



Life at Camp

General Arrival Schedule

We will provide more information about meeting you at the airport about a week before you arrive. The information below is just to give you an overview of the arrival process, so you know what to expect:

- We will greet you at the airport and transport you back to Camp Barney, which is about a 1.5-hour drive.
- Once you arrive at camp, we will provide you with a pillow, linens for your bed, towels, and a laundry bag. At your request, we can also provide a small supply of shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant and other items for your first day.
- We will give you a camp tour so you will start to get familiar with where all the important places at camp are, such as where to eat and access Wi-Fi.
- The day after you arrive, we will provide transportation to a store called Walmart. This store has EVERYTHING and you will be able to buy a sim card or a phone and get any other items you may need

Wi-Fi and What's App

We DO have Wi-Fi at camp. We suggest that you download any necessary apps or materials before arriving at camp so that you can stay connected and engaged with your fellow staff members and for ease when we are picking you up at the airport. One of the apps you will certainly need is What's App.

We will be creating a group chat for you to join within the coming weeks on What's App. The group will contain other new international staff members and will be hosted by some of our returning staff. This group will help you connect with others prior to camp and help make your transition to camp smoother

Walmart (General)

We want to make sure that you have everything you need to make your stay with us as comfortable as possible. There are some items that are easier for you to purchase once you get here rather than traveling with them from your home country. Any of these items can be purchased at Walmart the day after your arrival.

Thank you for choosing to spend your summer with us at camp. We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to an amazing summer together.



Some Things to Know About the USA

Location of Camp Barney:



Georgia, the state where Camp Barney is located, is highlighted in red.

Diversity: America is a melting pot of cultures, ethnicities, and races. The 21st century has seen a greater emphasis on embracing and celebrating diversity, including the recognition and promotion of minority voices and cultural practices. **At camp, we will have staff from all over the world. A majority of our campers are considered “white” or by US standards. We strive to be an inclusive camp and have everyone feel like family by the time summer ends.**

Tipping: The waitstaff, bartenders, cab drivers, hotel employees, and almost anyone in the service industry are tipped. The rule is to tip not less than 15% and although it's considered as voluntary, giving less than the accepted percentage or not leaving anything at all is generally looked down upon. This is one of what foreigners often rant about when in America (and the locals do that too anyway). **However, parents are not allowed to give tips to our staff.**

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The Non-Metric System: When going to the United States, visitors are welcomed with the words inches, miles, and the rest of the imperial measurements used widely in the country. It's confusing for those who're used to the metric system but people from Liberia and Myanmar will totally have no problems with it. Too bad we do not have anyone coming from either of those countries this year! Below is an easy conversion chart to start helping you get familiar:

IMPERIAL vs METRIC

Temperature

Celsius to Fahrenheit $(\text{Celsius} \times 1.8) + 32 = \text{Fahrenheit}$
Fahrenheit to Celsius $(\text{Fahrenheit} - 32) / 1.8 = \text{Celsius}$

-18°C	0°C	10°C	20°C	30°C	40°C
0°F	32°F	50°F	68°F	86°F	104°F

Weight

1 oz (ounce)	= 28.35 g (gram)
1 lb (pound)	= 0.45 kg (kilogram)
1 stone	= 6.35 kg

Volume

1 fl.oz (fluid ounce)	= 29.57 ml (millilitre)
1 cup	= 237 ml
1 pint	= 0.47 ℓ (litre)
1 quart	= 0.95 ℓ

Distance

1" (in, inch)	= 2.54 cm (centimetre)
1' (ft, foot)	= 30.48 cm
1 yard	= 0.9144 m (metre)
1 mile	= 1.61 km (kilometre)

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British: hey guys we developed a thing called the metric system
Americans:

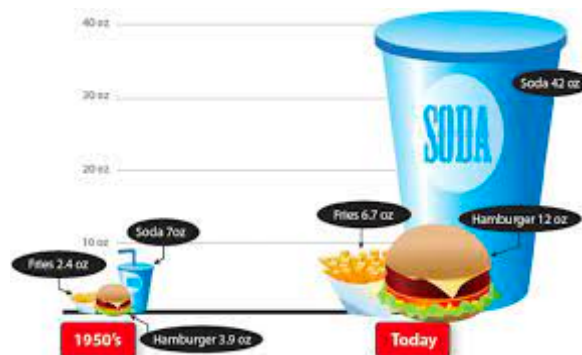


Adult deer are as tall as a bicycle.
They weigh as much as 800 hamburgers.

Yep, this is true!

Taxes Only Added at Checkout: International staff find it strange that they can't have any idea on how much they're about to pay until they get into the cashier and find out the sales tax is not included in the purchase price and will be added at checkout. The reason behind this is taxing can be different depending on the state you're located. Moreover, counties do even have their own sales tax percentage. The exclusion of sales tax also allows companies to advertise lower prices. This might take some time to adjust to if you are not from here.

Portion sizes: Americans are known for their large portion sizes, which can be surprising for visitors who are used to smaller portions. It's common for restaurants to serve meals that could easily feed two or three people. **At camp, we have buffet style eating, so you can determine your own portion size!**



Smoking age is 21 in Georgia, as is the **drinking age**. This may come as a surprise to some of you who come from countries where the drinking and smoking age is lower. If you are

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21 or older, **smoking tobacco is allowed at Camp Barney but ONLY in the back porch of the staff lounge. Alcohol is NOT allowed at camp.**

Tipping (Again): As mentioned earlier, tipping is a significant aspect of American culture. Visitors may be shocked to learn that tipping is expected in most service industries and not leaving a tip, or leaving less than the accepted percentage, is generally frowned upon.

U.S. TIPPING GUIDELINES	
 <p>BARTENDER \$1 to \$5 per round of drinks, depending on the number of drinks</p>	 <p>SKYCAP AT AIRPORT \$1 to \$3 per bag checked</p>
 <p>BELLHOPS \$1 to \$5 per bag, depending on the level of the hotel</p>	 <p>TAXI 15%-20%, but round up the fare to the next dollar amount</p>
 <p>HOTEL CONCIERGE \$5 or more, if he or she performs a service for you</p>	 <p>TOUR GUIDE 10% of the cost of the tour</p>
 <p>HOTEL DOORMAN \$1-\$2 if he helps you get a cab</p>	 <p>VALET PARKING ATTENDANT \$1-\$2, but only when you get your car</p>
 <p>HOTEL MAID \$1-\$3 a day (either daily or at the end of your stay, in cash)</p>	 <p>WAITER 15%-20%, with 20% being the norm at high-end restaurants</p>
 <p>HOTEL ROOM-SERVICE WAITER \$1 to \$2 per delivery, even if a service charge has been added</p>	 <p>RESTROOM ATTENDANTS \$1 or small change in more expensive restaurants</p>
 <p>PORTER AT AIRPORT OR TRAIN STATION \$1 per bag</p>	 <p>COAT-CHECK PERSONNEL \$1-\$2 per item checked unless there is a fee, then nothing.</p>