



WINTER WEEKENDS

Helper Information Sheet

(to be read before arrival)

We are very glad to have you join us. Have a good time and enjoy the fun. Even though you are not a cabin leader, you are still an adult authority figure to the children and we ask that you follow the rules established for the weekend and set a good example. The only paperwork necessary for you in addition to the registration form is the Affidavit of Good Moral Character. We require all adults to complete this and submit it with their registration.

REGISTRATION: Registration begins at 8:00 pm. Friday night. Staff will not be available to serve you before that time. If you must arrive early you are welcome to tour the campsite. Try to arrive as soon after 8:00 pm as possible. Call 813-293-2267 if you will arrive after 10 pm.

CAMP TERMINOLOGY:

DIVISION - Voyagers grades 1-2 Challengers grades 7-9
 Pathfinders grades 3-4 Explorers grades 10-12
 Trailblazers grades 5-6

DD – Division Director – person responsible for a specific age group

CAMP NAMES: nicknames used by camp staff

DUTIES OF HELPERS

You have only a few responsibilities this weekend. These are:

1. to be responsible to your cabin leader, helping him/her enforce camp rules as explained to campers. Contact the Division Director (DD) if you need assistance.
2. to participate with your campers in ALL parts of the schedule, helping as needed
3. to sit with your campers at meals, campfires, etc.
4. to make sure that any medications you bring for yourself or your child are either kept locked in your car or given to the nurse in the dining hall Friday night.
5. to be alert for campers' physical needs
6. to refrain from smoking in any place where campers might observe
7. to lock your money in a safe place
8. to limit cell phone use to times when campers are not present.

You are invited to attend the staff Bible study each morning in the craft building. There is "coffee and..." each morning in the dining hall. Do bring a Bible and a pen or pencil.

CHILD PROTECTION

Be aware that being in a position of trust with children can put you in situations which could later be interpreted incorrectly as abusive. Protect yourself by observing the following:

1. Discipline only when your emotions are under control.
2. Avoid seclusion with a single camper, for any reason.
3. Respect a child's refusal of affection. Take care not to make the camper feel uncomfortable.
4. Avoid actions that might be misinterpreted.
5. Do not linger or allow others to linger in cabins or bathrooms when someone is dressing.
6. Whenever possible, have two adults present when there is changing of clothes, etc.
7. Be friendly but not familiar.
8. Be alert to attempts at familiarity from campers - either to you or others.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

1. In case of an emergency, you will hear a continuously sounding bell, whistle, air horn or car horn. Catch up at the dining hall.
2. All vehicles should be parked so that they will not have to be backed out in an evacuation.

PHONE NUMBERS:

1. Registrar: 813-293-2267
2. Emergency: 352-263-1551 (Camp Director)
3. Central Camp: 352-669-5600 – leave a message

RULES FOR HAPPY, SAFE CAMPING:

1. Speak and act kindly.
2. Respect each other's person and property.
3. Leave the whole campsite cleaner and nicer than we found it.
4. Do not pick any flowers. Do not harm trees in any way.
5. Wear only closed-toe/closed heel shoes. NO bare feet outside the buildings.
6. Electronic devices, knives, and gum are not allowed in camp. Food is not allowed in the cabins.
7. Clothing should be conservative and non-offensive. Any message on a shirt must be positive and appropriate.
8. Access to the lake and dock is limited to scheduled activity periods only. Please keep campers away from the lake at all other times.
9. Campers must never leave the central camp area without an adult.

REMEMBER TO BRING:

- _____ sweatshirts AND a very warm jacket
- _____ shirts/t-shirts
- _____ long pants/shorts?
- _____ something to sleep in/robe
- _____ underclothes/extra socks
- _____ closed-toe/closed-heel shoes-2 pair
- _____ two extra changes of clothing in case of rain, messy activities, etc.
- _____ sleeping bag (30-40°) or blankets/sheets (Cabins are not heated or insulated.)
- _____ an extra blanket or two for yourself
- _____ pillow and pillowcase
- _____ soap, washcloth, towel
- _____ insect repellent
- _____ flashlight
- _____ rain gear
- _____ water sipper to carry around
- _____ toilet articles: comb, toothbrush and paste, in a bag or other container
- _____ plastic bag for wet laundry
- _____ something waterproof to sit on
- _____ river shoes (water shoes or closed-toe tie shoes that can be wet) required for canoeing
- _____ swimsuit

- _____ Bible
- _____ paper, pen and/or pencil
- _____ alarm clock
- _____ rest hour helps such as paper, books, coloring books
- _____ prescription medications
- _____ any forms and fees not sent

OPTIONAL:

- _____ money for Tuck Shop – the camp store
 - \$3 - \$4 for soda and candy
 - \$12 - \$15 for a camp T-shirt
 - \$2 -\$6 various other items
- _____ a plastic cup/coffee mug
- _____ ear plugs, either to use or give away
- _____ one or two blankets to share
- _____ folding table
- _____ camera and film
- _____ shower shoes
- _____ bath mat/floor mat for bedside
- _____ fanny pack
- _____ hat or visor

DON'T BRING

gum, food, open-toed/open-heeled shoes, pets, knives, radios, CD players, electronic games, etc.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING – “layering” is the best way to stay warm. Pack several layers of light clothing to wear under a coat or sweatshirt. Have a couple layers for your legs as well. **CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST.** We will be outside much of the time.

NOTE – vending machines are not available

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