



Fall Family Camp Information Packet 2023

Dear Friends,

We are delighted to welcome you all to ECC this fall. We do everything we can to ensure you have a positive experience filled with fun, new relationships, and personal growth.

Please carefully read the information below.

PREPARING FOR CAMP:

- Please label your families belongings (bedding/clothing/towels/water bottles, etc.) to ensure its safe return.

CAMP REGISTRATION:

- Registration is **Friday, October 6th**. Please arrive between **4:00pm - 6:00pm**.
- We will meet you at the gate of the camp and provide directions to your lodging area. We will have dinner at 6:30pm and an introductory meeting in the barn at 7:45pm before our evening program.
- We ask that you please move your car to the parking lot as soon as you have unloaded to keep the roads free of vehicles in accordance with fire code.
- If you have an different arrival time please email Marisa at marisa@eccri.org to let her know your plans.

CAMP FEES AND FORMS:

- Unless other arrangements are made with ECC, all camp fees must be paid or scheduled prior to your arrival at camp.
- All forms must be completed online prior to registration day.

LODGING:

- Your family will have the cabin or wing room to themselves unless you have requested to share.
- Most cabins have one twin size bed and up to 10 bunks available.
- Please bring your own sheets and bedding if you are staying in a cabin.
- If you are staying in a wing room bedding will be provided for you.
- Bathrooms are a small walk from the cabins, so we recommend a shower caddy/bag and a pair of flip flops for easy travel.

COUNSELORS AND ACTIVITIES:

- We will have counselors and staff at Fall Camp to help provide activities and programs for the children and your families.
- Counselors will not be specifically assigned to families, but if your family needs additional assistance throughout the camp, email Marisa at marisa@eccri.org to arrange for help.
- Staff will care for the children in the morning when activities for children are offered simultaneously with activities for adults. We are asking families to sign in their children to the morning activities with counselors and sign them out at the conclusion of the morning program. This is a new process we are piloting.
- We will be offering kayaking, yoga, Zumba, and more to help you pack accordingly!
- Your family may choose whatever level of participation you would like - everything is optional.

FALL CAMP THEME

- We will be embracing the fall vibes here during Fall Camp.
- We will be having a costume parade one evening so please bring something to wear – family costumes are encouraged!

CAMP STORE:

- The camp store will be open during the day for snacks, beverages, and camp apparel. We will keep track of your purchases, and your UltraCamp account will be charged at the end of the session.

NIGHT DUTY:

- Night duty means a counselor will sit on the porch of your cabin or wing room and be supervising your children during this time.
- Counselors will be available for night duty on Saturday and Sunday night.
- Please find Marisa at the conclusion of Compline to sign up for this.
- Night duty will end at 11:30pm.

CANONS:

- Canons is our evening adult time held in the conference room.
- Joyce our Resident Manager provides snacks, and we participate in games and conversations.
- We will have Canon's on Saturday and Sunday night.
- If you would like to bring something to share for Canon's you are more than welcome, but it is not required!

CAMP RULES:

- We ask all camp participants to respect our camp rules:
 - Respect must be shown for everyone on the property.
 - Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are not permitted.
 - Cell phones and electronics are not allowed in program areas. Please keep them in your cabins!
 - Physical violence of any kind is not permitted.
 - Bullying is not permitted.

ENTIRE CAMP CLEAN UP

- Our rebranded Work Projects will be offered in the afternoon both Saturday and Sunday.
- The project for Fall Camp will be cleaning up the Stone Altar area and will be led by Kmae our Admin & Program Coordinator.

TYPICAL FAMILY CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE:

7:30am-8:30am:	Breakfast
9:30am:	Morning Worship
10:00am-11:45am:	Activities for Children/Adult Coffee and Free Time
12:00pm:	Lunch
1:30pm-3:30pm:	Afternoon optional family program time
3:30-5:30pm:	Family Free Time
6:00pm:	Dinner
7:30pm:	Evening Program (Fri: Fall Festivities, Sat: Signature Hunt, Sun: Talent Show)
8:00pm:	Compline

CAMP POLICY:

- The Diocese of RI prohibits discrimination against or harassment of any person in any of its programs or activities on the basis of sex, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. The Episcopal Conference Center upholds this policy by honoring all participants and by welcoming transgender youth as campers and staff. To read more about our policies visit <http://www.eccri.org/inclusionpolicy>

CAMP GOALS:

At ECC we strive to:

1. Nurture authentic relationships with God, one another, and ourselves.
2. Help every camper experience joy in a safe and comfortable environment.
3. Show each camper the love of God in community.
4. Celebrate each individual for who they are, created in the image of God.

We will know we have met these goals if your family develops new friendships, respects others, expresses themselves in a new way, participates in our common worship, has fun, and leaves feeling more confident. At the end of the week, we will email you a survey so you can let us know how the camp experience impacted you and your family. Your responses are a valuable part of our ministry, and we encourage you to participate. We hope camp provides a wonderful and life-changing experience for all.

END OF CAMP:

- Camp ends with a closing Eucharist at 10:00 am on **Monday October 9th** families will depart at 11:00 am.

PACKING LIST:

- Bedding and pillows
- Toiletries, towels for showering and baby wipes (feet get dirty at camp!)
- **MANY** changes of clothing. We do not have laundry facilities (unless there is an accident!)
- Close toed shoes to walk to the waterfront.
- Bug spray, sunscreen, anti-itch cream (the nurse can provide these things as well)
- Flashlights
- Raincoats, umbrellas, and/or ponchos
- Reusable water bottles
- Fans (we provide one fan per cabin, and there is no air conditioning at ECC)
- A camera and watch. We ask families to leave screens in their cabins.
- Adult options for free time (books, instruments, etc.)
- Pack 'n Plays, strollers and baby carriers for young children if needed.
- Special highchairs if needed (we provide a few highchairs in our outdoor dining tent)
- Foldable camping chairs for adults and older children for the beach or talent show night.
- A Talent Show Act! Or some loose ideas – counselors will help you be creative. Participation is optional.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are so looking forward to sharing the ECC experience with our campers!

Best,

Marisa

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Summer Camp and Program Director