

# Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp

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## Dear Discoverer Parents and Campers,

We've received your registration for Wilderness Camp 2008! This is our second Discoverer Parent/Child camp and we are looking forward to having you join us as we begin this adventure. Look forward to sleeping in platform tents, cooking breakfast over the fire, experiencing an active program, and making some memories with your child.

While our counseling staff will not sleep in the same tent as adults and campers, a counselor will be assigned to each tent group as a host and facilitator allowing you & your camper to spend quality time together. Hosts will be prepare breakfast over the fire, provide breaks for parents, and be a special friend to campers. They will also help guide you through the day's activities. Each day you can look forward to enjoying activities together like kayaks, waterslide, swimming and the end of week carnival. While the program is geared towards the children there will be plenty of things you as a parent can jump right into.

Our theme this summer is "**Live Light!**" and we want to help you and your camper to discover some great spiritual lessons together! Special daily times will be set aside also for adult/camper interaction with creative activities and discussion topics.

There is also a Parent Information Sheet with some important information for you as parents and a Health & Safety Form which needs to be filled out and sent in at least 3 weeks prior to camp. We can't fully register you at camp without it, so make sure it is sent in ahead of time. *If you ride the bus bring your money & Health Form (if not sent in) and medications to the Bus Registration.*

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SPECIAL MINI-WEEK

- Parking will be tight and cars will be parked in and not be available for use until dismissal. If you can carpool, or be dropped off and picked up that would be a great help! We will also run a bus for those living north of Philadelphia, from both Franconia Mennonite Church and William Penn Highway. If you have special dismissal needs please let our staff know prior to parking.
- While younger campers should complete the General Camper Health and Safety Form, parents will find a unique form on the web for them. Parents please complete the health form entitled, "Parent Health & Safety Form" for you. Again the health form and final payments should be mailed at least three weeks prior to the beginning of your adventure.
- While parents are given the option to handle their personal medication needs, we ask that parents allow the camp nurse to disperse medications for the children at camp. This will help us provide better and more consistent service to your child.
- Spruce Lake will provide one small combination lock box for each tent for parents to share. Keys, medications, and cell phones cannot be accessible by campers under any circumstances and should be stored securely in the lock box provided.
- While you as the parent will not be doing everything the camper does. We want to see parents fully present and engaged in their camper's experience whether singing, participating, or encouraging.
- Having parents/adults present during a camp week is atypical for our staff. They are excited for the opportunity and will be fully present but will absolutely need the parental support in guiding the group and leading activities. Please commit to be supportive to our staff.

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- Our counselors or hosts will not take on parental behavior with regard to daily needs such as putting campers to bed, dealing with behavioral and emotional issues, and getting children ready for the day. Our staff will gladly support you as an adult in performing these roles.

## WHAT TO BRING: *In addition to your 2-3 normal changes of clothes, please bring:*

Pillow & Sleeping Bag	Unbreakable plate, bowl & cup	Bath Towel
Small Back-pack	Silverware & <b>Water Bottle</b>	Bible (if you have one)
Flashlight and Batteries	Spending money in cash(\$15-\$30)	Sun & bug protection
Sturdy shoes or Sneakers	Rainwear, jacket & warm clothing	Swimming towel
Old sneakers	Toiletries (toothbrush in a case)	Swimsuit (one piece)

\* **Please label** all personal items so that things lost may be returned to you.

**CLOTHING MODESTY:** *We encourage staff and campers to wear clothing of a modest standard described below. **Please carefully look through your clothes to honor this request.***

- Swimsuits should be modest and one piece or a Tankini-only if the fabric overlaps and does not show ANY skin (no Bikinis).
- Shorts and shirts should be suitable for recreation, and not form fitting or overly short. Form fitting shirts, and those that reveal stomach when arms are raised are not appropriate.
- Some Tank Tops are appropriate for camp but many are not. They must pass all expectations for shirts and not have thin straps or expose the back.
- Clothing with wording or images contrary to the Christian principles of the camp is not appropriate.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING: **Please do not bring any of the following items:**

Gaming electronics, listening devices, or viewing devices	
Dangle or hoop ear-rings	Snack foods / Candy
Non-prescription Meds	Pocket – knives
Cigarettes /Tobacco	Drug /Alcohol products
Personal sports equipment	Animals or Pets

\*Cell phones/ Beepers brought by parents should not be carried but stored during your stay.

Thanks for being a part of our Parent Child Discovery camp. We are looking forward to seeing you at the foot of Spruce Mountain!

Sincerely,

Kent Kauffman  
Wilderness Camp Director

### This arrival/departure schedule for the Parent/Child Adventure Camp.

#### Camp Arrival & Pickup

Sunday	Registration line opens	3:00 pm
Tuesday	Dismissal	6:30 pm

#### Transportation Schedule

Sunday	*Depart Franconia	2:00 pm
	Depart William Penn Hwy	3:00 pm
Tuesday	Arrive Franconia	8:45 pm
	Arrive William Penn Hwy	7:45 pm

\*please arrive at least 15-20 minutes early