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CAMP KIRKWOOD

Overnight Camp Parent Packet



YMCA Camp Kirkwood

2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd.
Watha, NC 28478

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GREETINGS FROM CAMP KIRKWOOD!!!

We are so excited you will be joining us for another fantastic summer! In this packet you will discover important information as well as the answers to your questions. Please be sure to read through all of the material and fill out all required paperwork. If you still have questions regarding our programs, feel free to contact me directly.

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OUR MISSION

Helping people reach their God-given potential in spirit, mind, and body.

POLICIES

We want every camper to have a positive experience while at Camp Kirkwood. To create this environment we expect our campers to follow our 4 rules of camp:

1. Respect Yourself
2. Respect Others
3. Respect Camp Kirkwood
4. Have Fun!

Campers not adhering to camp behavior expectations and rules will be handled on an individual basis. Camp Kirkwood will not tolerate bullying of any kind. Severe or frequent behavior violations can result in a camper being sent home from the program at the discretion of the director. No refunds will be given due to the behavior situations. We work hard for all campers to have a great week. Talk to your camper about helping us achieve this goal. Let them know to ask for help and support while at camp.

CHECKLIST FOR CAMP

We are looking forward to a great week. Below is the checklist of steps we ask for you to complete. These can be done on our registration website or with paper forms.

- Registration complete for session
- Balance paid in full
- Complete Health Forms (campers with medications must have all Health Forms signed by a physician)
- Look over packing list (what to bring and not bring, label all items)
- Go over behavior expectation with camper.

CONTACT INFO

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CHECK-IN | SUNDAY AT 3:00PM

Our Sunday check-in begins at 3:00pm. The gate will open at 3:00 pm to begin the check in process. Please try not to arrive before 3 as our staff will be busy preparing camp for your arrival. All families will be greeted at the front gate and given a map of camp and their cabin information. If all the paperwork and payment has already been taken care of you will receive a Fast Pass and may go straight to your assigned cabin to move in and meet your counselors. Any campers who are missing paperwork or still need to pay will receive their cabin assignments after checking into the dining hall. There will be staff available to provide any new parents with a guided tour of the facilities while answering any and all questions. All paperwork and payments are due before your child's week of camp.

CHECK-OUT | FRIDAY AT 4:00PM

Our Friday check-out begins at 4:00 pm. If you are going to arrive earlier, please contact Luke Dooley to make arrangements. Campers will be in their cabins ready to share their stories of the week. You must stop by the office to pick up medication. There will be a picnic dinner from 4:00-5:00 pm for all campers and families followed by a brief closing ceremony. Be sure to let us know how many people will be attending the picnic dinner to ensure we have enough food prepared. We will hold onto all lost and found till September 1st. Afterwards, anything left at camp will be donated to a local charity.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook for updates throughout the week. Campers love to hear from you and receive mail. We offer many options for you to keep in touch. You can drop off letters for your camper on Sunday and we will hand deliver mail each day to the campers during meal times. It is also a great idea to send pre-addressed and stamped envelopes for your camper to send you letters from camp:

Camper Name and Cabin
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Emails

You can also email Luke Dooley directly with letters to campers. Make sure to include the camper's full name in the subject line. We will print off the emails and deliver them with letters.

Photos

While your camper is enjoying all the Kirkwood activities, we will be taking as many photos as we can to try and capture these memorable moments. You will be given a password and a link to view the photos each day as we upload them. We do our best to capture every camper on every day. If there are not photos of your camper, please do not hesitate to let us know. Our goal is to have the photos uploaded by 10:00 pm every day. There are days when it may take longer. We apologize in advance for any delays with photos. It probably means we are having so much fun we couldn't pull ourselves away from the activities!

Packages

We ask you do not send food in packages. In order to provide a food allergy safe environment, as well as bug free cabins, we would like to keep food out of the cabins. You may send your camper anything else from glow sticks to basketball hoops!



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CABIN ASSIGNMENT

Cabin assignments are available upon arrival at camp when you receive your Fast Pass or when you complete the paperwork in the Dining Hall. Cabin mate requests are welcome at camp and are a part of the online registration process. Feel free to call or email to confirm cabin requests. All cabin requests must be mutual and age appropriate. We prefer to keep campers in groups based upon school grade and age. For cabin requests where campers are not the same age, the older camper will move down to the younger cabin. Campers not in cabins together will still have opportunities to see each other throughout the day. If upon arrival a mistake was made please come by the office table and we can work with your camper to set them up for success.

ELECTRONICS & CELL PHONES

Camp is most meaningful when campers are focused on developing relationships rather than looking at electronic devices. Thus, we ask all campers leave electronics at home. Camp will confiscate any cell phones or other electronic devices and return them at the end of the week. Camp is not responsible for any devices. Please do not send your camper with a cell phone. If you need to speak with your camper directly, you can contact camp anytime. Our goal is to give campers a week of cell phone free distraction. Help us achieve this goal and prove to your campers they can survive without their phones!

FAST PASS

Our goal is for a smooth check in on Sunday. If you have completed your registration, payment, and medical forms and are not checking in any medications, you will receive a Fast Pass at the welcome gate. This will let you know your cabins and you can head straight there. You can come by the dining hall to check in medications or to drop off letters and packages. All counselors will be waiting in the cabins for the campers to arrive. Feel free to help your camper move in, get comfortable, and meet our staff.

FORMS/MEDICATIONS

All campers must complete a medical form. Medical forms will be emailed to parents and also available the day of check in. Medications sent to camp must be clearly marked in an original container, with the camper's name, doctor's name, and exact dosage and instructions. All medications will be kept and handled by the nurse during the duration of the campers stay. Medication must come in the original container. Unmarked medication will not be dispensed. Please make sure you have provided enough medication for the stay of camp. Medications are not permitted in the cabin. All information is held in the strictest confidence.

PACKING LIST

Our packing list is available on our website. When packing for your time at camp we recommend marking all of your camper's clothes. Please do not send new cloths to camp since we will be outside all day and items get dirty. Before leaving camp on Friday, be sure to stop by the dining hall to check our lost and found for any missing items. We hold items till September 1st.

MEALS

Meal times are crucial moments in our day. At Camp Kirkwood we eat "family style" and provide a tray of food for each table. The food is passed around the table encouraging conversation and relationship building. The food platters are refillable for seconds through the meal. We work to accommodate food allergies and needs. Please contact camp and speak with our Food Service Director to talk though your campers needs.

HOLDOVER WEEKENDS

If your camper has signed up for the Holdover option, please be aware they will take an off camp trip on Saturday afternoon. Trips will be supervised by our staff and all meals and activity costs will be provided by Camp Kirkwood. While the camper is off camp, our staff will do a laundry run for campers who are staying the following week to ensure their clothes are clean and ready for the next week.

CAMP STORE

There is a camp store located in our Dining Hall. Campers are allowed to purchase items provided parents have informed camp of their desire to do so.

