

Trip Details



Dear Gesher Parents,

Here are the details for our upcoming trip to Gatlinburg, TN. We will be leaving early in the morning on Monday, July 10th. **Campers should arrive by 6:30 am.** You can drop your camper off at the front of the JCC in the BJE circle. We plan to leave promptly at 7:00 am. We will be staying at **Quality Inn Creekside-Downtown Gatlinburg**. The address is 125 Leconte Creek Rd, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The number to the hotel is (865) 436-4865. Please only use this in the instance of an emergency as minimal time will be spent at the hotel.

We will be heading back to Indy on Friday morning so that we will arrive at the JCC by **5 p.m.** You can pick your camper up in the front of the JCC in the BJE circle. I will be in contact with the JCC throughout our trip, and updates will be sent daily. You may also request to follow our Instagram page (@jccgesher_2017) for pictures that may not be posted on other JCC pages. Contact with the campers may be limited at times during this trip so take advantage of the updates! Included with this letter you will find an itinerary and packing list. **Please label everything!** We cannot guarantee the safe return of any items (only the children), so please do not send anything you can't live without!

We want to thank you in advance for trusting us with your children. We know everyone will have a great time and we are looking forward to creating more memories with them!

Camp-fully,

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Itinerary Gatlinburg, TN

Mon,
July 10

Departure: 7:00 a.m. sharp! Campers should arrive at 6:30 a.m. If we have everyone, we will depart sooner. Please eat breakfast prior to arriving (or bring to eat on the bus) and **pack a sack lunch.**

What are we doing today?

Today we will spend a good chunk of the day traveling. We will make a stop halfway to Gatlinburg to eat sack lunches. Upon arrival in Gatlinburg, we will check into the hotel. Once we are settled, we will be heading out to **Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies** and surrounding Ripley's activities for the evening. The other Ripley's attractions include a 4D Theater and **Ripley's Believe It or Not!**



Tue,
July 11

What are we doing today?

Today will be a big walking day! We are waking up and heading to **"A Walk in the Woods"**. This is a group hiking experience through the Smokies. This hike is tailor-made specifically for our group. It will include a ton of interesting components such as creek stumping and stopping at historical locations along the way! From here we are going to head into Pigeon Forge for lunch and a visit to **The Island in Pigeon Forge**. Here we will eat, shop and play! The Island has a ton of small shops, good restaurants and fun rides! In the evening, we will be heading to **Ghost and Haunt Tours of Gatlinburg**. "Explore the supernatural Gatlinburg, The Gatlinburg that most people don't know exists. This tour is no dry history lesson or haunted house. There are no actors dressed as "ghosts" ready to jump out at you at every turn. Rather it is a walking tour of Gatlinburg that mixes tales of historical fact, legend and visits to the actual places where a number of the more "colorful" people and events have happened in Gatlinburg's history."



Wed,
July 12

What are we doing today?

Today we will wake up and head out to spend most of the day at **Splash Country Water Adventure Park**! We will enjoy the water rides and soak up the sun. After this we will head back to the hotel to clean up and get ready for an awesome time at **Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Adventures Dinner and Show**.



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**Thu,
July 13**

What are we doing today?

Twists and turns...here we come! We will spend today at **Dollywood** in Pigeon Forge. We will be here from the time they open until dusk so be prepared to have some fun!



**Fri,
July 14**

What are we doing today?

Today, we will be heading home! I'm sure we will be arriving with many stories to share. The plan is to arrive by 5 p.m. at the BJE circle. We will try to keep everyone updated in real time via social media, the kids, etc.

What to Pack Pack enough for 5 days

For the ride

- Sack lunch **for Monday**
- Water bottle
- Headphones
- Electronics/books
- **Blanket**
- **Pillow**
- Movies (Rated PG-13 or below; Please be smart in your judgement)
- Playing cards
- Chargers for electronics

For the hotel

- Sleeping bag
- Towel from home (if desired, not required)
- Toiletries
 - If you have these in your own “travel pouch” it lessens the chance of confusing your items with another camper’s items.
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes

Clothing

- 2017 Camp T-shirt!
- Trip shirt (if purchased)
- Bathing suit/Pool towel
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Long sleeve shirt
- Pair of pants
- Sweatshirt
- **One NICE outfit**
- Underwear
- Socks
- Sneakers/comfortable walking shoes
-We will be doing A LOT of walking so these are highly necessary.

Miscellaneous

- **Sunscreen (we will be outside a lot)**
- Bug spray
- Snacks
- Camera
- Quarters for laundry (if desired, not required)
 - Just in case there is down time and one wishes to wash anything
- Spending money
- Outside equipment (football, etc.)

Medications

If bringing medications,

- Please have them all in a **Ziploc bag** in their original containers.
- If needed, write out detailed instructions on a notecard and place inside the bag.

Campers may hang onto,

- Inhalers
- Ibuprofen
- Emergency items (i.e. epi pens)
 - ***Make us aware if they will be carrying these items***