without permission or refusing to travel with the group
6. Continued inappropriate behavior, i.e. threatening, profane language, not following directions, teasing, improper behavior in a vehicle and inappropriate sexual behavior.

The following items must not be brought to camp: games, toys, money, expensive or valuable items, fireworks, lighters or matches, weapons, drugs, tobacco or alcohol.

There are occasions when undesirable behaviors and situations arise, and we see these times as opportunities for learning, growth and collaboration. Alongside parents and campers, the staff at Go West have the goal of creating plans to help children thrive and be successful in our programs. To ensure that all staff and children are safe in our programs, Go West has a Camp Nurse who consults to provide both physical and mental health.