

WELCOME TO CAMP TWIN LAKES' FAMILY WARRIOR WEEKEND!!!

We are so excited to have your family at our Family Warrior Weekend!! You will be one of our many families affected by their military service in Afghanistan and/or Iraq as well as other traumas and eras attending this fantastic weekend. We hope that you'll enjoy the time with your family, meet new friends, and take advantage of all of our camp adventures!!! Please read this packet carefully for more information about what to expect. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Kate Lipton at kate@camptwinlakes.org or 404-295-5295.

What kinds of activities will be available to my family?

Family Warrior Weekend will offer a fun-filled, family-oriented schedule. We will have a weekend packed with drop-in activities so your family can have fun on YOUR timeline! Make sure to drop into boating and arts & crafts Try out the climbing wall or stop by the office to check out bikes for a family bike ride!! You'll also have the opportunity to sign up for activities as a family. These special programs have limited spots, so sign up early! These can include Pinewood Derby, Iron-Chef Challenge, or a hay ride offsite for putt-putting!

Throughout the weekend, we carve out some time for adults and children to do separate, age-appropriate programming. Our trained volunteers will provide care to the children during Kids Only camp activities, while the adults get to spend some time sharing in our Adult-Only activities! At check in, you'll receive a full schedule that outlines all of the opportunities available to you for the weekend so you don't miss a thing.

What will we be eating?

All meals are served out our camp dining hall. Meal times will be outlined on our camp schedule, and families are welcome to drop in when it is convenient for you! Our camp staff will provide several options at each meal, so every family member is sure to find something they'll enjoy.

Our dining hall staff is trained in accommodating for allergies and dietary restrictions, so please let us know if a member of your family has a concern that you didn't list on your application.

Snacks will be available at all times during the weekend, including gluten free options. We ask that you please do not bring food into your cabin, as crumbs attract unwelcome critters! If you need us to store some food for your family, just let us know!

What about my family's medications and healthcare needs?

We will have staff onsite to provide for any first-aid, however families will be responsible for keeping their medications and providing them to campers. If you have a medication that should be locked up or refrigerated, please let us know at check-in. For the safety of all camp participants, our healthcare professionals will perform a brief health screening and checklist when you check in to camp.

What should we pack? Here is a list of suggested items to bring to camp!
(All Cabins/lodges are temperature controlled)

- closed-toe shoes
- pajamas
- rain jacket
- clothing for 3 days + an extra change
- shower shoes
- sweatshirts & other layers, in case of cool weather
- **bedding/linens for twin size bed OR sleeping bag**
- pillows
- bath linens
- toiletries
- bathing suit & pool towels**
- any necessary medications
- bug spray
- sunscreen
- flashlight
- **water bottles**
- any comfort items for sleeping (ear plugs, stuffed animals, white noise machine, etc.

Pool only open during summer season, may not be open September-May*

Please do NOT bring weapons, food, matches, or clothing with objectionable or offensive messages. Please be careful in bringing valuables. Cabins do not lock and, while camp is generally extremely safe, the safety of items cannot be guaranteed.

Social Networking Policy

Camp Twin Lakes and Family Warrior Weekend view social networking sites (e.g., MySpace and Facebook) as positive ways for you to express yourself and keep in touch with your friends. As a participant at our camp, everyone has the right to exchange e-mails or other information with other participants and invite other participants to be on your "friends" list in any way that you *and the guardians* see fit.

Campers and Families may not post pictures of other campers and families on a public website. Please remember this includes blogs, personal web pages, photo sharing sites such as Instagram, SnapChat, SnapFish and Flickr, and social networking sites such as MySpace and FaceBook.

The following is our “Social Networking Policy for Family Warrior Weekend Volunteers and Camp Twin Lakes Staff”:

Family Warrior Weekend exists to offer a safe, positive camping experience for the children and families that attend our program. Just as our campers’ parents trust us to keep their kids safe during camp, they also expect us to protect their privacy and keep them safe even after camp ends.

Therefore, camp counselors and staff should never post camper photos or identify campers by name on the Internet.

This includes blogs, personal web pages, photo sharing sites such as Instagram, SnapChat, SnapFish and Flickr, and social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. We know that our dedicated camp counselors would never do anything intentionally to hurt a camper. Sadly, some people who use the Internet do not have children’s best interests at heart and might try to contact our campers through these types of sites.

Family Warrior Weekend Staff/ Volunteers and Camp Twin Lakes Staff are prohibited from becoming “friends” on any networking site with campers or their families or exchanging any other contact information.

Camper/Family Policies

- Family Warrior Weekend is a weekend camp for military families affected by their service in Afghanistan and/or Iraq. Our goal is to provide a fun, educational, and activity centered experience for everyone to help promote unity within the family. We hope to facilitate networking opportunities between our families as well.
- There will be no drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages and is cause for sending home a camper/family member.
- *There will be a designated area for only parents/guardians who smoke in the gravel parking lot at Will-A-Way and behind Callaway Lodge at Camp Dream. Please use this area for smoking only! Please do not smoke anywhere else on campus. After family weekend, we will resume the policy of no smoking!*
- ****Use or possession of illegal drugs, firearms, knives or other weapons at camp is not permitted and is cause for sending home a camper/family member or calling the appropriate authorities.****
- Minor discipline problems with a camper/family member should be handled by the Camp Directors. Any incident should be reported to the Camp Directors. The Directors should be notified immediately of any serious offense or continued discipline problems.
- Campers are not permitted to have cell phones or beepers at camp. Parents, please limit cell phone use to cabin time only.
- Families, please stay in your designated area of your cabin. Please respect all families by not entering other areas or cabins.

- Campers/family members should not be in any cabins unsupervised by a parent or staff member.
- Campers/family members **should not leave camp** unless on a planned, supervised camp activity.
- Attire should be modest, inoffensive and should be appropriate for a children's camp. Shoes are to be worn at all times.
- Noise is expected to be kept at a minimum during evening and early morning hours.
- All campers/family members should participate in maintaining the cleanliness of the camp facilities and care should be taken not to damage Camp Twin Lakes' property.
- Campers/family members are not permitted to physically strike or in any way abuse another individual.
- A camper/family member can be dismissed from camp if it is determined his/her presence would jeopardize the safety and well being of anyone at camp, including his or herself, or if a medical condition exists which cannot be safely cared for within the limitations of the camp setting.
- Campers/family members are not permitted to have pets at camp.
 - ✓ **** Unless a Service Animal- In this case, proper documentation needs to be provided and Service animal MUST be on lease AT ALL TIMES.****
- Campers/family members are not permitted to have personal bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, scooters or roller skates at camp.
- Use of personal radios, iPods, cassettes or CD players by campers is limited to the campers'/family members' cabin areas. These electronic items are suggested to be left at home.
- Campers/family members are required to be in their cabins by the designated "lights out" curfew. If a camper/family member is away from the cabin without the supervision of a parent or staff member, the camper/family member will be subject to dismissal from camp.
- Rule violations will be reviewed by staff and the Director. Disciplinary actions will be taken when necessary, which may result in parental notification and dismissal from camp or exclusion from future camp programs.

Arrival at Camp on Friday:

Families are welcome to begin arriving at camp at 4:00pm on Friday. Your family is welcome to arrive anytime between 4:00-9pm on Friday. Food service on Friday evening will be ending at 7pm, so please plan on getting dinner for your family on the way to camp if you will be arriving late.

Please do not arrive early, as we will be making our last-minute preparations for the weekend. If you plan on arriving after 9pm, please give us a call to let us know to expect you late (please read on for contact information).

Departure from Camp on Sunday:

We will be wrapping up camp activities at 1 pm on Sunday. We will ask for your help with some quick tidying of your cabin before you leave. Instructions will be provided on Sunday morning. Please make sure to check out with us to say goodbye before heading out!!

Questions? Feel free to contact us!!

Before & During Camp: Contact Kate Lipton, Camp Director, by phone at 404-295-5295, or e-mail at kate@camptwinlakes.org. If you are lost or have questions the day of camp, call Kate's cell number listed above.

Directions to Camp Twin Lakes, Will-A-Way:

210 S. Broad Street, Unit 5

Winder, GA 30680

Directions from Atlanta (approximately 1 hour):

- Take I-85 North to exit #106: Highway 316 East towards Athens/Lawrenceville.
- Travel 21 miles and turn left onto GA-81 (Loganville Highway).
- Travel 3.1 miles and the entrance to Fort Yargo State Park and will be on the right.
- Once through the main gate, take the first left at the guard station (tell the guard that you are will Camp Twin Lakes, and they will let you through with no charge!).
- Then take the first right onto Will-A-Way Road, which will lead you into CTL, Will-A-Way.
- Once through the camp gate, take an immediate right into the gravel parking lot and follow signs around the lot to the drive in front of the gym to drop your bags off and check in!

Directions from Athens (approximately 30 minutes):

- Take Epps Bridge Parkway to GA-316 W/US-29 N.
- Travel 9.3 miles and turn right onto Hog Mountain Road/US-29/GA-53.
- Travel 4.6 miles and turn left onto S. Broad Street/GA-81.
- Travel 0.6 miles and the entrance to Fort Yargo State Park will be on the left.
- Once through the main gate, take the first left at the guard station (tell the guard that you are will Camp Twin Lakes, and they will let you through with no charge!).
- Then take the first right onto Will-A-Way Road, which will lead you into Camp Will-A-Way.
- Once through the camp gate, take an immediate right into the gravel parking lot and follow signs around the lot to the drive in front of the gym to drop your bags off and check in!

Directions from Augusta (approximately 2.5 hours):

- Take I-20 West to exit #172: US-78/GA-17 toward Thomas/Washington.
- Travel 21.6 miles and turn left at N. Bypass E. Continue to follow GA-10/GA-17/US-78.
- Travel 42.2 miles and turn left to merge onto US-29 South.
- Travel 6.3 miles and take exit #1: US-29 S/US-78 W/GA-16 W toward Monroe/Atlanta.
- Turn left at Epps Bridge Road/Epps Bridge Parkway. Continue to follow US-29.
- Travel 12.7 miles and turn right onto Hog Mountain Road/US-29/GA-53.
- Travel 4.6 miles and turn left onto S. Broad Street/GA-81.
- Travel 0.6 miles and the entrance to Fort Yargo State Park will be on the left.
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