



Hello Explorer Campers!

My name is Cole Wisdo and I am the Director of Germantown Academy's Explorers Day Camp this summer! This will be my first summer working at GA Day Camp and I'm very excited for all of our upcoming adventures this year. In my previous camp experiences, I've always made sure to keep my campers happy, safe, and excited for the day ahead of us. Whether it be playing cards on the bus, building the tallest sandcastle, or working to get over one of our fears, I know we'll find time to get know each other and have a blast this year!

There are nine weeks of Explorers Camp offered this summer. Camp will start on **Monday, June 17** and end on **Friday, August 16**. The calendar of trips is posted in the Explorers Camp section of the Day Camp page on www.gacamp.org. Please refer to the calendar for drop-off and pick-up times, as they vary by trip. The drop-off/pick-up location is in the Bus Lane (Patriot Way). To get there, enter GA's main entrance at Lafayette Avenue and keep left. At the stop sign, continue straight until you see the Lower School Playground on your right-hand side. We will be gathering underneath a blue tent.

The following is a quick rundown of what a typical week will look like:

Mondays: We will be going to a different national park such as Hickory Run (Boulder Field), Peace Valley Park, Nockamixon, and to the Hamburg Reservoir to hike to Pulpit Rock. Some parks allow swimming and areas for us to make s'mores by a fire. We plan on spending plenty of time hiking and exploring nature, so please dress accordingly (shoes and socks are required on these days) and bring a water bottle.

Tuesdays: We'll travel to Ocean City, NJ. Campers will spend the day lounging and playing sports on the beach, swimming in the ocean, and enjoying the various attractions on the boardwalk.

Wednesdays: Most of the weeks over the summer we'll be spending time at the awesome GA campus going to the pool, gym, ropes course, and doing various games and activities. We'll review what you'll need for the day earlier in the week. A few of the weeks we'll be going Zorbing, mountain biking, and heading over to Dorney Park.

Thursdays: We'll cycle through trips such as whitewater rafting in Jim Thorpe, jumping around at Get Air, Zorbing at Roundtop Mountain, and exploring adventure parks such as Dorney Park and Dutch Springs.

Fridays: We'll end the week by taking trips to SkyZone, Arnold's Family Fun Center, Dave n' Busters, the Philly Rock Gym, bowling, mini golf, and paintball.

Please Note: I will email a weekly schedule every Friday that includes a detailed itinerary for the upcoming week. Parents should refer to the Friday email for changes in plans, drop-off/pick-up times, and more detailed information on our trips for the week. *All trips are subject to change due to inclement weather.*

Please note that campers are required to submit completed waivers for our trips. The waivers can be found in the Explorers Camp section of the Day Camp page at www.gacamp.org. Please complete and sign each waiver and return them to the Summer Programs Office before your child's first day of camp.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me via email at:
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I'm looking forward to a great summer with you at Germantown Academy's Explorers Camp!

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