

GEAR UP Summer Camp Parent Authorization



Welcome to GEAR UP Summer Camp

The GEAR UP Tennessee Tech Partnership is excited to welcome your child to the GEAR UP Summer Camp at Tennessee Tech University. This program is designed especially for middle school students and blends fun, engaging educational activities with opportunities to build confidence, friendships, and skills for future success.

Our team is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive environment where students feel encouraged to learn, participate, and enjoy their time on campus. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your child and look forward to a great camp experience.


Camp Details at a Glance

- **Camp Dates:** Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 10, 2026
- **Location:** Tennessee Tech University Campus
- **Activities:** Interactive educational programming, group activities, and social events designed by *Coolspeak*, a national youth engagement organization
- **Staffing:** Trained and experienced chaperones and program staff who are passionate about working with youth and dedicated to creating a memorable and impactful experience for all participants.
- **Cost:** FREE

Camp Contact Information

If you need to reach your child during camp, please contact:

Frank Tittle

 (931) 260-8906

Emergency Communication Plan

Your child's safety is our top priority. In the event of an emergency involving a camp participant, the following steps will be taken:

Step 1: Immediate Response

The Program Supervisor or a designated Authorized Adult (AA) will assess the situation.

- Emergency services (911) will be contacted immediately if needed.
- A parent or legal guardian will be notified as soon as possible.

Step 2: Parent/Guardian Notification

- We will first attempt to contact the **primary emergency contact** provided.
- If the primary contact cannot be reached, we will contact the **secondary emergency contact**.
- You will be informed of the nature of the emergency, your child's location, and any actions being taken.

Step 3: Ongoing Updates

If the situation continues, camp staff will provide updates and notify you of any additional steps, including transportation to a medical facility if necessary.

GEAR UP Summer Camp Participant Information and Releases

General Information

I. Participant Information and Permissions

Participant Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Biological Gender: _____

Participant Address: _____

Participant Phone (if applicable): _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Person Responsible for Medical Expenses: _____

A. Emergency Contacts

Primary Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Secondary Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

II. Medical Information & Authorizations

A. Authorization, Release, and Indemnification

By signing this form, I give permission for Tennessee Technological University (TTU) to authorize emergency medical treatment for my child if necessary, during the program. I agree that TTU assumes no responsibility or liability for any injury or damage that might arise out of or in connection with such authorized medical treatment. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me prior to treatment when possible.

I confirm that my child has health insurance or, if uninsured, I agree to accept financial responsibility for any medical expenses incurred during or arising from my child's participation in this activity. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify TTU for any liability, including attorney's fees, for any actions brought against TTU for any unpaid medical costs or bills incurred by Participant.

B. Transportation Permission and Release

I understand that Tennessee Tech University transports participants (hereinafter referred to as "the activity") from the original pick-up location of:

For students who attend Oneida Schools:

Oneida Middle School
376 North Main Street
Oneida, TN, 37841

For students who attend Clay County School:

Clay County High School
860 Clay County Highway
Celina, TN 38551

For students who attend Warren County Schools:

Warren County Middle School
200 Caldwell Street
McMinnville, TN 37110

For students who attend Overton County Schools:

Livingston Middle School
216 Bilbrey Street
Livingston, TN 38570

To the following location on Monday, June 8:

Oakley STEM Center
155 West 7th Street
Cookeville, TN 38505

And returning to the original pick-up location on Wednesday, June 10.

I give permission for my child to participate in GEAR UP Summer Camp activities and to be transported by Tennessee Technological University to approved on- and off-campus locations as part of the program. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the activities with Tennessee Technological University.

I understand the nature of the activities and acknowledge that participation involves certain risks, including the possibility of injury or loss of property. By signing this form, I release Tennessee Technological University and its employees from claims made by or on behalf of my child for injury or loss of property arising from participation in the program, except in cases where the University or its employees are found to be negligent. I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this Permission and Release and the consequences of signing it.

Questions or concerns may be directed to gearup@tntech.edu.

C. Insurance Information

I understand that Tennessee Tech University does not offer any form of insurance for Participant while participating in Event/Program.

Please select one:

I have insurance and have attached a copy of the front and back of the insurance card.

I do not have insurance.

D. General Medical Information

Please answer the following questions to help us care for your child:

1. Does your child have any medical conditions that may limit participation?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

2. Is your child currently taking medication that may affect participation?

Yes No

If yes, list medication and condition: _____

3. Does your child have allergies (medications, insect stings, plants, etc.)?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

4. Are there any additional medical conditions we should be aware of?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

5. Other helpful information: _____

6. Approximate date of last tetanus shot: _____

III. Early Departure Authorization (Minors Only)

In the event that my child needs to leave camp early, I authorize release only to the individuals listed below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

A government-issued photo ID is required for pickup. Camp participants will NOT be released to anyone not listed above.

IV. Permission to Stay in Tennessee Tech Housing

I hereby give permission for my child to stay in Tennessee Tech University housing for the duration of the GEAR UP Summer Camp.

V. Photo and Video Permission

Intending to be legally bound, I give my consent and authorize Tennessee Technological University, its officers, employees, and agents to photograph, record, and use my child's name, image, likeness, and/or voice in photographs, video, audio, or other media. These materials may be used, edited, reproduced, published, displayed, distributed, or adapted in any media format now known or developed in the future for educational, informational, or promotional purposes related to the University.

I understand that the University may use these materials directly or through its affiliates, partners, licensees, or other authorized parties, for both commercial and non-profit purposes. I acknowledge that such use will not be made in a disparaging or inappropriate manner.

I understand and agree that no compensation will be provided for the use of these materials.

Parent/Guardian Signature

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I understand and agree to the permissions outlined above.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

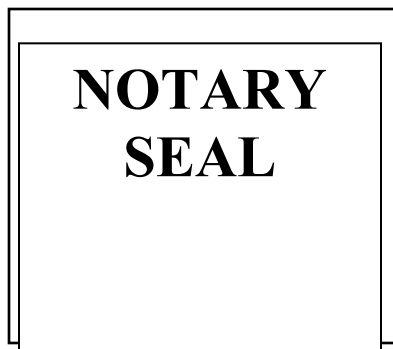
Notary Section

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Notary Signature: _____

Commission Expiration: _____



Camp Rules & Expectations

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants, students are expected to follow these rules:

1. The possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems (vaping), firearms, weapons, or fireworks is strictly prohibited.
2. Minors are not permitted to operate motor vehicles during the program unless required by the nature of the activity and approved by program staff.
3. All staff and participant vehicles must comply with Tennessee Tech University parking regulations.
4. Participants may leave Tennessee Tech property only in accordance with program rules and with staff approval.
5. Violence of any kind, including sexual violence, will not be tolerated.
6. Discrimination or harassment in any form is prohibited.
7. Hazing and bullying, including verbal, physical, or cyberbullying, are strictly prohibited.
8. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated.
9. Misuse of or damage to Tennessee Tech property is prohibited. Participants may be held financially responsible for damages caused.
10. Inappropriate use of cameras, recording devices, or digital technology is prohibited, particularly in areas where privacy is expected.

Failure to follow camp rules may result in dismissal from the program. Parents/guardians will be responsible for transportation home.

Overnight Housing Rules & Expectations

To ensure the safety, well-being, and comfort of all participants, the following rules apply to students participating in overnight housing:

1. The possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems (vaping), firearms, weapons, or fireworks is strictly prohibited.
2. Minors may not operate motor vehicles during the program unless required by the nature of the activity and approved by program staff.
3. All staff and participant vehicles must comply with Tennessee Tech University parking regulations.
4. Violence of any kind, including sexual violence, will not be tolerated.
5. Discrimination or harassment in any form is prohibited.
6. Hazing and bullying, including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying, are strictly prohibited.
7. Theft of any kind will not be tolerated.
8. Misuse of or damage to Tennessee Tech property is prohibited. Participants may be held financially responsible for damages.
9. Inappropriate use of cameras, recording devices, or digital technology is prohibited, particularly in areas where privacy is expected.
10. In-room visitation is limited to participants of the same gender.
11. Guests, other than a parent or legal guardian and approved program participants, are permitted only in building lobbies or floor lounges during hours approved by the program.
12. Participants must comply with all security policies, procedures, and directions of the Tennessee Tech Office of Residential Life.
13. Minor participants may be released only to individuals listed on the signed and notarized Participant Information and Release form.
14. Curfew is 10:00 PM CST. Participants must be inside their assigned lodging space at this time.

I have read and understand the participant rules. I acknowledge that if my child does not follow the participant rules, they could be subject to being sent home at any time, whereas I, or one of the authorized designees, will be responsible for picking them up from the camp.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent Information

What to Bring

- Comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Bath caddy, toiletries, shower shoes, towels, and sunscreen
- Twin-size bedding and pillow **or** sleeping bag

What Not to Bring

- Microwaves, mini-refrigerators, or other large appliances

Required Forms

- Notarized Participant Waiver Form
- Copy of front and back of insurance card
- Must read the policy regarding Minors on Campus (<http://tntech.policytech.com>)

Additional Notes

- Parents/guardians will be contacted immediately in the event of an emergency.
- If you cannot reach camp staff, contact the **University Police at 931-372-3234**.
- If your child must bring medication to camp, it is your child's responsibility to see that it is taken and stored safely. Refrigeration will be provided if needed.
- Tennessee Tech is not responsible for lost, stolen, or unclaimed items after camp concludes.

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