

Standards of Care for Youth Recreation Programs Summary

Sec. 8.40.020. - Purpose

The purpose of the standards of care established in this chapter is to exempt City of Georgetown after-school and summer recreation programs from state licensing requirements. The standards of care set forth in this chapter are intended to be the minimum standards by which the Georgetown Parks and Recreation Department will operate its youth recreation programs which are recreational in nature and not designated as child care programs.

Sec. 8.40.030. - Participant and Camp Program Staff Ratios

- Ratio of 10/1 of participants to camp program staff for children 0-4 years old.
- Ratio of 15/1 of participants to camp program staff for children 5-9 years old.
- Ratio of 17/1 of participants to camp program staff for children 10-13 years old.
- Each participant should have a program employee who is responsible for him or her and who is aware of details of the participant's habits, interests, and any special problems as identified by the participants' parents during the registration process.

Sec. 8.40.040. - Minimum Camp Program Staff Qualifications

- Staff must be 16 years of age.
- At least 50% of staff will possess certification from nationally recognized body in CPR and First Aid.
- Camp program staff will complete a camp program staff orientation.

Sec. 8.40.050. - Employment Restrictions

- Criminal background checks will be conducted on prospective camp program staff.

Sec. 8.40.060. - Minimum Building Standards

- The facility and equipment used do not present any known fire, health, or safety hazard and are kept free of accumulation of objectionable debris.
- The facility is inspected yearly and is kept pest free.
- The facility shall maintain clearly marked emergency exits, and a disaster and evacuation procedure is posted in the facility.
- First Aid supplies and procedures are available at all locations and activities.
- The facility shall have a sufficient number of restrooms maintained in good repair and equipped for independent use by children and designed to permit staff supervision as needed.

Sec. 8.40.070. - Minimum health and Safety Standards

- A participant who is ill or injured will be supervised, away from other participants until they are released to a parent or other authorized person. Upon the participants full recovery then the participant can return to the facility.
- A staff member may not administer medication to a participant without a written parental medication authorization. Staff may not knowingly administer medication that is not in its original container or is past the expiration date on the container.
- A staff member may not administer an amount to medication that is inconsistent with the prescribed dosage and parental direction. A staff member shall return the unused medication to the parent on the last program day.
- Medication will be kept in a secured location that is not accessible by participants.
- There will be a maintained medication and first aid log.

The full Standards of Care Ordinance is available online at parks.georgetown.org/camp.

