

## **Summer Camp Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What do we pack for camp?**

*Campers should bring a sleeping bag or bed linens for a twin-size bed, pillow, towels, wash cloths, toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.), comfortable clothing, closed-toed shoes (two pair are best for when one gets wet), swim wear (girls' suits must be one-piece), swim towel, sunscreen, insect repellent, flashlight, and any medications taken on a regular basis (which will be left with the Camp Nurse). Campers are encouraged to bring a Bible for daily devotion times. They may also bring writing material (paper, pens, envelopes) for writing letters, or a comfort toy/stuffed animal.*

### **What kinds of things do campers do at camp?**

*Campers are provided a safe and caring environment to enjoy a variety of activities, such as devotionals, hiking, archery, field games, swimming, canoeing, zip lining, singing, crafts, cook-out, team-building, High Ropes for older campers, a talent show, gathering food from the garden for the Dining Hall, three meals a day, daily snack and mail time at the Snack Shack, and fellowship with other campers. All camp staff undergo background checks, from counselors to kitchen staff. Campers are closely attended by highly-trained and qualified college-aged counselors, many of whom are returning counselors; and all are CPR/first-aid trained. Each cabin houses 7 campers and one counselor.*

### **What about Day Camp?**

*Day Campers are involved in the same activities as week-long campers, except they are dropped off each morning at 8:30 and picked up each afternoon at 4:30, and are not able to participate in Cook-Out or the Talent Show (nighttime activities). Day Campers eat lunch at camp. They will need to bring a backpack or bag with swimwear, a towel, sunscreen, insect spray, and a spare pair of closed-toed shoes.*

### **How many cabin mates can my child have?**

*Campers may request two cabin mates, and those listed must also make a request for your camper. We do not make exceptions for this rule of three as a limit for cabin-mates.*

### **I have more than one child at camp – will they see each other? Can they be cabin mates?**

*Campers will likely see their siblings if they are in the same age group (Elementary: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade; Jr High: 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade; Sr High: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. It's up to you if you want them to be cabin-mates, and it's allowed but only if they are no more than one grade different in age.*

### **Can I pay the balance when I bring my child to camp?**

*The check-in process is faster if the balance is paid and you can get your camper to his/her cabin sooner.*

**How much snack money does my child need?**

*\$10 a week is enough for a camper's snacks. They go to the Snack Shack once a day, Tuesday-Friday, where most food items cost \$1 each, and they are allowed only 2 food/drink items per day. The Snack Shack also sells water bottles and frisbees for \$10 each, so if you expect your camper to want to purchase either, you should submit more funds to the online account.*

**What is the cancellation policy?**

*The \$100 deposit is non-refundable. Any fees paid more the \$100 deposit can be refunded to you through Active if you must cancel. If you have other children registered, fees can be transferred to that camper.*

**What's the transfer policy?**

*Transferring a camper from one session to another can be done easily if there is an opening in the requested session. If the session you want is full, you may add your camper to a Wait List (at no charge); if that session has openings we will contact you to get your approval to transfer. There is no fee for transfer, unless the camp being transferred into happens to be an Adventure Camp or Outpost session, which costs slightly more.*

**What forms do I need to bring when I drop off my camper?**

*Forms required at drop-off are the waivers for Adventure Camp sessions (such as rock-climbing or white- water rafting). All other forms (health and release) are completed online. The only exceptions to this are forms for Camp Rainbow or the informational forms for a Stephens Session camper.*

**When and where can my camper get a camp t-shirt?**

*The camp gift shop, Quay's Place, sells t-shirts, hats, water bottles, cups, postcards, bracelets, small size personal toiletries, and much more. Quay's Place is open on check-in days and on Saturdays at camper pick-up.*

**Can I pick up my child early?**

*Our policy is no early pick-ups, except in the case of a medical or family emergency. We ask that you change the session to another week if you know ahead of time that there is a conflict.*

**What if my child gets sick?**

*The camp has a full-time health care worker on the grounds at all times, and we have local physicians on call. In the case that your camper has an illness that requires medical attention, we will take him/her to a medical clinic or ER. Someone from the camp staff will call if your camper has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, if the camper has a health injury that attention from a doctor or nurse practitioner, if the camper has a GI upset that includes vomiting or diarrhea for more than 8 hours, or if the camper has a severe case of poison ivy/oak that requires medical attention beyond the scope of our camp health provider. The Infirmary stocks*

*over-the-counter medications, such as Tylenol, Benadryl, medications for sunburn, upset stomachs, etc.*

**How can I see pictures of my child?**

*Photos of campers are posted daily on Bunk1. You will receive information about Bunk1 when you take your camper to his/her cabin. You also will be able to send emails to your camper through Bunk1; each day we print the emails and put in the mailboxes for campers.*

**Can my camper get mail?**

*Campers may receive mail through the postal service (mail ahead of time if you can) or you may leave letters/cards for us to dole out during the week. Campers also can get emails (printed) through Bunk1.*

**How are “Outpost” sessions different?**

*All campers participate in cookouts in the woods on Wednesday nights, when they prepare their evening meal over an open fire. Campers who are registered for Outpost sessions spend the night as well at an Outpost Camp, where hammocks are strung under a roofed pavilion. They also prepare their own breakfast outdoors the next morning before heading back to the main camp.*

**What time is drop off and pick up for camp?**

*Check-in for most sessions is 2 pm on Mondays, with pick-up on Saturday at 10 am. Variations in these times are for Mini-Camp sessions that begin on Mondays (same check-in time as other sessions), with pick-up time on Wednesdays at 4 pm. Mini-camp sessions that begin on Thursdays have check-in at 9 am, with pick-up on Saturday at 10 am. Day Camp check-in is Monday at 8 am, with daily drop-off at 8:30 after that, and pick-up at 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. LIT campers check in on Mondays at 2 pm; pick-up on Fridays at 11.*

**Other questions?** Email [sally@camplakestephens.com](mailto:sally@camplakestephens.com) or give us a call at 662-234-3350!