



Pointing People Toward Christ

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Dear Parent,

Thank you for trusting **Spruce Lake Day Camp** for your child's day camp experience! We are excited to provide a great experience for your son/daughter this summer. We are looking forward to helping children develop good character and recognize their importance in the family, community and world from a biblical perspective!

The following pages contain information for you, the parent, about your son/daughter's day camp experience. We hope to answer common questions and be open about our policies and procedures. Please don't hesitate to call or e-mail with questions.

Thanks again!

Brian Espenshade
Day Camp Director

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

If you have an emergency and cannot get through to Day Camp on the phone, call the Retreat Center 570-595-7505 x1 or 800-822-7505 x1 and ask if they will be able to contact Day Camp by radio.

Please rest assured that in the event of a communications breakdown such as a power outage, regional crisis, or national incident we are doing everything in our power to care for your child.

HEALTH CARE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Camper Health Form – This is a significant form that we need to help ensure your son/daughter's well-being during their time at camp. The *Health Form* includes emergency contact information and health related information.

Health and Safety policy- *A completed health form and a parent agreement is required for your child to participate fully in camp.* The health form provides us with information required to care for your child and the parent agreement gives them permission to participate; both must be signed and fully completed.

- **If it is not completed online: Please bring the Camper Health Form with you on the first day of camp.**
- You may attach a copy of your child's immunization records and of both sides of your insurance card.
- You are responsible to provide health and safety updates after the form has been handed in. Updates include changes in your child's health, emergency contact information, adults permitted to pick up your child, and any other information that would help us in caring for your child.

Health Care at Camp- Day Camp staff members are trained in CPR and First Aid. A certified life guard will be present during any swim time. In addition, 911, hospital, and clinic services are available as needed with an approximate 20-minute response time.

Medications at Camp- Please contact the Day Camp Manager or the Day Camp Nurse regarding questions or concerns about medications.

Accident Insurance- The camp carries a limited accident insurance. If your child needs treatment and you have insurance, your coverage will be applied first. If your policy does not cover the full bill, you should inform us. Our coverage can be applied towards all uncovered expenses.

STAFF SCREENING AND TRAINING

Staff Screening- Each staff person at Spruce Lake Day Camp is carefully screened. We require each summer staff to go through the application process annually, even if previously hired. We review applications, screen at least three confidential references, review employment/education history, and conduct personal interviews. All potential staff members are required to sign a voluntary disclosure statement giving us permission to complete background checks with the National Sex Offender Registry, SS trace to verify address, and the National and County/State criminal history check for those we are seeking to employ.

Staff Training- All staff are required to attend a summer staff training event that covers both general subjects and subjects specific to their roles. Our general training involves sessions on Health and Safety, Risk Management, Age Group Characteristics, Organizational Mission, Supervision, and more.

MONEY AT CAMP

Day campers may deposit spending money into the "camper bank" (computerized 'bank card' system to record purchases.) The money that you send will be available for your camper to make a purchase at the Spruce Lake Snack Shop. Money not spent will be refunded to your son/daughter in whole dollars only.

SIGN IN/SIGN OUT

Sign-in occurs each morning at the shuttle stop or at the camp.

On the campers first day of camp, campers must have:

- Signed Parent Agreement
- Camper Health Form. This is required to participate at camp
- Camper Bank \$ (if you would like; not necessary)

DAILY SIGN-IN

Campers should be signed in prior to 9:00. Please inform staff of any special notes or instructions for the current day (early pick up, illness, etc)

Sign-out happens when campers are picked up from the camp or at the shuttle stop.

Campers will only be allowed to be signed out to a person on the authorized sign out list. Please make sure that our record of Adults authorized to pick up is accurate and up to date.

POOL USE

On the first day of each week of day camp, lifeguards will conduct a swim test for any camper desiring to swim in the deep end of the pool. All campers will be required to wear bracelets to indicate their level of ability while in swim areas.

THINGS TO BRING

Please make sure your son/daughter brings the following items on a daily basis (items can be left in cubbies). All personal belongings should be clearly labeled.

Swim suit & towel

Sunscreen

Change of clothing

Sturdy shoes for hiking/walking (flip-flops are for pool use only)

Sweatshirt/jacket

Bug spray

Day Camp shirt (on trip days, when there is an off-site trip)

MODESTY EXPECTATIONS

Day campers are expected to abide by Spruce Lake's modesty policy. Boys must wear shirts except at the pool. Girls must wear one-piece bathing suits or tankinis if fabric overlaps. No short shirts or shorts are permitted. Clothing must fit properly and not be overly tight. Clothing should not have pictures or words that are offensive.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONICS POLICY

Day campers are not permitted to carry cell phones or electronics of any kind during the program day. Campers who arrive with phones or electronics will be asked to store equipment in a secure place during the day.

FOOD AT CAMP

Spruce Lake will provide lunch and 2 snacks each day. Snacks will take place mid-morning and mid-afternoon (Examples of snacks: fruit, granola bar, crackers, cookies, etc). Weekly menus will be available the week prior. If a camper does not like the menu for the day, or if they have allergies to what is on the menu, they may choose to pack a lunch. Coolers/refrigeration can be provided, if necessary.

DISMISSAL

- Campers must be signed out daily by an **authorized** parent or guardian
- Photo Identification is required for pick up when staff are not familiar with parent or guardian
- Money not spent will be refunded to your child in whole dollars only on the camper last day of camp.

* Please don't hesitate to call with questions or concerns prior to your camp experience. *