



2026 CAMP SOAR

@Fairsite Campus & Gora Aquatic Center



STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

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SCHOOL'S OUT! ACADEMIC AND RECREATION (SOAR) PROGRAM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mondays through Thursdays – 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ~ Parks and Recreation Office ~ 209-366-7180
During Program Hours ~ SOAR Mobile Contact ~ 209-400-4607.

FEES - \$165 for each full week (other options available)

Late Pick Up Fee: \$15 for every 15 minutes after 12:00pm or 5:30pm (excessive late pick-ups may result in your child being removed from the program). Camp Staff may not accept any form of payment at any time.

Registration is first-come, first-served for all weeks. Fees are not pro-rated for time not used and there are no refunds or credits for unused hours.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payments can be made online (please arrange to have the payment amount placed on your account with P&R Office Staff) at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/galt> or in the Parks & Recreation office Mondays – Thursdays from 8:00am – 5:30pm.

Drop Box: There is a drop box located outside the main entrance of the Parks and Recreation office. If using the drop box, please make your checks payable to “City of Galt” and include your child’s name and “Camp SOAR” on the envelope. Please speak with P&R staff before using the Drop Box.

Participants can be registered for either the morning session or the afternoon session. If desired, participants can be registered for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Meets at the Multi-Purpose Room

7:00am	Check in
7:30am	Arts & Crafts
9:30am	Snack Time
10:00am	Misc. Activities
11:00am	Games
12:00pm	Check out (for those registered only for the morning session)

Meets at Multi-Purpose Room

12:30pm	Check in (for those only registered for the afternoon session (Come ready to swim))
2:00pm	Swimming at the Aquatic Center
4:00pm	Exit the water, Snack time
4:30pm	Arts & Crafts/ Misc. Activities
5:00pm	Games
5:30pm	Check out (pick up at Fairsite Multi-Purpose Room)

Activities

Those who are attending the afternoon sessions will be visiting the Gora Aquatic Center each day for approximately 2 hours. We are also planning lots of fun activities outside this season. We may be visiting Veterans Field (900 Caroline Avenue), the Sports Complex (1022 Caroline Avenue) and the Fairsite Campus (902 Caroline Avenue) play structures throughout each session. We plan to have guests and special activities each week (this will be updated as we confirm with our guests and plans). During the last week of the program, we will be visiting the Galt Market located next to the Sports Complex.

DISCIPLINE

The SOAR program uses a positive approach when dealing with campers.

The following three behaviors summarize the normal behavioral expectations for our students:

Be Safe

- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by using program equipment appropriately.
- Keep inappropriate comments to yourself
- Wash your hands frequently.

Be Respectful

- Follow adults' directions
- Be polite to adults and campers
- Listen to what others have to say
- Wait your turn
- Leave other's work and belongings alone
- Try to understand the needs of others
- Be thoughtful of others opinions and beliefs
- Use appropriate language at all times

Be Responsible

- Follow program rules
- Complete your work
- Take care of program property
- Accept responsibility for your mistakes
- Wear appropriate clothing for program
- When appropriate, a Program Disciplinary Action Form can be issued by SOAR staff, the Sports Coordinator, or the Parks and Recreation Department Recreation Supervisor. When a camper receives a behavioral referral he/she will have consequences, (i.e. detention, referral, or suspension).
- The campers will have to serve the consequences on the same day the referral was issued. If the infraction happens toward the end of the day, the camper will serve the consequence on the following day.

Behavior during SOAR hours

Campers who obtain three Program Disciplinary Action Forms or suspensions during the summer program will face possible dismissal from the program. Parents will be notified of each offense.

More serious behavioral issues will be handled through a referral to the Sports Coordinator and Recreation Supervisor. The camper and behavior should be brought to the attention of the Sports Coordinator to discuss the problem. Parents and the Sports Coordinator and/or Recreation Supervisor will meet to discuss the problem(s). The consequence may result in dismissal from the program.

Some of the behaviors that may result in SOAR staff or Sports Coordinator referrals include, but are not limited to: Fighting, punching someone else, trying to physically hurt someone, or threatening to fight or hurt someone

- Weapons: Bringing and/or having any weapon on school grounds. This includes any type of knives
- Profanity: Committing an obscene act and/or habitually using profanity and vulgarity
- Defiance: Disrupting school activities and/or refusing to follow adult direction
- Substance Abuse: Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs

More serious offenses and/or concerns may warrant the involvement of the Galt Police Department. Once the issue has been brought to the attention of the Police Department, how to handle the situation will be at their discretion.

Play-Fighting/Hands-on/Rough Play

Inappropriate physical contact is any contact that is not specifically allowed for within the behavioral expectations of the school. Play-fighting is included within these guidelines as it often results in inappropriate physical contact and is often expressly prohibited by the school rules. Play-fighting consists of any action perceived as “friendly”, “part of a game”, or as an accepted activity that approximates and/or imitates actions that are designed to cause injury or discomfort to others including hitting, kicking, shooting, whacking, and their attendant sound effects, etc., independent of whether or not actual physical contact take place.

Examples of hands-on-others and rough play:

- Grabbing, pushing, but not limited to: shoving, jumping, tripping, slapping or holding onto someone
- Rough play (physical contact during play that might reasonably be expected to increase risk of accidental injury or discomfort)
- Accidental and incidental contact with another due to breaking program or game rules
- Pulling on someone’s clothes or appendages
- Touching someone inappropriately
- Vandalism of someone else’s property

Teasing/Name-Calling/Obscene and Offensive Language

Examples of teasing:

- Criticism and/or put-downs about someone's clothes, appearance, abilities, actions, friends, family, etc.
- Playing keep away with program property.
- Verbalizations or sounds that can reasonably be expected to cause irritation or discomfort for someone (e.g. repetitive noises continued after being asked to stop, oinking at someone, making bathroom sounds at someone, etc.)

Examples of name-calling:

- Using a derogatory term, referring to someone whether present or not

Examples of obscene and/or offensive language:

- Using obscene or offensive language or gestures in reference to another and/or some aspect of another (see teasing, name-calling) whether present or not. Some obscenities may be part of teasing and/or name-calling.

PERSONAL ELECTRONICS

If participants choose to bring personal electronic devices (phones, iPads, Kindles, etc.), they do so at their own risk. Participants will be able to access their devices at the Aquatic Center. Devices cannot be used during structured activities that all campers are asked to participate in.

Camper Drop off to Summer Camp: The following procedures will be followed when campers are dropped off to camp:

- Campers may only be dropped off during registered camp hours. Campers may not be dropped off at the site and left unsupervised at any time.
- Campers must be signed into camp by pre-approved adults designated on the SOAR Registration Form.
- Campers may only attend on the days they are registered for. Registration for each session first come, first served. SOAR Employees may not accept payments at any time. Campers will not be permitted to attend any session that they are not registered for.
- If there is any concern or question about the safety of a child at the time of drop off, staff will act in the best interest of the camper.
- In the case of divorce, it is the responsibility of the custodial parents to notify Camp Soar of legal custody/guardianship status of their child. Camp Soar will not subvert the law and must have court documentation stating custody status.

Release of Children from Summer Camp: The following procedures will be followed when campers are picked up from camp:

- Campers will only be released to pre-approved adults designated on Summer SOAR Registration Form.
- Campers will not be released to adults without written authorization.
- Campers will not be released to anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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- If there is any concern or question of the safety of a child at the time of release, staff will act in the best interest of the camper and may decline release.
- Adults picking up camper(s) from camp who are unfamiliar to camp staff may be asked to present their photo ID.
- In the case of divorce, it is the responsibility of the custodial parents to notify Camp Soar of legal custody/guardianship status of their child. Camp Soar will not subvert the law and must have court documentation stating custody status.
- Campers must be picked up by 12:00pm or 5:30pm depending on the session.

Check Out Policy

A SOAR Employee is the only person who can help parents during check-out. Parents/guardians and those who have written permission from the parent/guardians are the only individuals who can sign-out students (this must be on file prior at the P&R office). Remember, SOAR staff are not allowed to sign-out students. Campers may be checked out at any time by a parent or guardian. All campers must be picked up no later than 12:00pm or 5:30 p.m.

Late Pick Up

Additional fees will be charged to parents or guardians for campers who are picked up after 12:00pm and 5:30pm (depending on which session you are registered for). For each 15 minutes or fraction of that a camper is picked up after 12:00pm or 5:30pm, the parent/guardian will be charged \$15.00. Multiple infractions may result in the camper being removed from the program.

Medications

Campers, who have been prescribed medication by a physician to be taken during the SOAR program hours, whether of limited or permanent duration, may self-administer their medication when the student is under the City's care, custody, or control.

The City, and its employees, will **NOT** administer medication, assist with the administration of medication, or monitor the self-administration of medication by the student. The City assumes **no responsibility** for the self-administration of medication by campers enrolled in the SOAR program.

Before medication may be self-administered by a student, this waiver must be executed by at least one parent/legal guardian.

All medication in the possession of a camper for self-medication must be in its original labeled form (i.e., in the original prescription bottle, sealed package, etc.) as received from the physician, pharmacist, or store.

A City of Galt Medication Waiver must be completed by the parent/guardian and must be on file prior to the medication being sent with the camper to the SOAR Program.

*This document may be updated, as needed, throughout the duration of the program.

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