



SUMMER REGISTRATION FAQs:

WHY IS YOUR REGISTRATION TIME AT __ O'CLOCK?

We understand that every individual family has their own busy lives in relation to being available to sit down and register for Camp Rock. With this being said, no matter what registration time we choose, there will be, for lack of a better term, unhappy campers.

We survey our parents each year to find what the most convenient time frame is for registration, and we use that data to determine which registration time works best for the highest number of our families.

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST OPEN UP MORE SPOTS FOR EACH WEEK?

Camp Rock is an American Camp Association Accredited (ACA) camp. ACA accreditation means that your camp or program is fully invested in understanding and implementing policies that reflect industry recognized standards in the health, safety, and risk management of camp operations. With this being said, we have a multitude of standards we follow in order to keep our campers the most safe, including a high, ACA required, adult to camper ratio.

We cannot increase capacity without increasing staffing, increasing the number of busses needed to transport campers from Lincoln Street to Camp Rock, increasing our septic tank volume and increasing the available indoor space for campers when there is severe weather or an emergency. We also have to consider the safety of campers and members during pick-up and drop-off times at Lincoln Street, which is running their own high-capacity summer program. This is all in the realm of the highest levels of SAFETY for our staff and your campers.

Camp Rock is actively working to make changes to our current property that will allow us to increase the size of the program! Changes to capacity are potentially coming soon, just not quite in time for this upcoming summer.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS, HOW CAN CAMP FILL UP SO QUICKLY?

Camp Rock is so honored to be a top choice for summer programming for many Monroe County families, but with this comes a mad dash to register before sessions fill. Many parents will find that Camp Rock has filled before they can finish the registration process. This can be HIGHLY frustrating as a parent that is just trying to get your kiddo into summer camp, and we understand that.

HOWEVER...Camp Rock does not have control over how quickly sessions or spaces fill. It is a first come, first serve registration process.

CampWise is the best option for registration & program needs as well as for the compilation of the information we need in order to remain ACA accredited; we (and CampWise) do not have control over the site overloading on the night of registration.

Our best advice for registration day is to be patient, be kind, get added to a waitlist if necessary, and wait! Waitlists begin to move in the months between registration and the start of camp.

We spend all summer teaching our campers the importance of being caring to one another. Parents that are unkind, rude, or threatening to The Camp Director or Front Desk Staff over registration frustrations (or anything else, really) will NOT be tolerated.

Also note that the Lincoln Street Boys & Girls Club also has a summer program opening for registration on March 1 if you are in need of guaranteed summer care for your camper(s). This program is a great alternative to Camp Rock, and deposits can be moved from the Lincoln Street Summer Program to Camp Rock in the event that your camper(s) are removed from the waitlist.

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM WAITLISTED?

The Camp Director will contact you via email if changes are made to your camper's waitlist status! I get a LOT of emails asking if campers are still on the waitlist. If you have not heard from me, they are!

Feel free to email me (rdobias@bgcbloomington.org) with any questions about where your camper(s) are falling on that waitlist.

I cannot guarantee that any camper on the waitlist will make it onto the registered roster, no matter their place on the list.

If you are currently on a waitlist and have made alternative plans, please let me know so that I can remove your camper(s) from the waitlist for any sessions in which this applies. This will save me time in contacting families when/if spaces open up.

WHAT DO I DO IF ONE OF MY CAMPERS GOT IN, BUT MY OTHER(S) IS/ARE WAITLISTED?

Camp Rock prioritizes sibling groupings when it comes to waitlists. If one of your campers has made the roster for a specific session and another one of your campers is waitlisted, your waitlisted camper is moved to the top of the waitlist for their age group to give them the highest chance of being added to the registered roster for that session.

This does not guarantee that all of your campers will be registered for any specific session, but we do our best to make it happen!

WHY DO I NEED A CAMPWISE ACCOUNT AND A MEMBERSHIP ON MYCLUBHUB?

ALL campers MUST be registered as members at one of The Clubs within The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington (Ellettsville, Ferguson Crestmont, Lincoln Street or Owen County) and pay the \$20 membership fee in order to attend Camp Rock. Camp Rock IS part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington, and membership is required.

MyClubHub membership ensures that BGC has the important information we need on file such as camper allergies, camper needs, emergency contacts and who is authorized to pick up your camper at the end of the day. This is, once again, another layer of camper safety!

Your \$20 membership is worth so much more than a summer at Camp Rock--registering for membership allows your camper to attend The Club (transportation from school included) after school as little or as often as needed! Need after-school care every day? Come to The Club! Need after-school care only on Thursdays? Come to The Club! Need after school care on a random Wednesday for a few hours? The Club is there! PLUS The Club provide a TON of super-cool programs from cooking club, to basketball, to ceramics, to soccer, and SO MUCH MORE for no added cost. Members also get access to Break Day camps when school is out of session AND family/community engagement events.

Contact Rachel Dobias, Camp Rock Director at rdobias@bgcbloomington.org at any time!

