

Kids Camp 2024

Camp Policies and Guidelines

Make copies for all
parents/campers
and chaperones

DATES:

COST:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

AGES: 8-12 years old. **No exceptions.** Children must be 8 by opening day of the camp they are attending. Children who turn 13 before the opening day of camp should register for youth camp.

REGISTRATION COST INCLUDES: lodging, meals, all activity fees, a free camp t-shirt, and access to recap videos.

REGISTER THROUGH YOUR CHURCH. No individual registrations will be accepted. All registrations must be processed through your church.

LOCATION: Pine Creek Camp, 1794 Back Creek Road, Gore VA 25637. The camp is located off Highway US-50 near Winchester, VA.

FACILITIES: Each room at the Pine Creek Lodge is equipped with its own bathroom, shower and sink, climate control system, and 3 bunk beds.

THE HILL: Pine Creek Camp is located on a hilly terrain. Campers and chaperones will have to walk up and down a **steep** hill at least once a day.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS: The Lodge houses 6 people per room. We will assign 5 campers and a chaperone to every room; and make every effort to honor your housing requests. However, the distribution of campers and chaperones does not always come out in easily divided numbers. If a room is not completely filled (1chap/5campers) by your church, we may not be able to honor all housing requests. It may be necessary to house your campers with campers from another church. We reserve the right to do so.

CHECK IN: Registration and room assignments begin at 12 noon on Monday. **No early check-ins will be allowed.** No lunch will be served on Monday; dinner is the first meal of the day and will be **for campers only.** No family members may stay for dinner.

CHECK OUT: Check out will be at 12 noon on Friday. Campers cannot be released until they have been checked out of their room and we have a signature from the church leader or an authorized guardian. **A bagged lunch will be provided to campers upon their departure.**

WHAT TO BRING: Sleeping bag or twin-size bedding; pillow; towels; washcloths; bath mat; hand towels; bath/hand soap; shampoo and other toiletries; recreational clothes; school-type clothes for evening services; shoes*; pajamas; light jacket or sweater; modest one-piece swimsuit (no cut-offs or two-piece); Bible; pen/pencil; flashlight; sunscreen; bug spray; and spending money. **NOTE:** *The first aid staff has requested the use of perfume, cologne and body sprays by both campers and chaperones be restricted or limited in consideration of campers with asthma.*

***Flip flops & open-toed sandals** may be worn *only* to the pool and to services. For ALL other areas and activities, tennis shoes are required. **TWO pairs of tennis shoes will be REQUIRED**—one for wet activities (may be old or worn); one for dry.

Please mark all personal items with a laundry marker! The camp will not be responsible for any possessions left behind, lost, damaged or stolen. *Leave all valuables at home!* All items left at Pine Creek will be given to charity if not claimed by the end of August.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: No cell phones, radios, electronic games, iPods or mp3 players, skateboards, fireworks, knives, guns, or drugs will be allowed. These items will be confiscated and not returned until the end of camp.

DRESS CODE: No backless dresses or clothing with spaghetti straps will be allowed without a shirt or sweater cover-up. No mid-drift or halter tops. No cut-offs or bikini swimwear. All shorts and dresses must be no shorter than the camper's extended arms and fingertips.

MAIL: Because mail is often not delivered to Pine Creek until *after* the camper has left, we encourage parents to give all cards and packages to the chaperone to distribute at camp.

MONEY CARDS: Any purchases made by campers at camp **must** be made with a camp money card. Cards may be pre-ordered on the camper & chaperone registration. Money cards may also be purchased at camp. Any remaining amount left on a money card at the end of camp, will be returned to the camper in cash. A suggested amount is \$30.

SOUVENIR CAMP PHOTO: A camp group photo may be pre-ordered or purchased at camp as a great way to remember their camp experience.

Recap Video: Photos and video footage of each camp's experience will be taken throughout the week. All chaperones and campers will have access to the recap video of their week via an online link.

SNACK BAR & CAMP STORE: There will be a snack bar & camp store where campers may make purchases with their money cards.

T-SHIRT: Every camper & chaperone will be given a camp t-shirt for FREE with their registration. However, this year we are also doing a t-shirt contest and will sell a souvenir t-shirt with the winning design. This shirt is available for pre-order on the registration forms and will also be sold in the Camp Store. The cost is \$15.00. Let's show support for the artist and proudly wear this souvenir t-shirt!

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS: To discourage homesickness, campers will **not** be permitted to call home without the director's permission. Parents may **not** call and request a camper to be paged. If there is a true emergency, **parents only** may call 703.753.2619.

VISITORS: For safety and security reasons, the campgrounds are **closed** to casual visitors. All camp visits by family members **must** be scheduled and approved by Potomac Kids or the camp director.

INSURANCE: All registered campers and chaperones are covered *secondarily* by the camp's accident insurance. Your personal insurance will be billed first if there is a medical-related expense.

PROCESSING FEE FOR CHANGES: **Any** changes made to a church's registration **after** it is received in the network office may be subject to a \$25 processing fee. This includes substitutions, chaperone & room assignment changes and club choices. NOTE: Substitutions are allowed only if it is boy-for-boy or girl-for-girl from the same church. **Please review your registration carefully BEFORE you send it in.**

DEADLINE FOR CHANGES: Because we *must* have a finalized roster to prepare club, team & room assignments and order t-shirts, **NO CHANGES in your church's roster will be accepted after Wed, June 12.** (An exception *may* be made only if you must substitute a chaperone.) **ABSOLUTELY no walk-in registrations will be accepted!**

DEADLINE FOR CANCELLATION REFUNDS: The Potomac Kids office must be notified of cancellations by **Wed, June 12** in order to qualify for a refund. ALL cancellations will be subject to a \$50 non-refundable processing fee; refunds will include the cost of any pre-ordered camp photos & money cards. **After this deadline, ONLY the cost of pre-ordered camp photos & money cards will be refunded.** Refunds will be processed through the Potomac Kids office and mailed to the church in August *after* the final camp is over.