



Doyle Street Pool Swim Lessons Parent / Guardian Handbook

Doyle Street Pool (706) 886-8453

Camp Fire Georgia (706) 886-2457



Camp Fire programs provide youth with a safe and supportive environment where they have the opportunity to make new friends, try new things and learn skills that they will carry with them for a life time. At Camp Fire, we encourage youth to find their spark, lift their voice and discover who they are.

At Camp Fire it's more than just activities and play; all programs are outcome based. With a safe and supportive environment, children can fully engage in activities, are provided with leadership opportunities and are supported in lifting their voice. Youth are encouraged to explore their natural sense of curiosity and find their own sparks.

In Camp Fire, positive intercultural relationships are fostered. All children are welcome regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or other aspect of diversity.

Our Promise:

Young people want to shape the world.
Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark,
lift their voice, and discover who they are.
In Camp Fire it begins ***now.***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We look forward to getting to know you better and working with you to ensure your child has a safe and successful time during swim lessons. Please review all documents included within this confirmation packet. If you have any questions, please reach out to use at Doyle Street Pool (706) 886-8453 or Camp Fire Georgia (706) 886-2457, we can also be emailed at dspool@campfirega.org

Drop off / pick up: Parents / Guardians are **not** permitted on the pool deck during swim lessons. The building will open 10 minutes prior to the lesson start time, please wait inside the building with your child until the lifeguards take attendance and take the children to the pool deck. You may watch from the building or outside the fence. The last 10 minutes of class parents / guardians will be invited to the deck and children will be checked out from the deck. Please take your child to the restroom prior to the start of swim lessons each day and remove any band aids before your child enters the pool.

What to wear / bring: The pool water can sometimes be cold, we recommend a one piece bathing suit or swim trunks with rash guard. The bottom of the pool is rough, we do recommend water shoes all though this is not required. Please put sunscreen on your child prior to swim lessons. Please do not bring floatation devices, PFDs (life jackets), pool toys, etc. unless instructed to by your student's instructor.

Behavior

Our program cannot accommodate participants who display chronic or severely disruptive behavior. Such behavior may be grounds for dismissal from the program without refund. Chronically disruptive behavior is defined as verbal or physical activity, which may include, but is not limited to:

- Behavior that requires constant attention from the staff.
- Behavior that inflicts physical or emotional harm on children or staff (i.e. verbally or physically threatening behavior, fighting, etc.).
- Behavior that is destructive in nature.
- Behavior that continually ignores or disobeys.

Social Network and Blog Policies

- Parents and participants must be respectful in all communications and blogs related to or referencing Camp Fire Georgia, its employees, and other campers.
- Participants must not use blogs or personal web sites to disparage the Camp Fire Georgia, other participants or employees of Camp Fire Georgia
- Parents and participants must not use blogs or personal web sites to harass, bully, or intimidate other campers or employees of Camp Fire Georgia. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze or physically injure another person.

Refund Policies:

- If Camp Fire Georgia cancels or reschedules a course at the beginning of a session, full credit/refund will be given only if transfer to another class is not possible.
- Camp Fire Georgia is not responsible for crediting or providing make up days for individual absences.
- If a class is cancelled by Camp Fire Georgia (due to weather, instructor illness, etc) a makeup class will be offered on Friday, if a makeup class is not offer a \$12 credit per class will be given.

Weather Policy

Swim lessons will be held in the event of drizzle or light rain. In the event of heavy rain, thunder or lightning lessons will be cancelled. All cancellations will be posted to the Doyle Street Pool Facebook page and parents /guardians will also receive an email notification.

There Are Times When It Seems That My Child's Class Is Just Playing Games, Why?

Learning takes place in many ways. Our instructors use playful techniques that encourage the students to learn new skills in creative ways. The instructors also may develop a game or water sport which utilizes a skill being learned. Please remember that games can serve a useful purpose as a way of learning.

How will my child be placed in a class?

Please understand that our Camp Fire Georgia progressive swim classes are based on a child's current swimming ability. At the start of each session, our instructors will evaluate your child's skills to ensure that his/her ability matches the class the child is assigned too.