

Camp Hollymont for Girls

April 2023

Opening & Closing Days

The Hollymont summer is drawing near!

Soon it will be time to dust off the trunks, suitcases, boxes, and/or bags and get packing. Don't forget to label all of your belongings.

This newsletter provides information about opening day and closing days. Please read it carefully and contact us with any questions.



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Important Information

Camp E-mail: 4info@hollymont.com

Summer Office: (828) 252-2123

Summer Address: June 1—July 21

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Rabun Gap, GA 30568

1. Opening Day Arrival Procedures

Arrival is between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A Sessions (Classic & Starter) - Sunday, June 11 B Sessions (Classic & Starter) - Sunday, June 25 C Sessions (Classic & Starter) - Sunday, July 9

You will arrive at Camp Hollymont by entering the main Rabun Gap School gates off of Hwy 441. The address is: 339 Nacoochee Drive, Rabun Gap, GA

Check in begins at the A&T Circle. Drive slowly up the hill from the entrance gates and watch for signs to turn left . Be looking for cars in the circle and our staff awaiting your arrival. After greeting the Directors and meeting with the camp nurses for a Health Screening, you will proceed further into campus. Once you have cleared the Camp Business Office station, you will be directed to your camper's house.

Camp tours will be offered at 10 and 11 a.m. starting from the Hub/Camp Store.

Parents are expected to complete drop off and depart no later than 11:45 a.m. Campers and staff will go to lunch and move directly into the afternoon camp activities (hall and camp orientations, bonding events, swim checks, waterfront, etc.)

Late Arrivals - Please give us advance notice if your camper will be arriving later than 11:30 a.m. of her opening Sunday. We call parents/ guardians of any unexplained absentee camper after 1 p.m.

II. Directions

Be sure to come to our summer camp location. 339 Nacoochee Dr, Rabun Gap, GA.

Navigation software should bring you to Rabun Gap School. <u>Don't let navigation take you</u> to our winter office in North Carolina.

III. Closing Day Procedures

Departure is between 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Campers and staff need time to eat breakfast, attend morning watch, and safely return to their houses. They will finish putting the last of their belongings in the hall and begin farewelling their friends and counselors.

When you arrive at camp, please come directly to the Camp Office station at the corner of Nacoochee and Woodruff Drives.

While you are waiting in the pick up line, we will give you the packet with your camper's medications and other items placed there for safekeeping (skill projects, counselor letters, food items mailed, etc.)

Final billings will be handled online via Circuitree.

Friday is the departure day for 13 Day Classic Sessions

A session, June 23 ~ B session, July 7 ~ C session, July 21

7 Day <u>STARTER</u> Sessions depart on <u>Saturday</u>s.

A Starter, June 17 ~ B Starter, July 1 ~ C Starter, July 15

We must have advance, written permission to release your camper if someone other than a parent/guardian is leaving camp with your camper(s). The release form is available online. Log on to your Circuitree account and complete the Pick Up Authorization Module.

Late Departures: Please give us advance notice if your camper will be departing later than 11:30 a.m. of her closing day. After lunch, a director will begin calling parents/ guardians of any remaining campers to verify travel plans. Please be aware that after 1 p.m. counselors will be cleaning and re-configuring the camper rooms for the next session before departing for their time off.

IV. Airline Arrangements

We pick up from and deliver to the Asheville Regional Airport (AVL). Please bear in mind that the airport is approximately 88 miles away.

In order to facilitate getting campers to and from the Asheville airport in a timely manner and to coordinate with airline and camp schedules, flights must be scheduled to arrive and/or depart between 10 AM and 2 PM. We will only make one trip to the Asheville airport on opening and closing days. Outgoing flights will require us to depart from camp 3-4 hours prior to the first boarding flight of the day. This allows for traffic and weather delays.

With sufficient notice, Hollymont Staff will be waiting at the Asheville airport to greet your Camper/CIT when she arrives. After camp, we will escort your camper/CIT to the Asheville airport and stay until her flight departs or we hand her over to you or your designated representative.

Transportation charge from the Asheville airport: **\$175 per camper**Transportation charge to the Asheville airport: **\$175 per camper**

Please log on to your Circuitree account and complete the Camp Arrival/Departure module. Upload your camper's flight itinerary. **DEADLINE: April 20, 2023**

Please contact our office 1-2 weeks prior to your camper/CIT's flight to verify that she is on our airport arrival/departure list.

IMPORTANT: If your camper's plans change (incoming or outgoing) due to an emergency or airline change within 72 hours of her travel, please call us directly at (828) 252-2123. If your camper's flight plans change once we get her to the airport, we will call you directly to let you know of the changes.

Although most airlines offer an unaccompanied minor program, airline policies can change without notice. You need to specifically inquire about the UM/Escort service policy on connecting flights before purchasing tickets. If possible, please make arrangements with the airlines and pay for the escort service in advance. ALWAYS get a receipt for paid escort services and send us a copy of the receipt.

If you want us to pay for escort services and baggage fees, please put your payment information (debit/credit card) on file in Circuitree so that we can bill you after camp. If your camper/CIT has a credit card for those charges, please let us know and we will assist her with making the payment at the airline counter.

The person who should be listed as meeting your camper at the Asheville airport and as the person who will take your camper to the airport for her return flight home is: First Name: HOLLY and Last Name: MONT

If you are travelling via private jet service, the closest airports are R.G. LeTourneau Field Toccoa-Stephens County Airport in Toccoa, GA and Macon County Airport in Franklin, NC. (Please be aware that fog may hinder early morning flights at the Macon County Airport.) Contact airport ground transportation in advance as options may be limited.

V. Hollymont Vehicle Safety Guidelines

Please read and share with your camper)

- 1. Obey all instructions given by the driver or the staff assistant.
- All passengers and drivers must wear seat belts. Please do not share seatbelts.
 Vehicle must be loaded only within the passenger seating limit established by the vehicle manufacturer.

Campers less than age 8 and less than 80 pounds, must ride in a weight appropriate child restraint or booster seat certified to meet federal motor vehicle safety standards.

If there is no shoulder belt-equipped seating position available for a belt-positioning booster seat, campers less than age 8 and between 40 and 80 pounds will be restrained by a properly fitted lap belt only.

- 3. Throwing objects inside the vehicle or out of the windows is prohibited.
- 4. Remain in your seat while the vehicle is moving.
- 5. Refrain from extending any part of your body (head, arms, feet, etc.) out of the vehicle.
- 6. To avoid distracting the driver, do not yell, scream, or talk too loudly.

VI. Hotel Accommodation:

North Georgia and Western North Carolina offers a variety of lodging options from elegant historic inns to hotels, mountain cabins, bed & breakfast inns, resorts, and short term vacation rentals. This list is based on recommendations of parents and friends. Please let us know if we need to add or delete from the sampling.

Name	Address	Contact
The Dillard House	Directly across from camp	706-746-5348
Quality Inn & Suites	Dillard, GA	706-746-3585
Kingwood Resort	Clayton, GA	706-212-4100
White Birch Inn	Clayton, GA	706-782-4444
Beechwood Inn	Clayton, GA	706-782-5485
Lucille's Mountain Top Inn & Spa	Sautee Nacoochee, GA	706-878-5055
Old Edwards Inn & Spa	Highlands, NC	866-526-8008
Hampton Inn	Franklin, NC	828-369-0600
Julip Farms	Dillard, GA	706-960-9600

VII. Luggage & Trunks

If you are shipping items to camp, they may be delivered to camp 7 days prior to your campers arrival. Please address all luggage to:

(Camper's Name) c/o Camp Hollymont 339 Nacoochee Drive, Rabun Gap, GA 30568

For children who return home by car: To lighten the load, you may request that trunks and luggage be sent home via UPS (ground).

For children who return home by air: Please keep in mind that Asheville airport has several different airline carriers and limited jet service. We expect that each airline carrier will have different baggage handling procedures based on the type of planes they use and the number of campers flying out on a given day. <u>Bags are likely to be searched at the airport so they cannot be locked.</u>

Prior to your camper's flight, please check the site for travel advice and their updated list of prohibited and permitted items. Please review this list with your camper to help her understand how to pack, *particularly her carry-on items*. Presently, campers are allowed to take one carry-on bag and one personal item on the plane.

To Ship Trunks/Luggage from camp to an address within the continental United States via UPS (Ground) there will be a charge of: \$140.00 per item (price will increase if the weight is over 70 lbs)

Extra Fees & Damages:

UPS will charge an extra fee if the item you are shipping home is not in a box. Please be aware that UPS will not reimburse for damages that occur during shipping unless the trunk/ luggage is shipped in a box. If your box is lost/damaged, UPS will require you to provide receipts for everything that you had in the box before they will reimburse for damages.

If you want your items boxed, please provide an appropriately sized box for that purpose. Boxes will be taped at camp. All unboxed items must have a lock.

If you would like Hollymont to ship the item from camp to you, please log on to your Circuitree account and complete the UPS Shipping module.

Shipping Outside the Continental United States:

Over the years, we have noted the difficulties that arise from shipping trunks outside the continental United States. A detailed list of contents is required for Customs along with value assignments (\$\$) for each item in the trunk. We are not able to accomplish this task at camp. We do not recommend shipping trunks outside the continental U.S. It is easier to send the trunks home with the camper (by car or by airplane).

VIII. OPENING DAY HEALTH SCREENINGS AND ASSESSMENTS

We want our campers to be both happy and healthy during their time at Hollymont.

The camp nurses will perform health screenings on Opening Day to check for illness, injury, and exposure to communicable diseases.

We ask that your camper be <u>free of signs/symptoms of illness or injury and free of signs/symptoms of head lice</u>. We reserve the right to ask that a child postpone or cancel her stay at Hollymont if her being at camp poses a risk to other campers and to staff.

Please contact our office if your camper/CIT has had difficulties within 72 hours prior to her arrival at Hollymont.

Please notify us in advance of opening day if your camper has a specific health care issue requiring extensive daily or weekly treatment (ex. diabetes). We may elect to make arrangements on Saturday prior to opening day to complete the health screening away from the press of opening day and with sufficient time to cover all aspects of care.

Head Lice Policy

<u>If your camper has had head lice recently</u>, we ask that she have been treated twice (7 days apart) and be nit free.

All campers are checked for head lice by our camp nurses during the Opening Day health screening. <u>If nits or head lice are found</u>, your camper must be professionally treated before completing the check-in process, moving into her cluster, and participating in activities.

Closest location in North Carolina: Asheville Lice (ashevillelice.com) provides professional lice screening and treatments. You are responsible for contacting them, securing treatment, and for the costs incurred. They are located at 116 Elkwood Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804. Call ahead for an appointment. (828-407-1670)

Closest location in Georgia: Lice Clinics of America-Forsyth County (Cummings, GA) Closest location in South Carolina: Lice Clinics of America-Upstate South Carolina

Best idea we've heard lately -

Get a professional head check at home just before coming to camp and ask for a certificate to document that on the day of the check your camper had no evidence of lice or nits. Having that certificate in hand will avoid the stress of lice surprise and expedite the check-in process.