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DECAL is Ready to Help Georgia Families Find Safe, High-Quality Summer Camps

ATLANTA, GA (February 25, 2026) – Winter and its chilly temperatures may be around for several more weeks, but the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) is ready to help families find suitable summer camps right now.

DECAL has created several free resources that families can utilize to find safe, affordable, high-quality summer camp programs for their children. The specialists in the agency’s Quality Rated Family Support Call Center are prepared to answer questions, conduct searches, and assist with the camp enrollment process, the same way they help with other child care search needs. DECAL has also developed a Summer Camp Checklist with questions families should ask camp leaders that will help them decide which program is the best fit. Videos with information about DECAL’s Summer Camp search services are posted on **YouTube** and various social media platforms.

“Georgia families have numerous options when it comes to choosing a summer camp,” says DECAL Commissioner Amy M. Jacobs. “We want to help them find programs that not only are affordable, but also are operated by properly trained staff who will provide a safe, high-quality environment where children can learn important lessons and skills.”

DECAL Deputy Commissioner for Quality Innovations and Partnerships Bentley Ponder, PhD, encourages families to start their search early. “High-quality camps are sought-after,” he says. “Space also fills up quickly at programs that offer scholarships, sliding scale fees, and discounts for registering multiple children.”

The Family Support Call Center can be reached for summer camp and other child care search help at **1-877-ALL-GA-KIDS (1-877-255-4254), Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except state holidays**. Families can also email their search requests to findqrcare@decalfga.gov. To start searching on their own, families can use the Quality Rated Child Care Search Tool at www.qualityrated.org anytime, and request personalized follow-up help from a Call Center specialist. The Summer Camp Checklist is posted on the DECAL website [here](#) for easy downloading, screenshotting, and printing.

About Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

DECAL is responsible for meeting the child care and early education needs of Georgia’s children and their families. It administers the nationally recognized Georgia’s Pre-K Program, licenses child care centers and home-based child care, administers Georgia’s Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS) program, federal nutrition programs, and manages Quality Rated, Georgia’s community powered child care rating system. The Department also houses the Head Start State Collaboration Office, distributes federal funding to enhance the quality and availability of child care, and works collaboratively with Georgia child care resource and referral agencies and organizations throughout the state to enhance early care and education. For more information, go to www.decalfga.gov.