

2017 Youth Summer Camp Information

WE ARE EXCITED YOU'RE COMING!

It's great to see that you have registered for camp - we've got a bunk saved just for you! Now it's time to check out the details. Before going any further, review the enclosed registration summary. This lists your camp week, dates, and check-in/pick-up times. If this is not accurate, please contact us right away.

DIRECTIONS TO PINE LAKE CAMPS

A. We recommend the use of an online mapping system (ie. Google Maps or Mapquest) but suggest that you avoid GPS mapping systems. Because of our rural area, these programs often lead our guests to the wrong location. If you stick with an online program, just enter our address: 32203 230th St., Eldora, IA 50627.

B. Coming from Highway 175:

Just east of Eldora, turn north onto S56 and continue 1/4 mile north. Turn right (east) at the first gravel road and follow the road up the hill and around the bend to the main campground.

C. Coming from Highway 20:

Take exit 181 and turn south onto S56. Continue approximately 7 miles (through Steamboat Rock and Pine Lake State Park) until you reach the Pine Lake Camps entrance. Turn left (east) onto the gravel road and follow the road up the hill and around the bend to the main campground.

CHECK-IN/DEPARTURE

Registration is on Sunday from 4 pm to 6 pm and camp concludes with a final chapel at 10:00 am on Friday. Parents are welcome to join us for the final chapel which will conclude by 10:30 am. *The exception to this is Primary camp, which begins on Sunday with the final chapel and pick-up on Wednesday instead.*

At registration:

- *Camp store money is deposited.
- *Cabin Photos may be purchased.
- *Medication (in original container) is given to the camp nurse
- *Meet your counselor and move into your cabin for the week!
- *Pick up your counselor's bio card to send home with the family

During registration, there will be a picnic supper for the whole family from 5:30 to 6:15.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER

Everyone loves to receive mail at camp. Snail mail and electronic messages are distributed to campers each day. Campers are also encouraged to write home, so be sure to pack stamps and envelopes!

*Mailing Address: 32203 230th St, Eldora, IA 50627

*Send a Message: Go to our website at PineLakeCamps.org. On the "Summer Camp" drop down menu, click on "Send a Message" at the bottom.

FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CAMPER IS DOING

Cabin pictures, video updates from the staff and speakers, and a note from your child's counselor are available online. Go to PineLakeCamps.org, select the "Summer Camp" tab, and drop down to "What is my child doing." This will be updated at least twice during the week.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

A. Timeshare Campers
*All payments for camp will be made directly to your church.

B. All Other Campers
*The balance of your camp fee is due upon arrival at camp. If you are uncertain of the amount you owe, you can check your balance by logging into your UltraCamp account. For any further assistance, please call the camp office.

* You may make payments prior to the start of camp by mailing a check to camp or logging into your account and making a credit card payment online.



PINE LAKE  CAMPS

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Questions? Call the camp office at 641.858.3284 or email us at info@PineLakeCamps.org

CABIN MATES

Cabin assignments are completed one week prior to a given camp week. This helps us to ensure you are with the cabin mates you have requested.

It is important to us that each cabin group has a positive and accepting atmosphere. We want to see campers becoming acquainted with others outside their friendship circles and individual campers to feel comfortable and accepted even among other campers they may not know.

In order to encourage a friendly and accepting atmosphere, we generally limit each cabin to four members from the same church or group. If you are part of a large "friendship chain," we welcome your input regarding how a large group should be dispersed among several cabins. The request of two campers who mutually request each other as cabin mates will be honored, but it is only guaranteed if the request is mutual. Did you forget to make a cabin mate request on the registration form? Not a problem! You may send an email to info@PineLakeCamps.org and indicate another camper you hope to have as a cabin mate! Requests for a specific type of cabin (modern vs. rustic) are only considered in situations that involve wheelchair accessibility or a medical handicap.



CLOTHING AT CAMP

While you're packing, think of all the outdoor fun that we'll have while you're here! Pack clothes that you would wear for sports practice and other things you don't mind getting a little dirty. At Pine Lake, we encourage and expect campers to dress respectably. For that reason, we do not allow clothing that advertises alcohol or tobacco products. Guys, you should wear pants that stay up around your waist and shirts that cover your chest. Girls, wear shorts that allow you to move freely without extra exposure and shirts with straps that make you feel secure. Keep it conservative at the pool -swimshorts for the guys and a suit that covers the midriff for the girls. Our goal is to remove distractions while you're here. If the staff at Pine Lake notices distracting clothing, you will kindly be asked to change into something more respectable. Please keep that in mind when deciding what to pack for camp!

CAMPER LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are not available for camper use while at Pine Lake Camps. Be sure to pack enough clothes to make it through the week. Of course, in emergency situations, counselors are happy to wash sleeping bags and other clothing. Be sure the camper's clothes and laundry bag are labeled with your name and phone number.

LOST AND FOUND

We do our best to return lost and found items to their owners. While we are happy to return items to you, we do ask that you reimburse us for postage expenses. Unclaimed Lost and Found items will be stored at camp until August 1st.

SPENDING MONEY

While at Pine Lake Camps, you will have the opportunity to make some "extra" purchases. There are several items available in the camp store, such as snacks, T-shirts or Pine Lake memorabilia! Campers are encouraged to deposit their spending money in the camp bank for convenient use. All unspent money will be returned at the end of the week. You may also choose to purchase a 5x7 keepsake photo of your cabin (\$5) at the time of registration!

MEDICAL NEEDS

Each week we have a trained staff member on site to provide for the medical needs of our campers. These staff members are responsible for dispensing all routine medication and are on duty at all times, ready to respond in any situation. **All medications must be turned in to the camp nurse upon arrival. Prescribed medication must be in the original container, complete with instructions for use.** In addition to our professional staff, select summer staff members are certified in Red Cross CPR and First Aid Training. Camp is not a fun place to be when you are sick. If a camper becomes ill he/she will be monitored closely. If the camper is too uncomfortable to stay, or does not improve in 24 hours, arrangements will be made for the child to return home.

CAMP PACKING LIST

Sleeping bag	Washcloth
Fitted twin sheet	Toiletry items
Pillow and pillow case	Flashlight
Blue jeans/pants	Pens
T-shirts	Notebook
Warm sweatshirt	Bible
Raincoat/poncho	Camera
Summer jacket	Insect repellent
Shorts	Sun Screen
Socks	Labeled laundry bag
Undergarments	Spending money
Pajamas	Medications (Please bring in original container)
Swimsuits	
Tennis shoes	
Flip flops or sandals	
Bath and beach towel	

THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

At Pine Lake Camps, we do not allow fireworks, non-prescription drugs, alcohol/tobacco products, or weapons of any kind. Neither do we permit any portable music players, gaming systems, computers, or cell phones. There will be so many great activities, you won't have a minute to waste on the electronic world! Take the opportunity to leave these distracting, time-suckers behind! We reserve the right to confiscate anything that does not support the desired atmosphere of camp. Confiscated items will be returned at the end of the camp week.