



Camp Killoqua

Camp Fire Snohomish County

Overnight Camp Information Sheet

Thank you for registering for Camp Killoqua! To help you and your child prepare for a great camp experience, please review the following details. **Hold on to this paper – it is very helpful to refer to later!**

Balance of Fee

Remember, the balance of your fee must be paid no later than June 1. No camp fees will be accepted at camp. If an emergency makes it impossible to pay before this time, please notify the office, or your deposit and reservation will be forfeited. You may pay your balance by check, ACH Transfer, Visa or MasterCard. A \$10 processing fee will be charged on all returned checks.

Open House

We invite you to visit Killoqua on **Saturday May 11, or Sunday June 23**, from 2-4 p.m. to tour camp and meet our staff. Your family will enjoy it and your child will benefit from it! No RSVP is required. No dogs are allowed at camp, so please leave your furry friends at home.

Health History, Medication & Wellness

Our health history form is an online form included with your registration paperwork. Please fill out the form at least two weeks prior to your child's camp session. Please note: We *require* the date of the last tetanus shot. If medication is brought, it must be in its original container with prescription and/or store label. All medication is kept and dispensed by the nurse. While your camper is at camp, we will always call to notify parent(s)/guardians if a camper vomits, falls off a horse, is injured beyond minor bumps and bruises, needs to see a physician, or any other case where it would be helpful to keep the guardian in the loop on treatment or concerns.

Please help us keep camp a healthy place. We take many steps to encourage healthy group living while at camp, including frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizer, regular cleaning of common spaces and disinfection of living spaces between sessions. Please contact us if your camper has any signs of illness. If you withdraw your camper prior to the start of the session we will do our best to reschedule their session to later in the summer or offer a refund to all moneys paid beyond the deposit.

Transportation / Directions to Camp

Parents furnish transportation to and from camp. The camp entrance is across the road from Wenberg County Park. Take the Wenberg/Smokey Point Exit #206 from Interstate 5, north of Marysville. Go west on Highway #531 (Lakewood Road) for 2.2 miles to a stop sign. Turn right and continue 3.5 miles (still on #531/Lakewood Road). Turn left onto E. Lake Goodwin Road and continue 1.5 miles; Wenberg is on the right, and the Killoqua entrance is on the left. Our staff will meet you in the camp parking lot. Campers who need to drive themselves to camp must make prior arrangements with the camp director.

Camp Store

The Trading Post is where you will find the latest in Camp Killoqua merchandise. Items include T-shirts, sweatshirts, stuffed animals, water bottles, toothbrushes and even stamps are available. Clothing prices range from \$10 to \$30. You can add money to your store account online during registration or prior to the start of your camper's session. Refunds will be made to the card on file on your account- at the end of the camping season for any balances over \$10. Balances under \$10 will be considered a donation to camp.

Swim Check

All campers will be tested for swimming skills by the waterfront staff, and then placed in the swimming level that will result in the greatest safety benefit to the camper.

Arrival At Camp

Please make sure to attach luggage tags to all luggage coming to camp. Properly tagged luggage will be received at the camp entrance, and delivered to his/her unit. Staff will meet you in the parking lot to guide you through the check-in process. Please leave your dogs at home.

Arrival time: **Between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the first day of all sessions.**
Arrival times: Grades 7-12 @ 2:00, Grades 4-6 @2:20, Grades 1-3 @ 2:40.

If you have multiple children, please arrive at the youngest camper time.

Please arrive on-time, so your child may participate in all the first-day welcoming activities.

When you get to camp:

1. Deliver luggage in camp parking lot.
2. Check in with the camp nurse and turn in any medications.

3. Continue to the meadow/lodge to receive your child's cabin assignment and turn in store money (if not done online prior to arrival).
4. Continue to your child's unit to meet their counselor and sign in your child.

All sessions end FRIDAY at 7 pm, except Camp Willie, which ends Friday at 10 am. At Pickup- Stop in the parking lot to pickup luggage, and then continue to the meadow to attend our closing ceremony.

What Not To Bring

There are many reasons why we ask that campers not bring cell phones*, pets, candy, soda, pocketknives, fireworks, personal electronics, blow dryers or curling irons. Please help us maintain a balanced diet for campers and create a positive camp environment for all by being sure these items, and things like them, stay home. If you would like to know about a particular item please contact us. *We believe that summer camp is one of the few environments where children can truly be 'unplugged' from technology. Unplugging helps kids develop face-to-face social skills and authentic personal relationships while at camp. Having a cell phone at camp will most likely prevent your camper from enjoying the full camp experience. Please help us provide this experience for your child by leaving cell phones and other screens/internet capable devices at home.

What To Bring: Packing List

warm coat or jacket	warm pajamas
swimsuit, towel	shoes (2 pairs, tennis shoes)
heavy sweater or sweatshirt	underwear (several changes)
shirts or T-shirts (one white shirt for special events)	jeans and shorts (one navy pair for special events)
sleeping bag or four wool blankets and sheet or slumber bag and one wool blanket, pillow	socks (at least 6, campers must wear socks at all times)
RAIN GEAR	flashlight and batteries
stationary, pen/pencil	toilet articles (towels, washcloth, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, cup, etc.)
water bottle	bug repellent and sunscreen
stamped envelopes addressed to home	white t-shirt or white item, i.e. socks, if your child would like to tie dye
camera and film (optional)	

HORSE CAMP/ HORSE RIDE participants: Please bring full-length jeans, and boots or sturdy shoes with a 1/2-3/4" heel. Consider borrowing boots or buying a used pair if you do not have your own. Camp has a small collection of boots to borrow; please call ahead if you'd like to see if we have a size to reserve for you. Camp provides riding helmets for all campers.

Camp Killoqua or Camp Fire is not responsible for camper possessions and the use of personal equipment brought to camp. Pets are not allowed at camp.

Lost & Found

Items will be taken to the Camp Fire Snohomish County Office within one week of the closing day of camp and held until September 1st. **PLEASE MARK EVERYTHING BROUGHT TO CAMP WITH YOUR CAMPER'S NAME.**

Dismissal Information

A participant may be dismissed from the program due to disruptive behavior, illness, or homesickness.

Children are entitled to a pleasant and harmonious environment at camp. The program cannot serve children who display chronically or severe disruptive behavior. Chronically disruptive behavior is defined as verbal or physical activity which may include but is not limited to such behavior that:

- Requires constant individual attention from the staff
- Inflicts physical or emotional harm on children or staff
- Continually ignores or disobeys camp safety rules
- Includes use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, weapons, or explosives

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist children in adjusting to the program setting. If the child cannot adjust to the program setting and behave appropriately, then the child may be dismissed. Dismissal due to illness/injury will be at the discretion of the camp director and the health care staff. This may include but is not limited to contagious diseases and extended illness. In the event your child becomes too ill to remain with their cabin group we will hold them in our health center for a maximum of 24 hours.

Dismissal due to homesickness will be at the discretion of the camp director in consultation with the parent.

Questions?

Please call the Camp Fire Snohomish County Office at 425-258-5437 or the camp director at 360-652-6250 with questions. Email info@campfiresnoco.org or killoqua@campfiresnoco.org More resources for parents are also available at <http://www.campfiresnoco.org/camp/parent-corner/>

Camp Killoqua Communication Information

Emergency Contact information

If you need to reach camp while your child is here, please call the camp office at 360-652-6250. We have staff in the office daily. In the event of an evening or night emergency, please call the on call cell phone: 425-239-6515 (only monitored after hours).

Sending Mail To Your Child

We encourage you to send mail to your child during the camp session. Especially for newer campers, mail is reassuring and fun to receive. Please keep notes cheerful and encouraging, and focus on activities at camp. Mail is delivered each full day at rest hour. We encourage you to send postal mail, and also offer e-mail for your convenience. Emails are an option within your online account. Note, campers don't have computer access, so if they respond, it will be by USPS mail. When sending USPS mail to camp, please address it to:

“Camper Name”, “Camper Grade (and/or) Camper Unit”

Camp Killoqua
15207 East Lake Goodwin Road
Stanwood, WA 98292

One-Way Camper E-mail

One way camper email is included in your online registration account with UltraCamp. To find this option, log in to your account and find the tab labeled “additional options”, and choose email a camper. If you registered on paper, you can call our office to get your online account set up for emails.

No Cell Phones, please

Outside of camp, you may be used to contacting your child by cell phone. At camp, we have a “no cell phone” policy. Aside from being expensive, and easy to break or get stolen, cell phones may prevent us from helping campers settle into camp, since they may try to talk to you instead of our staff. When kids come to camp, they – and you – are allowing our staff to be their primary caretakers. This is a great act of faith for a parent, and we intend to earn and keep that trust. Sending a cell phone is akin to saying to your child that you haven't come to peace with them being in our care. It also prevents them from truly settling into the special world we create at camp.

We work diligently to partner with parents. Should your child have a challenge adjusting to camp, we will call you to explain the situation and request your advice. You can help by talking with your child before camp and telling them that there is always someone to whom they can reach out, whether it's the counselor, unit coordinator, an activity leader, nurse or even the director. We specifically introduce campers to many staff on the first day, to help them feel comfortable. We appreciate your assistance!

Communication After Camp

We take the safety and well-being of our campers seriously. During camp, safety and respect are emphasized in our activities. After camp, even though campers are not under our supervision, we remain concerned about their safety. Because campers now use the Internet, cell phones, and text messaging, we appeal to you as parents and guardians to help us maintain a safe environment for your child. Please review these details; we hope you will share them with your camper, too.

Campers and Social Networking Sites

Social networking sites (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram etc.) and other communication between campers can be a positive extension of the camp experience. When used responsibly, these sites are great places to exchange camp stories and keep in touch with friends. Since we emphasize positive and respectful communication at camp, we ask that campers continue to be positive and respectful in their correspondence. This includes using appropriate language and always acting in a non-threatening manner. If the rare circumstance arises that your child receives a threatening message and you suspect the sender is a fellow camper, please contact camp administration immediately.

Contacting Staff After Camp

Campers often develop positive mentor relationships with camp staff, and may want to keep in touch after summer. We have set up a communication format that benefits and protects both campers and seasonal staff. Here's how it works: If your child would like to contact a staff member, please help them write a letter to that person, and mail it to the address above. We'll forward the letter to the staff member, and encourage them to write back. Staff responses are mailed to camp, and then forwarded to you. This system keeps communication linked to camp after both campers and staff are no longer on-site. It also encourages campers to write letters – a skill we feel is important for kids to practice. We ask seasonal staff to not communicate with campers via the Internet, phone, or in person, since this is not monitored by camp. Please help us support this policy, for the security of both your child and our staff members. Summer camp is a special experience, and these measures keep it that way all year.