

Civil War Games: Frequently Asked Questions

What do you mean by war game?

By war game we don't mean mock battles or kids bashing each other with sticks. The afternoon game is a tabletop simulation from the 19th century that puts players in the place of generals engaged in decisive battles. That may sound complicated, but don't fear, the rules are about as difficult as Chess or Risk. However unlike many board games, this *war game* develops teamwork and creativity in addition to strategy. This is a real chance to grow historical knowledge, strategic thinking, and social skills.

What does a day at camp look like?

- ❖ Dropoff in the morning at Base Camp
- ❖ Short van trip to a local National Park battlefield
- ❖ Battlefield hike and ranger program
- ❖ Lunch on the battlefield, then return to Base Camp
- ❖ Tabletop war game
- ❖ Pickup in the late afternoon

Where is the camp drop-off and pick-up location?

All pick-up and drop-off will be at The Summit Academy's farm property located at **10507 Gordon Rd, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553**

Who are the facilitators/adult leaders?

Mr. Caleb Beck and Mr. Patrick Clark are leading the week-long sessions. Both are teachers at The Summit Academy and experienced in outdoor settings. Parents are, of course, welcome to join their campers for the morning hikes and afternoon war games!

What should campers bring?

- A day bag/backpack
- A reusable personal water bottle (stay hydrated!)
- Bag lunch to eat on the battlefield
- Personal sunscreen and bug spray
- Any personal medication

What should campers wear?

- Comfortable, outdoor clothes suitable for humid summer weather
- A hat for the sun
- Sturdy walking shoes for morning battlefield hikes
- Poncho or light raincoat in case of a summer shower

What will the Camp provide?

- Water and Gatorade
- Snacks (crackers, cheese, meat, fruit)
- Friday cookout fare (hot dogs, chips, dessert, drinks)

What should campers not bring?

- Personal electronic devices
- Headphones, AirPods, or smartwatches
- Junk food or soft drinks
- Knives, blades, matches, or lighters

What about communication?

Campers should leave phones secured in the van while on outings and at the base camp. Parents will have facilitator cell phone numbers in case of emergencies. Please let the facilitators know about any medical issues or other individual safety matters.

What about general safety?

The morning hikes are not grueling or difficult, but campers should make every effort to stay hydrated, as well as use sunscreen, bug spray, and good judgement while on the battlefields. Afternoon war games will be held at The Summit Academy's farm property under the supervision of Mr. Caleb Beck and Mr. Patrick Clark.

How is payment processed?

Payment in the form of cash or check should be delivered to The Summit Academy, and marked for Civil War Games. Checks should be made payable to "The Summit Academy."

Are there any discounts?

Yes! Summit Academy students who sign up for camp have a \$50 discount applied to each camper. Military, first responder, and law enforcement families also have a \$50 discount per camper.