



Summer Camp Reunion Camper Handbook

September 27, 2017

Dear Friends,

We are super excited about the Summer Camp Reunion. We look forward to spending time with your child as we create memories and experiences that will last a life time.

During our time together, campers will build and strengthen relationships while discovering what it means to be a part of God's family. They will also have an opportunity to play games, participate in Bible study and so much more.

We hope this Camper Handbook is helpful. It holds a lot of pertinent information regarding camp.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We are looking forward to your arrival on Friday, November 10!

Grace and peace,

Kelly Boone

Program Director
Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center

Arrival/Departure Procedures and Schedule

Arrival: On Friday, campers are to arrive between **5:30 pm and 6:30 pm**. As you enter camp, please go to the **Retreat Center** for registration. (The Retreat Center is straight up the hill, the last building on the left.) Be sure to bring the completed health form, a copy of the front and back of your insurance card, the balance due, and all medications. All camper medications **MUST** be logged in with the camp staff in order for us to administer medications.

During registration, you will also be required to sign in your camper. Because your child's safety is of utmost importance to us, you will be issued two security cards that **MUST** be presented to your child's counselor upon departure.

Our staff will be available to help you move luggage to your camper's cabin. We strongly encourage families to help their camper "settle in," but also ask that you use discretion in this process if an extended "good-bye" might trigger early on-set of homesickness.

Departure: On Sunday, campers will enjoy morning worship and camp activities. Campers will depart at 4:00 pm. Families are invited to join us for a closing program beginning at 3:30 pm. At the conclusion of the closing program, campers will return to their cabins while their parents meet with Program Director Kelly Boone. Parents will then meet their campers at their cabin and present their counselor with their child's security card.

Packing for Camp

Packing for camp can be challenging! Therefore, we have put together the following suggestions and checklist to help make sure campers have the clothing and other items needed when at camp.

- All camp participants must wear appropriate clothing that reflects the core values of a Christ-centered community. Please take time to reflect with your camper on modest dress and involve them in selecting clothes to be packed. Participants wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into appropriate clothing.
- Pack **with** you camper. This will ensure they know what to pack!
- We suggest sending older clothing that can get dirty.
- Please label ALL camper's clothing, sleeping bags and other personal items. This helps in identifying lost clothing and other items. We cannot be responsible for lost clothing and other items, but we do like to return them! Lost and Found items are kept for about three months before being donated.
- **Shoes:** It is camp's policy that all participants and staff wear appropriate shoes for the activities and terrain at camp. Appropriate shoes for most camp activities are shoes that offer good support.
- **Bedding:** Campers will be staying in heated cabins containing bunk beds with a single mattress. Please pack a pillow, a sleeping bag or sheets and blankets.
- **Toiletries and Towels:** Please pack all necessary toiletries (deodorant, soap, toothbrush, etc.) wash clothes and towels.
- **Medications:** Please pack all medications, prescriptions and over-the-counter, in a zip-loc bag with you camper's name on it. These will need to be "checked-in" during registration. All medications should be in their original packaging.

Please do not pack the following items: Food, knives, family pet, tobacco, illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms, family heirlooms, valuables, or large amounts of money. If you have questions about the suitability of items for camp, please call. "When in doubt, leave it out."

Suggested Packing Checklist

General Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pen or pencil | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with extra batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels/ Washcloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible (Please write camper's name in it) | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Bag (old pillow case or clear can liner) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications (Bring to registration in original containers and in zip-loc bag) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument: guitar, drum, flute, etc. | |

Clothing

- Sweaters and long sleeve shirts
- Pajamas
- Long Pants/Jeans
- Jacket or Sweatshirt
- Rain Coat/ Poncho
- Socks
- Undergarments
- Shoes

Bedding

- Single Bed Sheets or Sleeping Bag
- Blankets
- Pillow

General Information

Birthdays

Birthdays are special occasions at camp! Please alert the Program Director and Staff if your camper will celebrate their birthday during their camp session. Typically our Food Service will provide a sheet cake or other appropriate dessert at dinner on the night of your camper's birthday to be shared with the entire camp. If you would like to provide a special cake or other items, please contact the Program Director to make arrangements.

Camp Behavior

Campers are expected to behave in a socially acceptable manner while at camp. Disruptive or dangerous behavior that continues to occur after appropriate disciplinary intervention will not be tolerated. The Program Director in consultation with the Facilities Director may send disruptive campers home. Please review this information with your camper so camp is an enjoyable experience for everyone present.

Camp Phone Calls

Generally, campers will NOT be able to make or receive phone calls. If there is a problem, the Program Director will contact you. In the event of an emergency please call the camp office (843) 479-3051. Be prepared to leave a message for the staff and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Things to Know: Policies, Procedures and Generally Accepted Camp Practices!

Food – Please do not send food, candy or gum to camp: Due to food allergies and other dietary restrictions, we prefer that all food be provided by our dining serves. Meals at camp are nutritionally balanced and prepared by qualified, experienced staff. Dessert is served daily, and snacks are provided to each camper. Food in cabins attracts mice and other (larger) wildlife.

Health and Safety: The health, safety and well being of our campers are the highest priorities of Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center. CPR and First Aid trained staff members supervise all activities.

Special Medical Considerations and Allergies: Please communicate with the Program Director and counselors about any special medical considerations, including allergies. These special medical considerations must also be noted on the health form and communicated during registration in order for us to provide the best care for your child.

Dietary restrictions (allergies, etc.) should be noted on the health form and discussed with the Program Director.

Insurance: Please provide a copy of **both sides** of your insurance card at registration. In case of an accident or illness, it is essential that we provide the hospital or treatment facility with a copy of BOTH SIDES of your insurance card.

The Presbytery of New Harmony only provides secondary accident/illness insurance for all campers while they are at camp. This secondary insurance is intended to cover deductible amounts or other charges when used with primary insurance provided by family, church or other sources. For questions or more information, please contact the Program Director.

Lost & Found: Please label your camper's medicines, clothing and other personal belongings. If something is lost during the camp week, please notify us immediately! We will attempt to locate items left behind but cannot guarantee retrieval or replacement of lost personal belongings. Lost items found at camp will be kept at camp for about three months. If it is necessary to return lost items by mail, we will ask to be reimbursed for postage.

Our Staff: The camp staff is comprised of young adults generally from 18-25 years of age. These young adults are committed Christians with love for camping and ministry with children. All staff members are thoroughly screened, including an application and interview process, a criminal background check, and reference checks. Staff members are oriented to their work through a rigorous training period that includes child developmental theory, Christian education theory, First Aid/CPR certification or review, safety risk management, basic counseling skills, and worship leadership, among many other topics. Staff and members employed by Camp Pee Dee Retreat Center on a year-round basis are also present during the summer program.

Roommates/Cabin Mates: It is recognized that campers may wish to share a room or be in the same cabin with a specific friend while at camp. We also recognize and affirm an important part of the camp experience is making new friends and developing community within the group of campers each week. When campers request cabin mates, we are usually able to honor requests, but sometimes we must make decisions based on available housing, program, age and other factors. We do not guarantee placement when multiple roommates have been requested or when campers from one church or area request a “chain” of roommates. Siblings are generally placed in separate cabins so both can grow and share on their own.