

WOL SUMMER HEALTH CENTER FAQs

If my child needs to be brought to the hospital, what hospital would they be brought to?

Glens Fall Hospital is the hospital that WOL uses. The hospital is approximately 35 miles from our property. For emergencies, the ambulance that comes is within 5 miles of the property.

Is there a nurse?

We have nurses on duty 24 hours a day. We also have many staff members that are trained in first aid, CPR, and responding to emergencies.

What if my child has food allergies?

Please note food allergies on health form. Children with food allergies should speak with the chef upon arrival to camp, so that they may be aware of and avoid potential allergen(s).

What if my child is allergic to bees?

Please note this on health form. Please see question regarding epi-pen use.

What if my child has an epi-pen?

Children with life-threatening allergies are required to carry their epi-pen with them at all times. If the camper does not know how to use the epi-pen, staff will assist them. In case of an allergic reaction, health center staff and EMS will be called to the scene to assist the child.

What if my child is diabetic?

Campers with diabetes will need to bring extra supplies, emergency supplies, and a written plan. Every camper with diabetes should have an individualized Diabetes Medical Management Plan (DMMP), sometimes referred to as a health care plan, diabetes care plan or physician's orders. Please send a copy of this plan along with your camper's health form. For more information and a sample plan, please see www.health.ny.gov/publications/0944.pdf

What if my child takes medications on a daily basis?

In order for campers to take any medications while at camp, page 3 of the health form must be filled out entirely and signed by both licensed provider and parent/guardian. Medications must be brought in original containers and must not be expired. At registration, all medications will be checked in and kept by the health center. We will bring the medications to meals and nighttime activities. If a camper needs a medication at another time, they will go to the health center.

What if my child takes vitamins and supplements?

Vitamins and supplements are considered medications at camp, and must follow the same regulations listed under the medication question. Please consider not having these ordered for your child while at camp. The health center staff is happy to assist your child with these, but the time away from their

cabin and activities may not be worth the vitamins. We have nutritious meal with fruits and vegetables available at every meal.

Why does a doctor need to sign the form? The medication instructions are on the bottle!

New York State requires that all medications, both prescription and over the counter, as well as vitamins and supplements, must be listed on a camp medication form with a signature of a provider authorized to prescribe medications. We are not allowed to follow the instructions on the bottle, we must follow the instructions on the medication form.

Why does the doctor need to sign the form? It's just a gummy vitamin!

New York State requires that all medications, both prescription and over the counter, as well as vitamins and supplements, must be listed on a camp medication form with a signature of a provider authorized to prescribe medications. Campers will not be allowed to take anything that is not listed on that form.

What if my child needs to see a doctor while at camp?

If your child is ill or injured, every attempt will be made to contact the parent, guardian, or emergency contact. If the decision is made to send the child to the doctor, campers are usually sent to Warrensburg urgent care, which is about 20 minutes away. Campers are accompanied by their counselor or a health center staff member and Word of Life provides transportation. Parents / guardians will need to make arrangements if there is any payment required at the doctor's office or pharmacy.

What if my child has special physical needs?

Please contact the WOL Health Center by phone or email before registering your child for camp. We would like to discuss these items with you so we can make a recommendation for attendance. Some weeks attendance at camp is lower than others and we might suggest registering your child for one of those weeks.

What if my child needs a prescription refill while at camp?

Please check with your pharmacy to see if they can give you the refill in advance so that your camper can bring enough medication to registration to last for the entire time they are at camp. Many insurance plans will cover this if you ask for a "vacation" refill. If this is not possible, if you can arrange for a medication to be filled at a local pharmacy, we can pick it up for you.

What if my child forgets to pack his/her medication?

Campers must have all medication(s) listed on their medication form at registration. If a camper forgets to pack a medication, they may be able to pick up a replacement at a local pharmacy. Alternately, the provider ordering the medication may cancel the order. Either way, this is a time consuming extra step that delays your child from getting started on their fun-filled camp experience. Please check to make sure that the medications they have packed exactly match those listed on the health form.