

Overnight Camp Notes for Parents/Guardians 12.11.24

Important Times

Registration & drop-off is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Registration will take place in the dining hall.

End of the week checkout is 2:30 p.m. on Friday at the “Check-Out” tent next to the chapel tent. Every parent/guardian needs to stop by the “Check-Out” tent before signing out their camper. Families are encouraged to arrive early to attend the closing chapel session at 2:00 p.m. which will include campers singing, a recap of the week’s Bible lessons, and a slideshow. After the closing session, campers can be signed-out with their counselor.

If you are going to be late or early for any of these times, please notify us as soon as you can.

The following are options that can be completed online prior to the start of camp or on registration day.

Camp Store Deposit & Merchandise Options (update by going to your camper’s reservation page)

- Spending money at the camp store for snacks, beverages, souvenirs, hand craft projects, and offering for the missions project. The average amount is \$40. Campers have a spending account set up at registration, so they do not have to carry cash.
- T-shirt - \$18 (If camper is registered by May 1st with a deposit, they will receive a free t-shirt!)
- Tie-dye T-shirt - \$16 – Tie dye t-shirts will be tie dyed as a part of the hand crafts skills class and free time. Only adult sizes available. You may bring your own white t-shirt to tie dye as well and pay \$2 for the dye.
- Backpacks - \$20
- Water Bottles - \$16 – We ask that you please send your camper with their own personal water bottle to camp. If they forget their water bottle, we have some available to purchase in the camp store.
- 8x10 Picture with group photo on front and cabin photos on back, plus a bookmark - \$8

Email Blocks - \$5 for 5 emails. While your child is at camp, you may send 'emails' to them which will be printed and

delivered to your camper. To send an email: Log into your online account, select the envelope  at the top right of the page, select “E-Mail a Camper”, and follow the instructions on the page to write and send your e-mail.

Health Form & Liability & Photo Release

The Camper Health Form and Liability & Photo Release is available through the online account in the “Document Center” and must be completed prior to the start of camp.

Medications List

The medications list can be updated prior to camp through your camper’s profile in your online account.

Lice Check

Each camper will receive a lice check at registration.

Cabin Buddy Requests (not required)

Many campers come without a buddy and find they make new friends. Buddies should be close in age, the same gender, and preferably not siblings. A camper’s buddy request may be updated up to two weeks before camp begins. To update a buddy request through your online account, edit "additional information" in the camper's registration information.

Scholarship assistance is available for campers whose families are financially unable to send their children to camp. To request a scholarship, fill out the scholarship request form in the “Document Center” of your online account.

Packing List

- Medications* **(All medications [including vitamins] must be labeled, in original container, and placed in a zip-top bag with camper's name.) Please have medications out for drop-off.**
- Bible, notebook, pen/pencil
- Sleeping bag and/or bedding for a twin mattress and a pillow
- Towel & washcloth
- Raincoat & sweatshirt
- Camp clothes for 5 days (outdoor clothes you can get dirty)
- Tennis shoes & strap on sandals
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/shampoo/soap/deodorant
- Flashlight
- Insect-repellent/sunscreen
- Modest swimwear, beach towel & flip flops
- Water bottle (water bottles are available to purchase in the camp store)
- Optional – fishing equipment

CLOTHING GUIDELINES

We ask that parents and campers please read through these guidelines before packing.

Please, no questionable words or graphics on clothing.

Shirts should cover the stomach and not be low cut or bare back; tops should have a 1" strap; shorts should have 4" inseams or extend to fingertip length; skirts should reach to the knee; leggings should not be skin tight or they need to be worn with a long shirt, shorts, skirt, or dress over top.

Swimwear is only to be worn at the beach or slip and slide and to and from the cabin or showers; sandals or shoes must also be worn to and from the waterfront. Guys' suits must be trunk style; girls' suits are to be one piece or covering the midriff. *(If the swimsuit does not cover, you will be asked to wear a shirt over top.)*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

Any electronics including digital music players, cellphones, and digital cameras.

Bikes/knives/firearms/fireworks/lighters/matches

Tobacco/cigarettes (including e-cigs, APVs, & JUULs)/non-prescription drugs/alcohol/marijuana products (THC & CBD)

Personal snacks and drinks (we do not want to attract unwanted pests such as rodents into the cabins)

Camper Behavior Policy

The safety & well-being of each camper will be pursued within an environment that is wholesome and Christian.

Possessing and/or using items such as tobacco, cigarettes (including e-cigs, APVs, & Juuls), alcohol, non-prescription drugs, marijuana products (THC & CBD), & pornography is prohibited. Harming another camper (physically or verbally), sexual harassment, repetitive indecent/profane language, disrespect for authority, & romantic, physical relationships between campers is also prohibited. Camp leadership reserves the right to send a camper home based on breaking these rules or other behavior that is causing a negative experience for the other campers in the camp. There will be no refund given for the remaining time in a session if a camper is sent home.

Privacy Statement

Camp Oak Hills respects the privacy of all campers. However, the camp administration believes the safety and the well-being of others is a priority. Thus, campers must not have an expectation of privacy from a search by the camp administration of his/her belongings. Camp Oak Hills reserves the right to search a camper's belongings for inappropriate items including but not limited to items listed above. If a camper's personal belongings are searched, there will be at least two staff members present in addition to the camper. One of the staff will be a missionary staff member. If any illegal and/or inappropriate items are found, the items will be confiscated and held at the director or program director's office. Immediate attempts will be made to contact the parents/guardians. Any additional action, other than confiscating the item, will depend on the situation. If the decision is made by Camp Oak Hills staff to contact law enforcement, a good faith effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians first.

Calling Home

One of the benefits of camp is for campers to learn to be self-sufficient and resilient away from home. For this reason, we strongly recommend that campers not call home during their stay and ask that parents/guardians not to tell your child they have the option to call home if they are feeling sad or missing you. If your camper is really struggling with being at camp and other methods of engagement have not worked, our staff will call you first to determine the best course of action before giving the camper the option to call home. We ask that parents/guardians call only in case of an emergency.

Lost & Found

Camp is not responsible for lost items, but if requested lost items will be looked for and returned.

Cancellations

If you need to cancel a reservation, please call us as soon as possible. We may have campers on a waiting list and your courtesy may help them attend camp. Deposits are nonrefundable or transferable unless the cancelation is due to family hardship.

Receiving Mail

Please address mail to: Camper Name, c/o Camp Oak Hills, 1696 South Camp Road SW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Waiting List Information

If you are on a waiting list, you will be notified as soon as possible of an opening.

Camp Oak Hills, 1696 South Camp Road SW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Email: campinfo@oakhills.edu Phone: 218.444.4085