



CAMP DEER RUN COMPASS

GUIDING YOUR PREPARATION FOR A TWO WEEK SESSION

PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

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WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO CAMP

Check-in begins each session at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Feel free to arrive a little early but please keep in mind that camper check-in will not begin until 3:00 p.m. Here are a few things to remember concerning your arrival to camp.

- Cabin assignments will be posted on the Mess Hall doors at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.
- All camper medicine must be turned into the Camp Nurse stationed in the pavilion.
- Campers will turn in their cell phones to their Counselor upon arrival to camp
- *(phones will be stored in office for the remainder of the session)*

We look forward to your arrival!

IMPORTANT TIMES TO REMEMBER

All of the following times are World Time (Central Daylight Time)!

Camper Check-in

Camper check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon in front of the CDR Mess Hall.

Camper Pick-up Friday

Camper pick-up is from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Friday morning. Please make every effort to be here on time for camper pick-up. Your child will be able to check out once they have assisted in camp clean up and have received their Camp T shirt.

Second Wednesday Night Worship Service

Worship begins at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. This is an appropriate time to make visits to camp if you wish. You may come out and enjoy visiting CDR from 7:00 till the end of worship usually around 10:00 p.m.

Middle Sunday Worship Service (PLEASE READ)

Bible class begins at 10:00 a.m. Worship service will begin at 11:00 p.m. Feel free to join us on this day. Visitors are allowed from 10:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. ***During this time we can no longer allow campers to leave the campgrounds. The Camp Deer Run Board of Directors has set this new policy in place with camper safety and the continuity of our campers' spiritual experience in mind.*** We respectfully request that all camper parents and grandparents follow this policy change and not ask to take campers away from the camp on Middle Sunday.

COMMUNICATING WITH MY CAMPER

SENDING CAMPERS MAIL & EMAIL

Campers are able to receive both mail and email. Each day at the afternoon Canteen break the campers receive their mail which consists of letters, packages and emails sent to the office with the camper's name at attention. If you are going to send your camper a package please do not send more candy or snacks than they can eat at one canteen break. Also please do not send anything that will cause distractions for your campers or their friends while at camp. *** We can no longer accept parents dropping off mail of any kind to be distributed daily during the session.** Please send all mail through the US Postal Service. Due to an increasing number of emails sent daily to our campers we are asking that you follow these guidelines.

Email Guidelines:

- Send camper email to mycamper@campdeerrun.com
- Please note your Camper's Cabin number in the Subject line of the email
- Emails are limited to immediate family members
- One-line messages will not be delivered. Please send meaningful correspondence.
- Please send emails that are uplifting, encouraging & beneficial to your child's camping experience.
- Please do not send pictures as a part of any emails

Emails will be printed out each day at 11:00 a.m. Any emails received after 11:00 a.m. will be printed the following day. Emails will not be delivered during the middle weekend of a two week session (Friday, Saturday, Sunday).

PHONES AT CAMP

CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP DEER RUN. In the past we have allowed campers to keep cell phones stored away in bags during session. However due to the distraction and problems resulting from campers persisting to use their cell phones at camp **we will now require all campers to turn their cell phones in to their counselor for the entirety of the session.** Cell phones will be collected upon your arrival to camp on Registration Sunday. Campers' cell phones will be stored in the camp office and returned on the final day of the session. We believe that campers will benefit from spending time away from texting, phoning and constant connection. These things will be replaced with meaningful time spent with God, their camp friends and counselors. Campers will not have constant access to any camp phones during the session. However please trust that if there is a legitimate need for your camper to call home they will be allowed. If you have an emergency or message that needs to get to your camper please call the Camp Office.

Emergency Phone Number

Before your session begins you will receive an Emergency Phone number that you may call during session. This phone number is to be called only in the case of a true **emergency**. In the event of an emergency, when you need to talk to someone at camp immediately please call the emergency phone number and leave a message. Messages will be immediately forwarded to Camp Director, Ty Ford's cell phone. He will respond to your need accordingly.

APPROPRIATE VISITS TO CAMP

During a two week session there are two appropriate opportunities for visiting camp.

On the **Second Wednesday night** of a two week session visitors are permitted to join us for a few hours of fellowship and worship. Visitors are permitted beginning at 7:00 p.m. (world time). Visitors are welcome to stay for our evening Worship service which begins at 9:00 p.m. (world time). Following the worship service all visitors will need to leave the camp so that we may continue with our nightly activities. Please eat before your arrival, it is not possible for us to prepare enough food for an unpredictable amount of visitors.

On the **Middle Sunday** of a two week session visitors are welcome to join us at camp.

- Bible class will begin at 10:00 a.m. (world time).
- Worship service will begin at 11:00 p.m. (world time).

Middle Sunday Bible Class Details

There will be a staff & adult class at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion. Campers will attend their own Bible class along with their group at 10:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. all campers and staff will come to the pavilion for worship.

Middle Sunday Lunch

Following worship we serve lunch to all campers, staff and visitors. We will serve Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato chips, pickles, and a dessert for lunch. Visitors may eat for \$5. Visitors can pay for their meal as they are served their food on Sunday. We encourage you to come and visit, stay with us throughout the day!

New Middle Sunday Policy (PLEASE READ)

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LAUNDRY DURING A TWO WEEK SESSION

Campers may have 10 items washed during the middle weekend of a session. This cost is covered within their camper fees. This should provide them enough clean clothes to last throughout the 2nd week. If you prefer to pick up your campers' laundry to wash yourself you are welcome to do so. *Please call the camp office to let us know you are coming.*

LEAVING CAMP EARLY

If your camper needs to leave camp for any reason during the session please call the office in advance so we can have your camper ready for your arrival. You will need to sign out at the office leaving information about your return time. Please sign in at the office when you return. If your camper will not be returning to camp please let us know when you talk with us so that your camper may have all of their belongings packed and ready.

DAILY ACTIVITIES AT CAMP DEER RUN

Flag Devo

Every morning begins with Flag Devo. The whole camp meets to start the day with a prayer, song and scripture. This shows our campers that from sun up till sun down, we are praising God!

Group Bible

One hour each morning, the Group Leader leads his group in a Bible lesson. We pray that God will grant our Group Leaders and campers a special time to learn about Him.

Canteen

Three times a day, each group will have the chance to rest, hang out and enjoy snacks together at the Canteen.

Crafts

Once each day campers and Staff will go to our Crafts Hall. Campers can choose from a number of project options during their crafts time. They can make necklaces, bracelets, birdhouses or wooden model cars.

Swim Time

Everyone enjoys cooling off in our pool twice a day, once for an hour in the afternoon as well as a 15-minute "Quick Dip" in the evening. **We look forward to our campers swimming in the new camp pool!!!**

Group Activity

Each day at Camp has its own theme. During this hour and a half, each group will play games or participate in activities that reflect the theme of the day.

Cabin Bible

During Cabin Bible, each cabin has a 30-minute lesson led by their Counselor. Campers often open up in this smaller group setting.

Cabin Activity

Each cabin has an hour and a half to enjoy activities together. Many times the cabins go on hikes or play games with other cabins. This is also the time cabins are scheduled to ride horses or enjoy the swing.

The Swing

Our swing is a great thrill ride and teambuilding activity. Campers are hoisted by their cabin friends up about 40 feet high. They are then released to swing down and back up to the tops of the trees. Campers in the Hoche and Nashamie group will have the opportunity to swing once each week during their two week session.

Horses

Once a week each cabin takes an hour-long ride on horseback. The campers see God in His creation as they ride. We are proud to provide the horse program for our campers as the majority of them rarely have the opportunity to be around or ride horses.

Quiet Time

After all the activities and fun, everyone in camp stops and spends time alone with God for 15 minutes.

Hymn Time

Before dinner, the entire Camp comes together to sing praises to God. Many campers and Staff list this as their favorite time at Camp.

Night Devo

Each day ends with Night Devo led by the Group Leader on one of our ball fields. This is an awesome time of worship beneath the beautiful stars.

THEME DAYS

Every day at camp the focus is on glorifying God, learning about Him and having fun with camp friends. Each day at camp has a special theme which is accompanied by fun traditions and activities. These pages are to help you get an idea of what the Theme Days are and what costumes you could bring if you would like to dress up for the day! *(Please realize that costumes or dressing up for a theme day is totally optional)*

MONDAY: COWBOY DAY

Yee Haw!!! During Group Activity campers & staff will enjoy some exciting Cowboy games. Cowboy hats will surely be spotted all across camp throughout the day. **What you could bring:** *Anything western goes with this day. A pearl snap shirt, a Cowboy hat, Cowboy Boots or well you get the idea...*

TUESDAY: HAWAIIAN DAY

Surfs Up! Sand castles, water games, Hawaiian Luaus and of course a giant slip n slide are all a part of the fun. **What you could bring:** *Flowery shirts or shorts make for a good Hawaiian Day costume. If you can find a grass skirt, that is always funny. This is a day of lots of water activities so you will need to have some clothes you don't mind getting wet.*

WEDNESDAY: INTERNATIONAL SPORTS DAY

On this day campers & staff enjoy playing soccer or ultimate frisbee during Group Activity. Often the games are played with a slight twist to make it a little more interesting. **What you could bring:** *Basically any type of sports jersey outside of Football would be a great costume for this day, Soccer jerseys seem to be what most everyone chooses.*

THURSDAY - SATURDAY A.M: OUTCAMPING

Leaving the already rustic campgrounds behind and hiking into the woods campers & staff are sure to have memorable times full of fun and growth. Depending on the age, groups stay Outcamping for one or two nights. **What you could bring:** *Camouflage is always fun. Long pants are a good choice to protect your legs. A sleeping bag, bug spray, and flashlight may be a good choice as well.*

SATURDAY: KILLIKAPERS

Each cabin develops a short skit or act to perform in front of the whole camp that evening. This too can be a bonding experience that really brings a cabin together. **What you could bring:** *Any type of costume you could think of would probably be something funny for a skit.*

MONDAY: KILLIOLYMPIC DAY

Bum bum ba dum dum dum dum... I can hear Killi Olympic Day beginning as the Group Leaders sing the campers the traditional Olympic song at Flag Devo. During Group Activity the campers will compete in all kinds of fun and crazy Olympic events. **What you could bring:** *Anything having to do with the Olympics would be fun, but in general no costumes are worn on this day.*

MONDAY: MELLOW NIGHT

Mellow Night is a time for campers & staff to showcase their talents before the Camp. Everyone dresses up in "mellow" costumes such as Tie-die shirts and bell bottom pants. **What you could bring:** *Tie-die stuff, bell bottoms, leisure suits, talent, etc.*

TUESDAY: **SADIE HAWKIN'S DAY**

It's Sadie Hawkin's Day!!! Group Activity is simple on Sadie Hawkin's Day; the girls chase the boy campers and the boys run! The chase is tons of fun and is followed by more fun playing in Killi Creek. Later that day as the sun begins setting behind all the pine trees each group goes to one of our cook-out sites and enjoys a wonderful time together. **What you could bring:** *Something red or with hearts on it would be appropriate for this day. We definitely recommend that you bring clothes that you won't mind getting dirty while playing in the creek, because you do not want to miss out on that fun!*

WEDNESDAY: **CAPTURE THE FLAG DAY**

Put on your camo!!! Ask many of our campers what their favorite day at CDR is and many will say without hesitation, Capture The Flag Day! Beginning on registration Sunday and continuing till the day arrives many of our young boy campers will ask several times, when is Capture The Flag Day? During Group Activity each group will play a great game of Capture the Flag. **What you could bring:** *Camouflage, camouflage, camouflage! A long pair of pants is also not a bad idea. You may want some protection for you legs as you walk through the woods.*

THURSDAY: **INDIAN DAY**

Rock Chunk, Arm Wrestling, the endurance run are just a few of the events campers will take part in during Indian Day Group Activity. One of the most fun and exciting moments for all the campers is chasing their Group Leader during the Indian Day chase. The campers get to chase their Group Leader into the woods, discover where he is hiding and dunk him into the waters of Killi Creek. **What you could bring:** *Feathers, moccasins, any type of Native American costume would be good.*

CHECK OUT FRIDAY

Camper pick-up is from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Friday morning. Please make every effort to be here on time for camper pick-up. Your child will be able to check out once they have assisted in camp clean up and have received their Camp T shirt. Campers will not be released to anyone except their parents / legal guardians unless the camp office has been otherwise notified. ***If you are not picking up your child please email the office with the name of the person you authorize to do so. This is in the best interest of our campers and their safety.***

- Campers will be hanging out with their group in a designated waiting areas.
 - *Hoche campers will be waiting in the Rec Hall*
 - *Nashamie campers will be waiting on the backporch of the Mess Hall.*
 - *Wenachee campers will be waiting at Cheuk Grove.*
 - *Cheukawaka campers will be waiting at Cheuk Ball field.*
- You must sign your camper out in their designated waiting area.
- Campers luggage and other items will be in the Pavilion. Each cabin will have a designated area for their items.
- Please do not leave until you have signed your camper out, and your camper has received his group pictures, t shirt and has gathered all personal belongings from the Pavilion.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please be sure you have all of your camper's belongings!!! All lost and found items will be kept at camp for three weeks following the session. After three weeks all lost and found items will be donated to Camp O' The Hills.

Camp O' The Hills is a camp for underprivileged children and the camp collects clothing to provide their campers with upon their arrival to the camp. We are happy to assist them in their mission by giving our unclaimed lost and found to these children.

Locating Lost and Found Items

To inquire about Lost and Found items please email the camp office with information about your lost item. A staff member will look through the lost and found to locate your item. The camp office will correspond with you about whether your item has been located.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

CLOTHES

- T-shirts and other cool but modest shirts
- Shorts are allowed if they are modest and approaching the knee
- Long pants, jeans, etc. for Cookouts (mandatory for horse-back riding)
- Old tennis shoes or boots - several pairs
- Open-toed shoes/Sandals are allowed only to the pool or bathhouses
- Crocs and other similar slip-ons are acceptable for some of the camping activities that occur on a daily basis
***Crocs will not be permitted for Ball Games, Group Activity, Cabin Activity, Horse Riding, Etc.**
- Light jacket or sweater
- Rain gear
- Swimsuit (one-piece suits are appreciated)
- *Optional - Dress up materials for theme days (see pages 5-6 for details about theme days)*

***Staff decisions on the appropriateness of attire should be cheerfully honored.

OTHER STUFF

- Bedding: sleeping bag or single bed sheets and blanket
- Pillow and pillow case
- **Fan (Box fan, small clip fan, etc)**
- Towels and washcloths
- Toiletries
- A good flashlight and batteries
- Mosquito repellent
- Sunscreen
- Bible, Notebook, Pen or Pencils
- A glove for softball
- Any necessary medications (in prescription bottle w/label) **Give to Camp Nurse on Registration Sunday**

DO NOT BRING

- Radios, tape or CD players, TVs or cell phones
- Ipods, Gameboys, other types of hand held electronics
- Candy or food items (can invite ants into your cabin)
- Knives, firearms, fireworks or water balloons
- Pets
- Alcohol or illegal substances
- Valuables

CDR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS.

LOST AND FOUND

Items left at Camp will be kept for 3 weeks after your session. After that time, all unclaimed items will be donated to Camp O' The Hills, a camp for underprivileged youth. To inquire about items left at camp please email the camp office.

PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT SESSION
WITH YOUR CAMPER!!!**



**PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
AS YOU PREPARE FOR CAMP!**

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