



# The Gifted Child Society

## Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM Program Policy

The information provided herein comprises **The Gifted Child Society (TGCS) Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM Program Policy**, for all active and registered TGCS Member children and three year olds, their parents, and/or guardians. This policy discloses the terms for all divisions of the Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM program, described below. If our policy changes in the future, we will let you know by providing revised policies during registration, from time to time. By registering your eligible gifted child for Membership with TGCS and/or participation in TGCS programs, you agree to the terms listed below.

### **CAMP STEAM PROGRAM / EVENT POLICY**

To participate in **Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM**, a child four years and older must meet TGCS eligibility requirements and be a TGCS Member in good standing with TGCS (refer to TGCS Eligibility / Membership Policy & Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM catalog).

Three-year-old children may participate in **Summer Super Stars Camp STEAMlet for 3's** without eligibility evaluation (i.e., TGCS Membership is not required).

Participation and registration for TGCS programs is on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration is encouraged and availability of first-choice selections is not guaranteed.

Class sizes are limited as TGCS maintains an optimal camper-instructor ratio for TGCS course delivery. Maximum class sizes will be upheld in support of these ratios.

All campers are expected to attend programs/classes as scheduled. Parents/guardians should communicate any expected or unexpected absences to TGCS Management via email to [admin@gifted.org](mailto:admin@gifted.org).

There are no makeup dates or refunds for any classes, programs, or events missed or cancelled.

### **CAMP STEAM CAMPER ASSIGNMENTS**

Registered campers are assigned to camper groups based on rising grades children will enter in the fall. Within a camper assignment, campers are grouped according to their dates of birth/appropriate age groupings. **NOTE: “Grade-skipping” between camper groups is not allowed.**

**Camper groupings are as follows:**

**Camp STEAMlet Campers** - Must be three years old at start of camp session.

**Early Childhood (EC)** – Entering Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten in the fall.

**Primary (P)** – Entering Grades 1, 2, or 3 in the fall.

**Intermediate (I)** – Entering Grades 4, 5, or 6 in the fall.

**Advanced Intermediate (AI)** – Entering Grade 7, 8, or 9 in the fall.

**NOTE: Campers will receive their camper group assignments upon check-in at the start of each camp session.**

**NOTE: Parent participation may be needed for children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. TGCS instructors will facilitate all instructional sessions, so parents can enjoy the experience as well!**

## SUMMER SUPER STARS CAMP STEAM REGISTRATION IS ALL-INCLUSIVE

Your camper's registration includes all of the following:

- TGCS-signature curricula tailored to the specific needs of gifted children.
- Daily extra enrichment with morning classes and activities. Optional, in-person events will be scheduled as soon as NJ state COVID-19 mandates are lifted.
- Dedicated TGCS camp management team.
- Dedicated LIVE TGCS-trained instruction staff, 100% background-checked.
- All staff background-checked and trained on how to inspire, engage, and enrich gifted learning.
- Optimal camper / instructor ratios.
- Classroom materials included.
- All virtual network platforms and application licensing included.
- One T-shirt per camper.
- Ongoing camp challenges and camp spirit activities.
- **Summer TALENT SHOWCASE (Session A Only)** - A camp-wide talent show to highlight our campers' many skills and passions. Included with camp tuition.
- **Summer THEATRE PRODUCTION (Session B Only)** – Available to all campers who will create and perform a full, virtual theatrical production. Performance is scheduled for third week of the session. Production supervised by experienced theatrical instruction staff. Campers must register and pay an additional fee to participate in this special event.
- **The opportunity for your camper to make lifelong friends with other like-minded campers!**

## CAMP STEAM PRICING & SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

Pricing and special discounts for Camp STEAM (all divisions) are listed in our Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM program catalog. Visit the TGCS website to download the current program catalog, [www.gifted.org](http://www.gifted.org).

## REFUND POLICY & PRACTICES

Because The Gifted Child Society (TGCS) must hire and train staff, develop advanced curricula well in advance of program sessions, procure course materials, pay for facilities, overhead, insurance, staffing, establish a virtual network for the entire camp, and other necessary operating costs required to run this program, the TGCS Refund Policy for all TGCS programming is as follows:

- 1) Annual TGCS Membership dues, registration fees, materials fees, applicable change course fees, credit card fees, and other related fees are non-refundable.
- 2) There are no refunds for any classes or days missed by a registered individual during or after the duration of any TGCS program or event.
- 3) There are no refunds for internet disruptions, lagging, disconnections or any other interrupted virtual systems, applications, other sources or platforms for virtual learning, and/or other unexpected events.
- 4) There are no refunds for facilities closures resulting from inclement weather, unforeseen emergency, and/or other unexpected events, including emergency medical situations beyond TGCS control such as with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5) There are no refunds for registered campers who are suspended or dismissed from TGCS programs and/or TGCS Membership due to Member Not in Good Standing status (see TGCS Membership Policy).

- 6) If TGCS cancels a program or event before the session begins, TGCS will issue a refund of tuition paid.
- 7) Camp deposits made prior to registration will be applied to your child's registration balance.
- 8) TGCS Members who have carried over credits from 2020 may use these towards camper tuition.
- 9) The camper withdrawal and refund policy for Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM (all divisions) is as follows:
  - a. Refund Policy 1-5 above, plus
  - b. If a camper registration is withdrawn prior to 12PM noon on the regular registration deadline date, a 100% refund of tuition, extended care (if applicable), transportation (if applicable), and Afternoon Academy (if applicable) will be issued.
  - c. If a camper registration is withdrawn after the regular registration deadline date and by 12PM noon on the late registration deadline date, a 50% refund of tuition, extended care (if applicable), transportation (if applicable), and Afternoon Academy (if applicable) will be issued.
  - d. If a camper registration is withdrawn after 12PM noon on the late registration deadline date, there is no refund of tuition issued.
- 10) The refund policy for Camp STEAM Afternoon Academy is as follows:
  - a. Refund Policy 1-6 above, plus
  - b. There are no tuition refunds for dropped classes or program withdrawals after the first day of classes, once the program session begins.

Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM Cancellations & Refund Policy****	
Camp Registration Cancellations	Refund Policy
Camp registration withdrawn between now and April 7 at 12PM	100% Refund
Camp registration withdrawn between April 7 and April 21 at 12PM	50% Refund
Camp registration withdrawn between April 21 and August 6	No Refund

#### **PROGRAM/COURSE/ACTIVITY/EVENT/SERVICE CANCELLATIONS BY TGCS**

TGCS reserves the right to cancel any program, course, activity, event, and/or service that lacks sufficient enrollment or for any unforeseen conditions. Although every effort is made to deliver as planned and scheduled, TGCS does not accept responsibility for staff, curriculum, or other conditions that are beyond its control.

## **SUMMER SUPER STARS CAMP STEAM SPECIAL EVENTS**

An exciting part of our Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM experience is our special onsite events held during the camp program sessions. For details, refer to our Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM summer catalog.

All available camp staff participates and supervises campers all special events.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: BY REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR SUMMER SUPER STARS CAMP STEAM, YOU AUTOMATICALLY GRANT PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR YOUR CHILD'S CAMPER GROUP, UNLESS YOU NOTIFY TGCS OTHERWISE. WITH THIS PERMISSION, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. You understand the scheduled (onsite) special events are optional and attendance by your child is not required.
2. You understand that all campers participating in special events are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner, and are required to inform TGCS chaperones of their whereabouts at all times.
3. You understand that all campers are required to travel to/from/during each event with designated TGCS staff, unless prior arrangements have been made and agreed to in writing by TGCS Management.
4. You hereby give your consent and authorization to the personnel of TGCS to seek the services of doctors, hospital doctors, hospitals, and ambulances in caring for your child(ren), as necessitated by any unlikely, unforeseen circumstances or events with the understanding that the financial costs incurred will be assumed and borne by you and that you are unaware of any physical or medical limitations that would preclude your child from attending special events except as may otherwise be noted herein and/or in the medical records you provide to TGCS.
5. **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** In exchange for an opportunity to participate in TGCS special events, the Camper and parent(s) / legal guardian(s) of the Camper-participant assume all risk and hereby release and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Gifted Child Society, its present and former affiliates, officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, and field trip chaperone(s) (the "Releasees") from and against any and all claims for injuries, accident, illness, or death, or any loss to or damage to personal property arising out of, directly or indirectly, participation in the field trip and/or rendering or failure to render medical treatment, including claims based on any form of negligence on the part of the Releasees. If any provision of this Release is void, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN TGCS SPECIAL EVENTS, YOU MUST SEND AN EMAIL TO [ADMIN@GIFTED.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@GIFTED.ORG) AND NOTIFY TGCS MANAGEMENT OF WHICH SPECIAL EVENT YOUR CAMPER(S) WILL NOT BE ATTENDING.**

### **AM/PM EXTENDED CARE OPTION (For EC, P, I, AI, STEAMlet Campers)**

Weekly Extended Care is offered as a pre-registration option for parents who need to early morning or late afternoon extended care for their campers. Extended Care includes planned activities, onsite supervisory and medical staff. Pre-registration for Extended Care is done at the time of camp registration, for an additional fee (see Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM program catalog for details and pricing).

**NOTE:** Only AM Extended Care is available for Half-Day and STEAMlet for 3's campers.

**NOTE:** AM/PM Extended Care is available on a weekly basis only. There is no "per diem" extended care for campers who are dropped off early or picked up late. If a camper is unexpectedly dropped off more than 15 minutes before drop off time or picked up more than 15 minutes beyond dismissal time, parents/guardians will be charged an additional \$40 for each occurrence.

## **TGCS LUNCH/SNACK & FOOD/ALLERGY POLICY**

All onsite campers bring in their own lunch and morning snack each day, in addition to refillable water bottles. All lunches are refrigerated every morning in large refrigeration units at the Camp STEAM venue. **NOTE: TGCS HAS MANY CAMPERS WITH SEVERE TO LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIES. PLEASE REMEMBER TGCS FACILITIES ARE NUT-FREE. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPATING CAMPERS MUST ENSURE THAT BAG LUNCHES AND SNACKS DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS OF ANY KIND.**

## **CLOSED SITE POLICY**

TGCS Closed Site Policy requires that no unauthorized persons, including parents and guardians, are allowed access to programs and classes while they are in session, even within a cyber instruction network, without prior permission from TGCS Management. It is of utmost importance that the safety of all campers is secured at all times.

## **DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES**

Campers should be dropped off and picked up according to the designated morning and afternoon camp schedules of 8:45AM and 4:00PM, respectively, and at the designated drop-off/pick-up area in front of the Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM entrance at Trinity Church. Attendance sheets must be initialed at drop off and dismissal. Always be on the lookout for children passing through the lot as you enter and leave the area. Please drive slowly and cautiously!

If needed, parents/guardians may park in designated parking areas on the right side of the NHRHS School building. There is no standing or parking in the designated drop-off area.

The address for **Trinity Episcopal Church is 55 George Street, Allendale, NJ**. There is a large parking lot for parking and through traffic. Full-day campers will enjoy outdoor recreation at Crestwood Lake/Park, at 388 West Crescent Avenue in Allendale.

## **SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Since all campers are minors, all must be accompanied by parents/guardians during drop off and dismissal. No camper may be left unattended and unsupervised inside or outside the venue at any time. Campers are not permitted to leave the venue unaccompanied without a parent, guardian, or previously designated person(s), without the express written permission of his/her parent or legal guardian. Campers leaving the premises without written permission will be dismissed from the program. TGCS is not responsible for a camper's safety while off site/off program premises.

## **TGCS IS A CERTIFIED YOUTH CAMP OPERATOR IN NEW JERSEY**

Summer Super Stars Camp STEAM is a designated Youth Camp, certified by the New Jersey Department of Health, according to New Jersey Youth Camp Safety Act Standards. New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 protocols will be in effect for all onsite camp activities.

## **CAMPDOC HEALTH PROFILE *\*For all campers***

Once your camper's registration is paid in full and confirmed, you will receive a separate email to create a new/ update an existing CampDoc Health Profile. Your camper's Health Profile must be 100% completed before the first day of camp. Important additional information and permissions for your camper must be provided in the CampDocHealth Profile.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: HEALTH RECORDS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CAMPER PARTICIPATING IN IN-PERSON CAMP ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.** Each registered camper must submit current,

written health history & immunization records - signed by a pediatrician - prior to participation in in-person Camp STEAM activities or events. Camper health records must include all known information about Physical Conditions, Mental Conditions, and Allergies. Campers with extreme to life-threatening allergies must also submit current Allergy Action Plan and/or Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care forms. Parents should plan ample lead time to schedule a well visit with your camper's pediatrician to obtain current health records for your camper. Parents will provide all health records upon request.

**\*\*\*ALL COVID-19 REGULATIONS STIPULATED BY NEW JERSEY AUTHORITIES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO WITH TGCS IN-PERSON CAMP ACTIVITIES. NJ DOH COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL IN-PERSON CAMP ACTIVITIES.**

## **TGCS MEMBER COMMUNICATION POLICY**

Upon activating your child's TGCS annual Membership and/or registering your child for TGCS programs and/or events, parents/guardians automatically authorize TGCS to use email(s) you provided at time of activation and/or registration for ongoing TGCS use, at TGCS discretion.

**NOTE:** Email is the primary form of communication Members receive regarding for TGCS programs, events, and all related activities. Members may choose to opt out of receiving emails from TGCS by choosing the opt-out option at the end of emails received.

**Please be sure to add TGCS email to your contact list: [admin@gifted.org](mailto:admin@gifted.org) to ensure receipt of all TGCS communications.**

**NOTE:** If Members opt out, emails from TGCS will no longer be received and important program and other communication will no longer be emailed to registered Members.

## **TGCS MEDIA CONSENT POLICY**

Upon activating your child's TGCS annual Membership and/or registering your child for TGCS programs, events, and other activities, parents/guardians automatically authorize that TGCS may use your child's images, voice, and/or video in perpetuity for TGCS promotional materials, website, and other media, at TGCS discretion. TGCS does not use names or personal information of any child without the consent of parent/guardian. Parents/guardians also authorize that all photos, audio, and/or video taken of children in classes and other activities during TGCS program sessions may be reproduced, distributed, modified, and publicly displayed in any medium now known or later developed by TGCS. All above defined media are property of TGCS.

**NOTE:** Images, audio, and/or video of TGCS Members are used to promote TGCS programs and services for prospective future Members. Current Members may opt out of TGCS media consent by submitting a written request to TGCS Management via email to [admin@gifted.org](mailto:admin@gifted.org) or regular mail to the address shown below.

## **TGCS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

TGCS management designs all TGCS curricula tailored to the specific needs of gifted children. The materials and content used by TGCS in TGCS classrooms, in-person or virtual, represent the intellectual property of TGCS and may not be disseminated or reproduced in any form for public or private distribution (e.g., uploading to websites, sale, exchange, etc.) without written permission of TGCS. TGCS content and course materials include all written or electronic documents and materials, including syllabi, current and past instructional materials, presentations such as lectures, videos, PowerPoints, etc. and all other material provided by or used by a TGCS instructor or member of TGCS

management. TGCS content and course materials may only be used by students enrolled in the TGCS course or program, for TGCS course- or program-related purposes. TGCS content and course materials that have been published in print or on the internet are TGCS-copyrighted material and are protected by copyright law. Any unauthorized use of TGCS intellectual property will be pursued with authorities to the fullest extent of the law.

## **TECH REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TGCS VIRTUAL LEARNING CLASSROOMS**

Students need a MAC or PC with webcam/audio, and an active internet connection to participate in TGCS virtual learning classrooms. Parents / guardians of registered students will receive invitations for their student to join learning sessions via an email to the parent's or guardian's email address.

**Parents/guardians should ensure that an accurate and current email address is provided for these invitations.** It is the responsibility of students and parents/guardians to provide update email addresses, should they change during a program session.

Students should connect 5 minutes prior to the class to ensure they join classes on time. Parents/guardians should email the TGCS Help Desk if they do not receive the invitation one day prior to classes.

## **TGCS SUMMER & COMPUTER SYSTEMS ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY**

TGCS and the TGCS community is encouraged to make innovative and creative use of information technologies in support of education and the curricula introduced by TGCS. TGCS recognizes the importance of copyright material and encourages TGCS students and families who utilize this material to protect the rights of the creators of intellectual property and to prevent the unauthorized use or sale of works available in the private sector.

TGCS network and other system resources are to be used only for TGCS-related communication, instruction, activities, learning enrichment, dissemination of academic information, and administrative activities. When used properly, these tools enhance the overall experience for TGCS students and TGCS. When used improperly, unlawfully, or inappropriately, these tools can infringe on others' rights. TGCS encourages all TGCS students and family members to use electronic communications in a manner that is respectful and follows all federal and state laws governing internet and other Summer use. TGCS is not responsible for any non-TGCS party not adhering to federal or state laws before, during, and/or after TGCS instructional programming in is progress. TGCS is also not responsible for a student's, student's friend's or family member's release of personal information on the internet that may result in invasion of privacy, identity theft, and other possible dangers from internet usage.

TGCS students and families are responsible for ensuring the computers you own are properly maintained, including having up-to-date anti-virus protection and operating systems patches. TGCS is not responsible for any unexpected or unknown virus or other damaging internet-related entity that may invade your own computer or internet connectivity. Internet and other third-party applications, resources, and support are not in the control of TGCS and TGCS is not responsible for any questionable or infectious systems that may negatively effect your own computer or systems in use during TGCS instructional programming.

TGCS students are responsible and accountable for all use and security of the electronic resources you own or use, including but not limited to computer account(s), passwords, personal computer(s), electronic data, and network access. You should make appropriate use of software, system and network-provided protection features and take precautions against others obtaining access to your computer resources. TGCS students are responsible for all Net IDs, accounts, and passwords assigned



for your use. Passwords should never be shared. TGCS is not responsible for any negative actions resulting from a TGCS student's, a friend's, or family member's actions.

Overall, TGCS expects TGCS students to conduct themselves responsibly with network privileges and other systems and applications accesses, consistent with the above TGCS policies and other applicable state and federal laws. Abuse of computing or networking privileges is subject to disciplinary actions, up to and including dismissal from TGCS programming and/or TGCS Membership.

## **RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

In exchange for an opportunity to participate in this program, the child and parent(s) / legal guardian(s) of the child-participant assume all risk and hereby release, wave, discharge, and covenant not to sue TGCS and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless TGCS, its present and former affiliates, governing board, officers, directors, trustees, agents, employees, and volunteers (the "Releasees") from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action (known or unknown), suits, or judgements of any and every kind (including attorneys fees), arising from any injury, accident, illness, infectious disease, or death, or any loss to or damage to personal property arising out of, directly or indirectly, participation in the program, regardless of whether the injury, damage, or death is caused by the Releasees or other participants, unless the injury, damage, or death is caused by the Releasees' intentional acts, and regardless of whether the injury, damage, or death occurs while in, on, upon, or in transit to or from the premises where the activity, or any adjunct activity, occurs or is being conducted. Releasees are not in any way responsible for any injury or damage that the child-participant may sustain as a result of a parent's or legal guardian's own negligent acts. If any provision of this Release is void, all remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

## **HOW TO CONTACT US**

If you have any questions about the above Policy, you may contact us at:

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