



**“GPCP Folktales”
SUMMER CAMP 2017
Preschool Age**

GPCP will host Two Summer Camps again this year.

Our regular summer camp for our preschool age children will be held at the Grant Park Campus.

A second camp for school age children will be held at the Cabbagetown Campus.

New this year: rising Kindergarteners will be able to enroll in School Age Camps (optional).

Candace Dupree is GPCP’s Summer Camp Coordinator.

Educators from both campuses will be teaching during the summer camps.

GPCP Alumni Volunteer Program * see info below

In-House Family Registration: February 2 – 15

New family Registration: February 16 until full

School age Children Camp Registration opens up February 2nd until full.

Summer camp is “first-come/first-served.” Please make your plans accordingly.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Summer Camp is structured into **three 3-week long sessions**
- Children may sign up for as many of the sessions offered. Sessions cannot be split. No exceptions.
- Children can register for two days (T, Th), three days (M, W, F), or five days per week (no 4 day option).
- Swim Camp and Spanish Camps are five days only.
- A non-refundable payment of the first full session per child is due at the time of registration. This payment serves as the deposit. **FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**
- The remaining balance is due by June 5th, 2017 (Please note: school will be closed from May 29th to June 2nd and the office will reopen on June 5th).
- Children who are new to GPCP must pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 per child in addition to the session fees listed below.

SUMMER CAMP HOURS

Morning Program from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Early Arrival hours (7:30 am to 9:00 am) & Extended Day hours (1:00 pm to 6:00 pm) are offered at an extra cost of \$6.00/hour for prepaid OR \$8.00/hr if not prepaid. The monthly prepaid form is due on the 25th of the previous month (Thursday, May 25th for June Prepaid).

Days Per Week	Cost Per Session - Preschool Age Groups Lunch included	Swim Camp Does not include lunch Includes swim fee
2 days/week	\$192	N/A
3 days/week	\$288	N/A
5 days/week	\$480	\$500

RESCHEDULING AND CANCELLATION: Please take into consideration the following policies when changing your date(s)/session(s) or canceling your registration.

- **Session or Day(s) Changes:** changes to sessions or days must be emailed with at least two weeks notice prior to the beginning of the first session enrolled. The following are the deadlines for changes by session:

Session I: May 22nd - Session II: June 12th - Session III: July 3rd

Final payment for the remaining balance is due by June 5th. No refunds!

There will be no refunds for Summer Camp after June 5th, 2017.

SESSION DATES AND CAMP OPTIONS

Cats Class

(1-2 year olds, must have turned 1 by September 1, 2016)



Session I
June 5 – 23

Session II
June 26 – July 14
(No camp Tuesday, July 4th)

Session III
July 17 – August 4

Mulberry

Sally, the Climbing Tree

The Mud Monster



Ladybugs Class

(2-3 year olds must have turned 2 years old by September 1, 2016)

Session I
June 5 – 23

Session II
June 26 – July 14
(No camp Monday, July 4th)

Session III
July 17 – August 4

Mulberry

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The Mud Monster



MULTIAGE CAMPS

Open to children ages 3-5 years old
(Children who turned 3 and 4 years old by September 1, 2016)



Session I
June 5 – 23

Session II
June 26 – July 14
(No camp Monday, July 4th)

Session III
July 17 – August 4

Mulberry

Sally, the Climbing Tree

The Mud Monster

Swim Camp I

Swim Camp I

N/A

Swim Camp II

Swim Camp II

N/A

El Monstruo de Barro
Spanish Camp

Hula Hoop
Yoga Camp

The Magic of
Light Camp

A word on Parent Helpers: Although Parent Helper days are not required during summer camp, parents are required to provide snacks. Snack assignments will be available a week before each session. Please plan to provide a healthy, nutritious snack for the entire class on your assigned days. We do our best to assign snack days with consideration to how many days and sessions your child attends. Parents are encouraged to sign up for parent helper days. Please consider signing up for at least one day. The participation of parents enriches the quality of the work and your presence is missed by children and educators during summer! A sign-up calendar will be posted!

Lunch will be provided by the school each day for all Preschool Age Camps at GP Campus.

Swim campers and School Age Children bring their own lunch.

Alumni Volunteer Program: *Volunteer opportunities are available during Summer Camp for all GPCP alumni, ages 12 and older. Volunteers must have a genuine love of and interest in working with young children. Interested candidates need to complete the Volunteer Application Form, commit to attending an Orientation and work at least one full session. Volunteer hours count towards community service hours required by Middle and High Schools.*

Camp Descriptions:

GPCP Folktales

For years the children of GPCP have been crafting stories inspired by the community and natural landscapes surrounding both campuses. The natural world holds so many mysteries for children to encounter, explore and investigate. Children are natural storytellers, therefore crafting stories often becomes a strategy for playing with new ideas and theories as well as experimenting with the lines between imagination and reality. GPCP's 2017 Summer Camps will honor the children's most beloved characters and the folklore they have developed around them.



Mulberry

Mulberry is the beloved water oak tree who stands tall in the center of Cabbagetown Park. Through years of storytelling surrounding Mulberry, the children have discovered the many fairy tale creatures who live in and around the park. There are the Fairies, who comfort Mulberry through seasonal changes and deliver messages to the children by way of golden leaves; a troll, named Art Count Fishbottom, who lives in the drainage pipes and only comes out to enjoy the company of his close friends the butterflies, and last but not least there's Abiyoyo, our resident giant who enjoys writing letters to the children and living in the bamboo forest.

The Mud Monster

A mythological creature invented and imagined by the GPCP children during the 2005-2006 school year.

"Once upon a time there was a Mud Monster in his home, which was a swamp. He always pushed people when they came near his house, and if he caught them, he would eat them for dinner, breakfast, or lunch. If you say that's not true, it might be true. Well, his nickname is Tommy, and he has mud all over him and he has a knife. For scraping. That's all. The End."



Sally, the Climbing Tree for Kids

A series of stories written by the children in 2006, and inspired by a lovely dogwood tree located in the open green space in Grant Park. Sally was discovered when children were looking for a special name for their favorite tree.

"Once upon a time there was Sally the climbing tree that lived in the park with some children. The children climbed on the tree, they pulled on her and she said Ooh! and Aah! And that was funny!"

Multiage Camps: two groups of Swim Camp for sessions I and II



Swim Camp: In response to the typical demand for this popular camp, we are offering two groups of swim camp again this year! Swim Camp is a 5-day per week camp (no 2- or 3-day option is available for this camp). Each group is limited to 12 campers. Children will meet GPCP educators at the Grant Park Pool at 9:00 am. Swim lessons will be offered by a certified swim instructor from the City of Atlanta and children will be supervised by our own GPCP educators. Before or after the swim lessons, the children will enjoy playtime, sports and a picnic lunch in the park. Swimmers bring their own sack lunch each day.

Group I will have the swim lesson from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Group II will have their lesson from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Children will be picked up from the park at 1:00 pm by parents or walk back to the school for extended day with educators. Mr. Nathaniel, an educator from the GP campus will oversee both groups this year, with the support of three other GPCP educators.

Spanish Camp: “El Monstruo de Barro” (The Mud Monster)

GPCP’s Spanish educator will lead this Spanish immersion camp focused on **The Mud Monster**.

Following this year’s summer camp theme, children will learn vocabulary related to the story. Through fun, creative, and interactive experiences, educators will encourage and emphasize Spanish vocabulary using story books and related songs and games as they work cooperatively. ***Spanish Camp is FIVE days only** (no 2- or 3-day option is available for this camp).

Hula Hoop Yoga Camp: Children will explore the concepts of movement, balance, playful exercise, health and wellness through the language of hula hoop yoga! We will be outside in Grant Park every day mimicking the bend of the trees and reach of the flowers during yoga sessions. Children will also fashion their own Hula Hoops from recycled materials and creatively embellish them in ways inspired by the principles of yoga such as mindfulness, thoughtfulness, and positive living.

The Magic of Light Camp: Explore the luminous quality of paper, combined with the inspiration of the story of the Mud Monster. Children will draw and cut designs to create their own lantern. We will contemplate and discuss the lantern’s color, texture, and other formal elements and conceptual basis for lantern design. All participants will be encouraged to create a shape or pattern for our large community collaborative lantern which will be displayed during the Grant Park Lantern Parade.