



Camp Garrett Registration 2024

As we eagerly anticipate the warmth of summer, we are thrilled to share the exciting details of this year's camp registration process! Camp Garrett runs for **10 weeks** - June 17th to August 23rd (we are *closed Thursday, July 4th*). Camp Garrett will be abuzz with laughter, learning, and new adventures!

We kindly ask that families note the specified registration dates below and to please be aware that submitting your information before the designated date will not result in immediate processing.

Registration Dates:

2/5/2024

Priority registration for scholarship families

2/12/2024

Priority registration for returning Camp Garrett families and current Garrett Williamson families (Garrett's Way and Agriculture Education families)

2/19/2024

Registration is open to new families



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We have a few new and exciting changes this year and are so excited to share them with you! Please be sure to check out all the changes happening at Camp Garrett, as there are a few policy and tuition changes.

All changes and new items are listed in this newsletter.

We are excited to introduce our Agriculture Education Track Program!

The best of both worlds at Camp Garrett! Over the last few years, Garrett Williamson's Agriculture Education department has offered Barn Camp for five weeks during the summer, separate from Camp Garrett. Barn Camp offered programming that included animal care, nature hikes, and water play, serving ages 5 through 10.

This year, we are offering a new opportunity for **ages 8 to 12** to explore Agriculture Education with specialized lessons in Barn and Garden Education. Smaller group sizes, with an older age group, allows us the opportunity to offer a more intimate experience focusing on our specialized curriculum. On the next page, you will find information about our farm, animals, and safety features.

Please refer to page 4 for a comparison chart to see the differences between Camp Garrett & the Ag. Ed. Track Program.



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The GW Educational Production Farm includes both the VEG (Videon Educational Garden) and the Barn, where the Farm Animals are housed. The Animals living here, and the Plants growing here, all serve a purpose.

We will be working with tools & equipment, walking on uneven terrain, and caring for large animals, most of whom weigh more than an adult! This means there are inherent risks when participating in these programs. The AgEd Track will teach Campers how to safely approach and engage with Farm Animals, properly use Farm tools, and understand the level of care needed for healthy Animals and Plants! With all activities, we emphasize consent by practicing safety & respect.

Our 1/2-acre garden produces vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers, grains, fibers, dyes, mushrooms, and supports an apiary.


The Barn is home to the following Animals:

- * **Five Alpacas** – Gerty, Laila, Edith, Josephyn, & Sophia
- * **Four Goats** – Maggie, Daisy, Dahlia, Daffy
- * **Willow, our Horse**
- * **15 Sheep** – Ophelia, Hazel, Raina, Brandy, Bonnie, Iris, Nikki Cherry, Sage, Luna, Valentine, Midge, Enid, Athena, Phoenix, & Demeter



GW Barn Safety Rules

- * **Calm Bodies** – no yelling; soft hands
- * **Walking Feet** – no running, chasing animals
- * **Observation Eyes** – not walking behind animals, knowing where the animals are in the pastures, staying with a Grown-Up, navigating uneven terrain.
- * **Listening Ears** – “Stop” or “Freeze”, sounds from animals (are they scared?)

COMPARISON CHART:	CAMP GARRETT	AGED TRACK PROGRAM
AGES	5-15	8-12
SWIMMING		
MEALS	Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack provided	
COST	\$382 per week	\$530 per week
PERCENTAGE OF TIME OUTDOORS	90%	
HOURS	Program hours: 9am to 4pm Extended Care hours: 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm (\$40 for a week of before or after care, \$80 for a week of both before and after care)	
ACTIVITIES	Archery Creative Arts Nature Performing Arts Sports Themed Activities Swimming Choice Block	Specialized Garden and Barn programming from 9:30am to 12:30pm Camp Garrett Activities and lunch from 12:40pm to 4pm Archery Sports Performing Arts Creative Arts Swimming Choice Block
CHOICE BLOCK	Offered: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons Activities include but not limited to: Nature, Sports, Art, Performing Arts, Archery, and Intro to AgEd Activities.	Offered: Thursday Afternoons Activities include but not limited to: Nature, Sports, Art, Performing Arts, Archery, and Intro to AgEd Activities.
STAFF TO CAMPER RATIO	5-6 years old = 2:16 7-15 years old = 2:18	8-12 years old = 3:16
SCHOLARSHIP AND DISCOUNTS	Scholarships Active Military Discount Sibling Discount	
DATES	6/17 through 8/23	
BILLING	Tuition billed two weeks prior to the week your camper(s) are attending.	

We strive to make our programs affordable and accessible to all, please reach out to Nicole , director@campgarrett.org, if you need any financial assistance.



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What other changes are occurring this year?

Registration Fee

The non-refundable registration fee has increased from **\$50 to \$55**.

Extended Care Pricing

We are offering before and after care pricing on a **weekly basis** instead of on a daily basis. The cost of before or after care increased from **\$35 per week to \$40 per week**. The cost of before AND after care increased from **\$70 per week to \$80 per week**.

If I pick up late one day, would I be charged for an entire week of before or after care?

No, we understand life happens! If you consistently drop off early or pick up late, then we will charge your account for the weekly before or after care charge.

Cancellation Policy

We have added a more well-defined policy for cancellations:

"The registration fee is non-refundable. Cancellations or changes during the camp season requires at least 2 weeks (14 days) notice prior to the week that you are looking to cancel. Any cancellations with less than a 2 week notice, the camp tuition will not be refunded."

Camper Discipline Guidelines

Please take a moment to review our camper discipline guidelines newly added in the Family Handbook.

"Mini Camp"

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2024 Camp Garrett AgEducation Track FAQs

Can we sign up for the AgEd track one week and Camp Garrett another week?

Yes, absolutely! This will be reflected in the registration form. As long as your camper(s) are between the **ages of 8 & 12**, your child will be able to switch between the two programs weekly. Please note that you cannot sign up for Camp Garrett AND the AgEd Track within the same week.

If we have a concern and our child attends the AgEd Track, who should we contact?

If the concern is specifically pertaining to Agriculture Education including the Barn or Garden, please reach out to Rebecca McCafferty, rebecca@garrettwilliamson.org! All other concerns can be directed to Nicole Renninger, the Camp Director, at director@campgarrett.org. If Nicole is not available, please reach out to Molly Scollo, the Assistant Director, at assistantdirector@campgarrett.org.

Is there anything different with billing?

The only difference with billing is the cost. If you would like your camper(s) to attend the AgEd Track program the weekly cost is **\$530**, compared to the Camp Garrett weekly cost of **\$382**. Before and After Care will now be billed weekly (rather than daily).

If my camper attends the AgEd track program, will they be with the same counselors all day?

Yes, your camper(s) will be with the same counselors throughout the day!

How is the safety of campers ensured during agricultural activities?

At the start of a new Camp week, each morning, and prior to working with Animals and/or tools, Campers will learn, discuss, and practice established safety rules & behaviors. These expectations are exhibited by Campers & Staff, throughout all interactions with the Animals, and is part of what Campers learn during the Ag. Ed. Track.

Please refer to the handbook for more detailed safety protocols. Additional questions can be answered by Ag. Ed. Director, Rebecca McCafferty.



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How are allergies & medical conditions managed within the AgEd Track program?

The Camp Garrett Nurse will support the AgEd Track program campers. All medications will be stored in a locked box at the Main Lodge's nurse office; additionally, non-prescription medicines are also kept at the Barn, in a locked box. If there is a medical emergency, the Camp Nurse has access to a gator to attend to campers on the property.

Is there a limit to the number of participants in the AgEd Track program?

Yes, we have a maximum of 16 participants, per week, to ensure safety.

Is there anything different my camper should bring for the AgEd Track program?

Yes: We recommend hiking or rain boots and pants or tall socks (for chores); Campers can change into shorts after morning activities, but long socks or pants are recommended for when working with the Animals. They also help us to catch ticks more quickly!

Extra (closed-toe) shoes to wear after chores, for the rest of the day's activities.

Hat and/or Sun gear; Campers will spend most of the day outside.

My camper will turn 8 in the middle of the summer, can they register for a week of AgEd, once they turn 8?

In order to register for the Agriculture Education Track program, your camper must be 8years old before the summer starts (June 1).



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Camp Garrett 2024 Tuition Rates

Non-Refundable Registration Fee : \$55

Program Hours: 9am to 4pm

Sibling Discount: 5% on each additional camper **Does not apply to Extended Care**

	Camp Garrett Ages 5-12	Leaders in Training Ages 13-15 (only weeks 1-8)	Agriculture Education Track
Tuition	\$382 per week	\$816 (2 week sessions)	\$530 per week
Week of Fourth of July (4 days)	\$306	\$734	\$424
Before or After Care (7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm)	\$40 per week (Fourth of July week \$32)		
Before AND After Care (7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm)	\$80 per week (Fourth of July week \$64)		



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Payment Schedule

Week	Week Dates	Latest Cancellation Date	Payment Due Date
1	6/17 - 6/21	6/03	6/04
2	6/24 - 6/28	6/10	6/11
3	7/1 - 7/5	6/17	6/18
4	7/8 - 7/12	6/24	6/25
5	7/15 - 7/19	7/1	7/2
6	7/22 - 7/26	7/8	7/9
7	7/29 - 8/2	7/15	7/16
8	8/5 - 8/9	7/22	7/23
9	8/12 - 8/16	7/29	7/30
10	8/19 - 8/23	8/5	8/6



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Camp Garrett 2024 Dates	
Week 1	6/17 - 6/21
Week 2	6/24 - 6/28
Week 3	7/1 - 7/5 Closed Thursday, July 4th
Week 4	7/8 - 7/12
Week 5	7/15 - 7/19
Week 6	7/22 - 7/26
Week 7	7/29 - 8/2
Week 8	8/5 - 8/9

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Week 9	8/12 - 8/16
Week 10	8/19 - 8/23



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Leaders in Training 2024 Session Dates

Session 1	6/17 - 6/28
Session 2	7/1 (Closed Thursday, July 4th) - 7/12
Session 3	7/15 - 7/26
Session 4	7/29 - 8/9



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Camp Garrett's Important Details

Program Hours	9am to 4pm
Extended Care Hours	7am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm
Ages	5 (Rising first graders) to 15. All campers must have completed Kindergarten, regardless of age.
2024 Dates	6/17-8/23
Dietary Restrictions	Peanut Free Campus
Registration	Families can register for individual weeks of their choice.
Meals	Camp Garrett offers breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack, all included in the weekly tuition.