

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO CAMP?

Be sure to pack enough clothing for seven days and six nights. You may be in and out of the pool - lake - gym - playing field - showers. It is suggested that you bring an extra swimsuit - extra towels (2-4) and extra socks and underwear. **PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING**

### CHECKLIST

- Pillow
- Sleeping bag or single sheets and a blanket. Cabins are air-conditioned. It may get cool at night.
- Towels - at least 2 (Many towels look alike so put your name on it.)
- Sports and play clothes for 6 active days.  
**No short-shorts, halter tops or short shirts. The belly must be covered. Shorts must be below your fingertips (standing straight). This applies to both boys and girls.**
- No tank-tops at meals or chapel please
- Dress outfit for Friday night (optional). Check the web for themes.
- Shoes - Sneakers (an old pair works great for exploring, etc), sandals or water socks, and dress shoes (optional)
- Insect repellent
- Flashlight
- Bible and notebook
- Pen, notepaper and stamps
- Swimsuits - two one-piece suits  
**Girls: Bikinis or 2-piece suits are not allowed unless covered with a dark shirt.**  
**Guys: Fingertip length required.**
- Toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, deodorant etc.
- All money should be deposited in your account for Snak Shak.

### MARK ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME

## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP?

- No Radios • No Audio/Video Players • No Electronic Devices
- **No Cell Phones** (must be stored in the office if brought to camp)
- No Firearms • No Fireworks • No Knives • No Slingshots
- No tobacco products
- No alcoholic beverages • No intoxicants • No drugs are allowed (Therapeutic medications must be checked in with the nurse/medic)
- No pets • No comics • No skateboards

Campers may be expelled for reason of misconduct with absolutely no refund. Possession of controlled substances is a reportable crime.

## CAN I CALL OR VISIT MY CAMPER AT CAMP HORIZON?

Visits during the week are not allowed. All staff must have background checks, etc. We cannot allow adults on the facilities without 1:1 supervision. This creates an unnecessary burden on the staff. If you and your camper are not ready for overnight camp, perhaps you should wait a year. Take the time to visit the camp and tour the facilities on Sunday.

Phone calls are discouraged. Phone calls to campers are known to cause homesickness. They disrupt the program and place a burden on the staff. Our homesickness protocol includes keeping them busy and not letting them call home for at least 24 hours after their request. If they repeatedly request to call home - we will allow them to call - but this usually ends their week of camp (without refund). If you are opposed to the 24-hour protocol - please notify us in writing attached to the camper application.

### Emergency Calls

If you call, you must provide us with some verbal identification (i.e. Driver's License number, some information you placed on the camper's application, etc). We will allow campers to speak only to their parents/guardians or an emergency contact by phone.

Your camper will be allowed to call home if they become ill or injured and need treatment beyond the role of the camp nurse.

**REGISTRATION: Sunday between 1:30 and 3:30 pm**

**PICK-UP: Saturday between 9:00 and 10:00 am**

**Spending Money:** There are spending limits for Junior and Youth campers for **snacks**. (Does not include other items) Junior campers may spend \$2.50 per day. Snak Shak is open once daily Monday – Friday (five times). Youth campers may spend \$2.50 twice daily. Snak Shak is open a total of ten times. **No limit for Varsity Campers.**

**Cell phones & electronic devices must be left in the office** and used only in the office under direct supervision. The discovery of unreported cell phones will result in camper discipline. Campers may call their parents ONLY. This rule is to protect your camper. Please instruct your child to comply, or to leave their phone home.

Should you be concerned about your camper, please call the Director with any questions you may have. Mom-sickness is common. We don't mind you calling us to check on your camper.

## CAMPER MAIL

*Mail Call* is Monday-Friday at lunch or supper. You may consider sending your first letter on the Thursday before camp so they will have a letter on Monday. They sing (with a group) for 3 USPS letters or 1 package. Emails don't count for singing. Packages and letters may be left in the office on Registration Day for delivery on a specific day (saves postage and guarantees delivery is on time). **Please limit to ONE package / week.**

## LOST AND FOUND

We keep lost and found items for about 30 days after the final week of camp. We will mail properly identified items on receipt of postage costs. Please label all personal items with your camper's FULL NAME. A written inventory helps when they pack up!

## CAMPER MESSAGES

We are beta-testing the new PARENT COMMUNICATOR. Details will be sent to parents before the first day of camp.

**Campers do not have Internet or Email access to write home.**

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Our counselors, cooks, craft instructors, and support staff are volunteers who are recommended by the leaders of their local church.

We have chapel both morning and evening each full day of the camp. The speakers are selected to meet the needs of the age group of the campers.

Each cabin has group devotions and prayer time. At the older camps there is time for individual devotions as well.

Bible memory is a part of the competition. The campers are encouraged to memorize at least one verse from God's Word each day.

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## STRUCTURE AND DISCIPLINE

Part of the camp experience is to provide an atmosphere of structure and discipline that promotes safety, fun, and spiritual development.

- The application you have signed indicates that you have read the camper agreement. Parents, make sure that you discuss this with your child and they understand their responsibilities.
- Campers are expected to attend every meal, chapel, and activity. They are expected to participate in team events and competition.
- Campers are encouraged to learn at least one Bible verse per day (this is part of the team competition).
- Campers are expected to help clean their cabin and common bathrooms. They are accountable to their cabin counselors.

The disciplinary measures available to us are very limited. We can replace fun activities with service projects (work: cleaning, gardening, etc). We can limit spending at the Snak Shak. We can place a camper in supervised "time-out." We can relocate the camper to another cabin. But if the camper does not respond to reasonable disciplinary measures, they will be sent home (without any refund).

We try our best to meet the special needs of our campers. If your child has a history of behavioral problems we ask that you indicate to us what measures work best in dealing with them. We have zero tolerance for violent or abusive behaviors. We want both your child and their cabin mates to have a wonderful time at camp!

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