



Dear Parents,

Welcome and thank you for choosing GRIT Adventure Summer Camp 2021.

We are looking forward to having a wonderful and successful outdoor summer! The GRIT team has been working hard to make sure we comply with the latest NJ Dept of Health and CDC guidelines to provide your child with a **SAFE, SMART, ACTIVE, and OUTDOOR** experience!

Our staff is 100% vaccinated but most of our campers have not been so that means we will exceed all guidelines including mandatory mask wearing, handwashing, cleaning and safety protocols. You can count on us to do everything we can to make it a fun yet safe summer camp experience.

Please log into your [account](#) on our partner hisawyer.com to ensure that you have submitted the below prior to your campers start date!

These forms can all be found on our website [here](#) if you need them.

Here is your checklist:

- 1) Sign the safety, covid and other waivers on your hisawyer.com account page
- 2) Uploaded to your GRIT account on [hisawyer](#) or email:
 - Camp medical immunization form (This is a standard form -the same one you provide to schools- and can provided by your doctor/pediatrician)
 - Field trip authorization form, and
 - Medical/insurance information

If you have any problems, please feel free to give us a text/call and we will help sort it. Our campers will be engaged and involved in fun, exciting outdoor activities and special classes with tons of activities planned.

Enclosed you will find all the information needed to prepare for camp and of course if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out. Remember... this is supposed to be fun! We are here for you! No stress required!

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GRIT ADVENTURE SUMMER CAMP

Frequently Asked Questions

We appreciate your trust and pledge that we will everything we can to provide a safe and fun summer camp experience for your children.

We are all in this together and so we appreciate and encourage your thoughts about how we can make this the best day camp ever!

Below is a list of frequently asked questions from parents. We hope this helps to answer any questions you might have and encourage you to email, text or call us if you wish to speak in person. We are all in this together

Where is GRIT?

GRIT is located at 201 Marin Blvd Jersey City NJ. We are located at the Southwest corner of this giant rectangle building- directly across the light rail from the Boys & Girls Club and across the street from the new Morris Square Park.

GRIT is less than one block from the Marin Blvd Light Rail station and 3 blocks from the Grove Street Path Station.

There is parking but it is street parking around the building.

When is Camp?

GRIT Adventure Summer Camp runs from June 14th- Sept 3rd.

Full-Day Camp runs from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Morning camp is 8:30am- 12pm.

Afternoon Camp is from 1:00pm to 4:30pm.

Drop-offs will be outside of GRIT located at 201 Marin Blvd from 8:30-9:00am. All parents will be asked to sign their children in and out of camp.

No parents or guardians will be allowed into the facilities during camp hours.

If needed, we offer early drop off (8am) and/ or After-Camp programs until 6pm for an additional fee.

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Will my child be with others their age?

Yes! Following the NJ Dept of Health and CDC guidelines, our goal is to group the campers by age & ability and have them do fun activities as a team each week to minimize potential exposure. We will be grouping the campers with their friends as requested so if your child is coming with a friend, please let us know so we can make sure they are in the same group.

How much time will my child spend outdoors?

Summer camp is really meant to be outdoors. While we have a large and well-ventilated facility, we plan to use GRIT as a "base camp" for daily adventures to local parks and sports fields weather permitting.

Each trip will be a walking or skating trip following our strict safety protocols. At each outdoor park location, we will engage our pop-up gymnastic, parkour and obstacles, games and activities. And of course, a first aid kit and extra water – just in case.

At the first day of camp, all campers will receive a GRIT Adventure Summer Camp T-Shirt.

We will be asking all campers to wear their GRIT Summer Camp t-shirts each day as well as appropriate attire based on the weather. Extra camp shirts are available for sale if you wish to have more than one for your camper. T-shirts will be made available the first day of camp for each camper. Extra camp shirts are available for sale if you wish to have more than one for your camper.

What happens if it rains?

Rain or shine we are here to stay! Light rain and drizzle will not stop us from having fun! For those occasional heavy downpours or heavy rain, we have a series of fun, indoor activities – grouped by age- planned in our large multi-room space as well as two additional large indoor spaces nearby.

You will see that we have requested that a **rain poncho** is added to your child's backpack in case of rain.

What types of snacks and lunch do you provide?

LUNCH/ SNACKS- At GRIT we are all about healthy living and normally we would provide snacks and lunch. However, given the COVID guidelines for Summer Camp, we reduced the price of camp this summer accordingly and are requesting that parents pack snacks and lunch for their campers with disposable utensils per the CDC guidelines. *We are working with the NJ Dept of Health to determine if we can provide lunches. If they change the guidelines, we will be offering a daily lunch option at an additional fee.*

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NUT FREE- Please note that GRIT is a **nut free environment** with some campers allergic, so please do not pack peanut butter or other nut-based snacks.

WATER BOTTLES- We will provide water and ask that parents send their child with a **refillable water container** labeled with their names for them to use.

LABELS- Please label everything... even your camper! If an item is labeled it won't be lost. If it's not labeled, it might not find its way home... or into our **Lost & Found**.

EATING- Picnic tables will be set up each day outside for the campers to eat snacks and lunch.

When are pick-up and drop-off times?

For full day and half day morning sessions, normal drop off between at 8:30am and 9:00am and we encourage social distancing.

If you plan to drop off late, please notify us so we can work to accommodate you. Our activities normally begin by 9:00am and your camper's cohort might not be nearby. Early pick up is also ok... but your child may miss out on certain activities. We do offer early drop off and After Camp for those that need it. Just let us know and we will be happy to accommodate you.

What type of educational programs are you offering?

We believe in a strong mind and a strong body. Our educational partner, JEI Learning of Jersey City, is a well-respected academic enrichment program with over 1000 locations globally. We love their personalized approach to learning focused on mastering concepts vs. rote learning. Families that request it can have their campers take an online JEI diagnostic test to determine their English and Math strengths and weaknesses free of charge. This test is normally \$75 but we will be offering it to all GRIT campers for *free*. It comes with a detailed computerized diagnostic assessment of your child's strengths and weakness in math and/or English.

Each week campers will spend time on their academics focusing on English, math, reading & writing and critical thinking. We do this through fun and engaging projects and activities including writing a story, practicing how to speak in public or competing in a chess tournament.

Does my child need to wear a mask?

Per the NJ Dept of Health and CDC guidelines, all campers and staff must wear a mask for all indoor activities. For GRIT, we are encouraging all campers to wear a mask, indoors and outdoors whenever possible. All of our staff will be wearing masks for both indoor and outdoor activities – even though they are all vaccinated.

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Will the schedule be the same every day?

No way! We have a rich activity schedule that changes daily to keep camp fresh and interesting. Each week we end the week with Field Day Friday and an epic water gun fight. Feel free to bring your own if you wish as well as a pair of swim goggles.

How do you travel for your adventures?

Field trips to various parks are done by foot except for the older campers who will use the trips to work on their skateboarding skills. We will be announcing field trips to Liberty State Park, Statue of Liberty and even downtown New York using the local ferries as transportation from Warren Street.

Will you apply Sun Lotion to my camper?

We ask that you liberally apply sun tan lotion to your camper prior to camp. We will remind them frequently to apply it throughout the day. For the younger campers expect that this will be done on a regular schedule throughout the day. Our councilors will apply the lotion you have provided.

Skateboarding. Do I need to get my camper a skateboard?

Skateboarding is a great way to improve balance and agility. Your camper will learn to skate at camp. Younger campers will have a session a few times a week while older campers will skate every day.

We encourage you to send your camper (7+) with their own skateboard, helmets and pads (knee, elbow & hand) **properly labeled with the campers name on it** in a separate bag that we will store at camp. That way your camper can always have it on hand to use with a guarantee of no sharing.

For older campers, Zumiez in the Newport Mall, Amazon or even [Skateboards.com](https://www.skateboards.com) all sell boards, helmets & pads. You can buy a beginner board (already assembled) or build your own! It's up to you. We are happy to help but find it's a good experience to go and pick out that special board, helmet and pads for each camper. And if you go to Zumiez they will provide a 25% discount on the helmet and pads if you purchase a skateboard (but you might find them cheaper online).

Wait.... I have more questions!

Please don't hesitate to call/text/ email us with any questions! We are here to help make this a great summer for your campers!

GRIT Adventure Summer Camp Checklist

GRIT is about having fun and enjoying the outdoors. To ensure your child has the best experience possible, we ask that you pack the following items below.

Each camper will have a cubby at GRIT for their stuff. If it gets hot out, we will introduce water games and other fun activities. We also don't mind a mild rain shower, hence the need for a rain poncho! **Please label everything!** We will send wet or soiled cloths how and ask that you send fresh cloths back.

Campers Cubby:

- An extra pair/ change of clothes
- Cloths for water fun (Water gun Friday!)
- Indoor Gym Shoes
- Towel
- Packed lunch – to be placed in our refrigerator until lunch
- Extra mask(s)

Campers Backpack

- Backpack that can be work on 2 shoulders (please not tote, messenger or roller bags)
- Reusable/Refillable Water Bottle
- Rain Poncho
- Snacks (no nuts)
- Sun protection (sunscreen, hats, visors, etc.)
- Skateboard/Helmet/Pads (everyone wears helmets and pads or they don't skate!)

Note:

Please apply sun screen at home prior to camp! Our coaches will do our best to keep them lathered along throughout the day and out of the sun when possible.

Though campers will sometimes have free time, please refrain from packing an inappropriate number of toys from home!

All of our coach's travel with:

- A first aid kit
- A water cooler and extra water bottles
- Sunblock and bug spray
- Coach Kit: Jenga blocks, playing cards, extra masks, bandannas, chalk, etc.
- Hand sanitizer and wipes

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