



# CREW CAMP 2018

Camp Carl Summer Camp

## INFORMATION





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# WELCOME FROM OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

Dear Camper Parents, Grandparents, or Guardians,

Thank you for providing Camp Carl the opportunity to serve and care for your family this summer. It has been a privilege to serve families for 54 years, providing a fun, Christ centered encounter for all of our campers. We are so excited about what God has planned for summer 2018 at Camp Carl.

It is our desire to communicate effectively with all of our families in an effort to manage your expectations, answer your questions, and provide you with peace of mind, knowing that your child is in great hands at Camp Carl. Within this packet, you will receive up-to-date information, FAQs, and other material that will be helpful as you and your child prepare for their week at Camp Carl.

Please read the information carefully. Once you have had a chance to review the materials, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 330-315-5665 or email us at [info@campcarl.life](mailto:info@campcarl.life) with any additional questions or concerns you might have.

Thank you again for selecting Camp Carl for your child's camp experience. We are looking forward to a terrific summer. Please know that it is an honor and a pleasure to provide an environment where your child can relax, have fun, build life-long relationships, and learn how to be the full expression of what God has created them to be!

See you soon!

Tom Sullivan

Director of Camp Carl



# WELCOME FROM CREW LEADERS

Dear future CREW member,

It's finally here! We are so excited for you to come out to camp this summer! You are going to have an amazing time getting to know others in your cabin, serving camp, and diving deeper into your relationship with the Lord. Camp Carl staff cannot wait to meet you and to see all that God will do in your heart and life through this week. As a CREW member, you will have the opportunity to serve camp in a way like no other. You will learn more about what it means to work behind the scenes at camp and to live out being the hands and feet of Jesus through serving others.

This summer, we are focusing our study on the Spiritual Disciplines. The disciplines are specific “practices” that God calls us to live out while here on earth. During our study, we will dive deeper into what different disciplines look like and how to live them out well. (Don't worry if that sounds like a lot right now, they're called “practices” because they are something we all will need to practice - together!) As we practice the disciplines, we will be a part of daily Bible studies, shadowing counselors, serving in the kitchen, and deep fellowship with other CREW members. Together, we will learn more of what it means to grow close Lord and wholeheartedly seek Him. We are very excited to meet you and cannot wait for you to be a part of the team this summer!

Amanda Moore & Mary LePage

CREW Unit Leaders



# THE CREW PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CREW program is for high school age students who wish to grow in their leadership abilities serving at Camp Carl. CREW members will spend a minimum of one week at Camp Carl working alongside CREW unit leaders. The tight-knit CREW team will be led by college graduates and is limited to 10 members per week. Leaders will coach and lead the CREW step by step in both their work projects and Bible study. The expectations set upon a CREW member are much higher than those of a normal camper – CREW is at camp to serve wholeheartedly and selflessly. They are coming together as a team not to be recognized or seen, but to serve in order that Christ may be more visible at Camp Carl!

The CREW will play a crucial role in the upkeep, appearance, ministry and outreach of Camp Carl. All necessary training is provided. Additional time will be spent with the program's leaders and living in community with Camp Carl staff. At the end of the week, CREW leaders will do a serving assessment for every CREW member to provide feedback for their personal development. If CREW members register for multiple weeks, they will have an opportunity to shadow a variety of positions and experience various ministry opportunities available at Camp Carl.



# ACTIVITY INFORMATION

## Get Ready, Camp Carl Campers!

For those of you who were here last summer and are counting down the days until summer camp starts...get ready, because it will be here before we know it! For those of you who are joining us for the first time...you're about to have the time of your life!!! We have some awesome things planned for our mornings and afternoons, and some cool evening activities as well. Below are some previews of your week, along with some reminders of extra things to bring along to make this the best week of camp ever!

Your Camp Carl Summer Staff will make sure we keep the highest standard of safety and excellence, as well as make sure that you and every other camper are cared for well. We hope you are already getting excited about the unforgettable week that is in store. The water is warming up, school is winding down, and cabins are ready, now we just need YOU to get here!

## Activity Information

Camp week is packed with wall-to-wall activities and fun-filled moments. Every moment is planned and intentional - from the minute campers arise until they hit their bunk at night.

### Sample Schedule for each day

6:30am Rise and Shine

4:30pm Optional Shadow/FOB (Flat On Bunk)

7:15am Breakfast CREW

5:15pm Dinner CREW

10:00am Individual and Group Devotional

8:00 pm Themed Night Event

11:00am Lunch CREW

8:45 pm Evening Chapel

3:00pm Shadow

11:00 pm Lights Out



## DAILY THEMES & NIGHT ACTIVITIES

We've got some amazing, exciting, jam-packed daily themes & night events for Summer 2018! Here's everything you need to know. **Have some crazy fun and bring gear and costumes to go along with the themes!!**

### **Monday:** Season's Greetings

Why wait until December to celebrate everyone's favorite holiday (well, most people)?! All the Christmas spirit without the bone-chilling temperatures? Snowball fights with white water balloons? Christmas lights in the middle of summer? All this and so much more. Come dressed as your favorite Christmas character, in all green and red or as a giant ornament (the possibilities are endless) and be ready to make the season bright!

### **Tuesday:** Mountain Men & Wild Women

That's right, we're bringing it back this year with some revisions and quite a bit of sprucing it up, but the theme remains the same – cabin bonding and teambuilding the wilderness way. Be prepared to get in touch with your wild side (showers not optional) with outdoorsy themed activities, characters and an evening in the woods. Nothing says bonding like stories and campfires, am I right?! Come dressed in your mountainous gear and get ready to become one with the great outdoors.

### **Wednesday:** Gadgets & Gizmos

Where Imagination Comes Alive! There's nothing new under the sun. But that doesn't mean we can't dream a little. Wednesdays this summer, we'll be thinking with the minds of an inventor; allowing our minds to think outside the box and examining the unique purpose of all things (including you and me). To promote your own uniqueness, we ask that you dress in what sets you apart – maybe you come from a different country (dress like a person from that country), maybe you enjoy gardening (dress like a flower), maybe you really like butter. Get creative!

### **Thursday:** Gold Rush

There's gold in them thar hills! Yee haa! In this all-day western theme, the campers will spend the day getting in touch with their cow tipping, pig lassoing, husking corn side (without actually doing those things specifically). It seems Bettie Jean Smithereen needs help getting all the gold around Camp! But watch out for the bandits roaming around property. Each cabin will turn in their gold at the end of the day for tickets to Camp Carl's annual Roh-dee-oh! We'll end the day how every cowboy and girl ends every day, with a good ol' fashioned hoedown throw down. I think the costume ideas will come naturally for this one.

### **Friday:** Spotlight

Friday is the day to celebrate an awesome week. We want the campers and staff to feel like celebrities as we take a look back at significant moments that happened. There will be camper spotlight awards, Top 10 list of events, paparazzi-takeover and so much more ways to help us remember the growth, fun and long-lasting memories. Bring your bow ties, tiaras and any other addition that makes you feel famous is appropriate.

**Note:** Use your own discretion and don't spend too much money on this. .Campers will have an amazing week even if they are unable to bring gear.



## GETTING READY CHECKLIST

Please check your Camp Carl Account (through your Camp Carl Account at [www.campcarl.life](http://www.campcarl.life). Click on My Account at the top of the home page) to be sure that **all of these** items are completed before your camper attends camp.

- Complete the Health Form ONLINE.
- Complete the Electronic Activity Release Form ONLINE.
- Review the packing list and purchase necessary items or things for night events.
- Arrange for care package(s) to be sent to your camper (most campers will receive mail, email, and packages during the week). These can be dropped off during check-in on Sunday.
- RED LETTERS:** Need to be from the regular mail service or given to us at check-in on Sunday. **Emails do NOT count this year!!** If your camper receives a red letter, they will be thrown in the pool that week!
- Pay balance for camp in full.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this packet, please feel free to call our office at 330-315-5665 or email us at [info@campcarl.life](mailto:info@campcarl.life).

## PACKING TIPS

As you prepare for Camp Carl Summer Camp, we have provided a list of items you will need to pack for your camper. On the following pages, we've included extensive lists for "What to Bring" and "What NOT to Bring". Before we jump into packing, we wanted to share a few tips.

- Please pack using a suitcase, duffle bag, or trunk (no larger than 40L x 37W x 16H).
- Each evening we have a themed Night Event and encourage your campers to dress up and get in "costume!" These themes can be found on page 6 in this packet. — Bring items from home before purchasing anything.
- Don't buy a lot of new clothing — this is camp, and we will most likely get wet and dirty!
- Use zip lock bags to waterproof items.
- Don't send anything that you consider irreplaceable.
- Clearly and boldly label all of your child's belongings.
- Strapless clothing, mini-skirts, or t-shirts with large cut outs are not allowed.
- All shorts must be a modest length (Fingertip length) and we have a NO ROLL rule





# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

## Required:

- Clothing: Please make sure to label all of your camper's belongings!
- Blue jeans/long pants
- Raincoat/poncho\*
- Tennis shoes (2 pair)
- Pair of clothes to get dirty
- Baseball cap/hat\*
- Night Event costumes
- Socks
- T-Shirts/Tops (No strapless)
- Shorts (modest length, please)
- Lightweight jacket/Fleece/Sweatshirt
- Water bottle\*
- Swimsuit (swim trunks for guys, modest swim suit that covers midriff for girls)
- Water shoes or old sneakers
- Twin bed sheets/blankets/sleeping bag
- Pillow & pillow case
- Towels (shower and beach)\*
- Toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)\*

## Optional Extras:

- Disposable cameras
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Bible (We will have one for you if you don't own one)
- Wash cloth
- Money for Camp Store— Dropped off at check-in. We will keep and record expenses.
- Flashlight\*
- Laundry Bag\*
- Stationary / Stamps\* (Pre-addressed, please)
- Care Package\*\*

\*For your convenience, these items are available for purchase at our camp store.

\*\*Care Packages — One of the highlights of the Camp Carl camping experience is receiving mail or care packages...maybe even a **mailed red letter** from friends and family.

Camp Carl offers the option to purchase pre-made **Carl Packs** for cabin delivery or you

are welcome to bring your own care packages. These Carl Packs will be available at check-in to choose from.

Snacks in sealed containers only. Please avoid bringing anything containing peanuts due to potential severe allergies of cabin mates.

Please do not pack anything valuable and do not over pack. Bring old items that you will not miss if they turn up lost. Camp Carl is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Lost and found items are held only two days after camper's departure. After that, they will be donated to a local rescue shelter.



## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

- Any electronic device that can access the Internet breaches our security policy. If discovered by a counselor, it will be collected and stored until the end of the camper's session.
- In addition, Camp Carl cannot be responsible for lost or broken articles. Please do not bring anything that would break easily or cause loss if misplaced.
- Any web-enabled devices — Cell Phones
- Computers iPads/Tablets
- Handheld video game systems
- Alcohol, Illegal drugs
- Tobacco products
- Weapons (including pocket knives and multi-tools)
- Fireworks
- Personal sports equipment (everything you need will be provided for your activities)

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

**CHECK IN** will take place on Sunday at Camp Carl.

- 8054 Calvin Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

- CREW Members will be required to arrive an hour before camper check-in (arriving at 3 pm) to assist with parking, luggage, the Camp Carl store, and registration.

- CREW members will meet their CREW Unit Leaders in the lodge.

- Upon arrival, they will have a brief meeting and orientation before assisting with different areas of Check-In for the rest of camp.

**CHECK OUT** will take place on Friday at Camp Carl.

- 8054 Calvin Rd. Ravenna, OH 44266

- CREW members will be required to assist with clean-up and be dismissed and picked up at 3 pm.

### Maps and Directions

Maps and Directions to Camp Carl are available on our website at <http://campcarl.life/contact>.

### Closing Ceremony

Closing Ceremonies begin at 3:30pm for all Summer Overnight Camps. Closing Ceremony is especially designed for you and your family. Dismissal will be at 4:00pm. The counselors will honor your camper and speak of the character qualities they saw in your camper during the week.



# IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

## Car Decorating

We're continuing a tradition at Camp Carl by asking you and your campers to decorate your cars for the trip to camp — with window paint, crepe paper, etc.. "Camp Carl 2018", their cabin/camper name, etc. It's a fun way to start the week, but certainly not required. You can purchase car markers at Walmart, Hobby Lobby, or Michaels. **You will receive a water bottle and a Camp Carl t-shirt for your efforts!**

## When You Arrive...

If CREW member is driving themselves: CREW members that are driving themselves to camp will park in the lodge parking lot. If it is your first week, your CREW unit leaders will direct you where you will be able to move your car for the remainder of the week. If being dropped off: Park in the parking lot by the lodge. Bring your luggage into the lodge where you will be greeted by your CREW unit leaders. Registration and check-in will begin for CREW members there. For the safety of all campers, a lice check will be performed on all children in the lodge according to our policy.

## Once you've completed check-in...

You can then proceed to your campers assigned cabin. At the cabin, you will meet your camper's counselors, help your camper make their bed, get settled, and discuss any special concerns with their counselors. Once your camper is settled, you can say your good byes in their cabin, and you will be transported back to the parking lots and lodge.

Once you depart, remember to follow us during the week on our social media platforms.

■ Facebook (@campcarllife) Instagram (@campcarllife) Twitter (@campcarllife)

## Letters and Packages from Home

You may bring mail and care packages on Check-In Day and drop them off in the lodge. Please indicate your camper's name, cabin number and desired delivery day. Be sure to put any food in a re-sealable container, please send only non-perishable food items, and please do not send anything with peanuts. We request that your camper's packages be no larger than the size of a normal shoebox. We encourage you to arrange for your camper to receive email, mail and care packages during the week. Most campers will receive one or more during their stay. The Camp Carl Store, located by the outdoor basketball court, sells ready-made care packages called Carl Packs. We will also have some available in the lodge for purchase.

Cabin numbers Can be found on Your child's Registration, one week before your camp week

Additionally, any item purchased in the store on Check-In Day can be delivered to your camper on the day of your choice.

## Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found table in the Lodge before leaving on Friday. If you realize your camper did not make it home with an item, please call Camp office at 330-315-5665 and leave a message describing the missing item(s). Claimed items will be returned C.O.D. Items will be held for one week. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Please label all items and make sure that you have all of your camper's belongings before you leave. Please note that Camp Carl cannot be responsible for lost or broken articles.

## Camper Photos

Photos and videos of your camper, their cabin mates, and counselors will be posted on Facebook daily for you to view absolutely FREE. We encourage you to pass on your photos to friends and family.



## HEALTH INFORMATION

Every Camp Carl camper is required to fill out the Camp Carl Health Form online on your account. This should be completed prior to your camp week's start date.

### Special Dietary Requirements

Camp Carl is concerned about your child's health and will gladly work with you regarding special dietary restrictions and requirements. We can accommodate a gluten-free or dairy-free diet. We allow each camper to eat from a buffet line where there will be multiple options for them to choose.

### Lice Policy

For the safety, health and comfort of all campers, no child with untreated lice (bugs) or lice eggs (nits) on their person or belongings will be admitted to camp. Each child will be checked for lice/nits upon arrival to camp. If lice/nits are present, they must be treated prior to admittance to camp. Parents are responsible for treatment of both their camper's belongings camper's head when lice and or nits are found at camper check-in. Please check your child within 48 hours of arriving at camp (see [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org) for more information). In order to properly perform a lice/nit check, ponytails must be removed prior to check. We will do our best to do lice checks around braids but any signs of lice or nits will require that braids be taken out.

### Health Care Reminders

At Camp Carl, safety is our number one priority. Your child's safety and health are of the utmost importance to us and we will provide professional and responsible care while they are at camp. To maintain our standards of excellence, we follow the regulations of the American Camp Association standards. Below are some suggestions that will improve your child's experience and expedite your check in process on Sunday.

- We have a No Nit, No Lice policy. Please inspect your child(ren) 48 hours prior to camp for lice and/or nits. If found, please treat and remove ALL nits so that they can be admitted to camp. There are a number of resources available that can assist you in this process. For your convenience, here is a sample website you can review:
  - o <http://www.wikihow.com/Check-a-Child's-Hair-for-Lice>
  - o Please note that every child is also checked on their arrival day by a counselor and/or Health Care Professional.
- All medications are required to be in the original packaging and contain only the medication identified on the container. Do not put two or more different medications in the same container.



- If your child requires a prescription medication, the prescription label must be legible with the camper's name on it. Please do not use old bottles or those belonging to another family member as they will not be administered per state law.
- Please bring all medication in a labeled 1 gallon Ziploc bag
- Please check the medication's expiration date. Expired medication will not be administered per state law.
- The ONLY medications that are permitted to be kept with the counselors are RESCUE inhalers and EPI pens. These are the only medications that our counselors are trained to administer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Health Care Doctor during check-in.
- We do not allow campers to keep these medications themselves as it poses a threat to other campers. A counselor that has your child's rescue medication will be with your child at all times. The counselors are allowed to keep glucometers.
- Please contact our office as soon as possible at [info@campcarl.life](mailto:info@campcarl.life) if your child has one or more of the following conditions:
  - Requires any injectable medication
  - Any seizure disorder
  - Autism
  - Asperger's Syndrome
- Any special situation that requires our attention. It is very beneficial for us to have this information as soon as possible so that we may prepare our counselors and staff.
- If your child's medication will be coming with someone who is not familiar with the dose and administration time, please be sure to send a note with the exact information. Medication administration times are during Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and at Bedtime. Please choose which med call times you will prefer.
- If your child has surgery, a fracture or serious injury within six weeks of camp, please contact our office as a physician's release will be required.
- If contagious illness 7 days prior to camp, please contact our office to discuss specifics.
- All medications will be returned on Friday. Medications that are left over are disposed of so please be sure to stop by our Medication Return table in the Lodge on Friday.



# GENERAL POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

## Cancellations

Campers who cancel before June 1, 2018 will be refunded all payments except the non-refundable deposit of \$50. If this reservation is cancelled for any reason after June 1, 2018, all monies paid will be non-refundable. All cancellation requests must be submitted via e-mail to [info@campcarl.life](mailto:info@campcarl.life). All payments are non-transferable. Registrations not paid in full the Friday before the Sunday drop-off may be subject to automatic cancellation.

## Communications

The best way to contact Camp Carl is through e-mail. Please address all correspondence to [info@campcarl.life](mailto:info@campcarl.life). We check our e-mail regularly and respond in a timely manner. You may also call 330-315-5665. Campers may not email or call home.

## Camper Check-Out Policy

Campers will be released only into the care of the adult assigned in the registration process. If other than the parent, we require an Alternative Pick-Up Form to be completed on line or during check-in.

## Contacting Your Camper

If an emergency arises you can call our office 24 hours a day and one of our staff will assist you. If your camper needs to contact you we will facilitate that as well. You are more than welcome to e-mail or write a letter to your camper. The address for all regular mail correspondence is:

Camper's Name and Date

Camper's Cabin Number

8054 Calvin Rd.

Ravenna, OH 44266

Your e-mail will be delivered directly to your camper with the daily mail call at one of our meals.

**To email a camper follow these steps:** 1- Go to [CampCarl.life](http://CampCarl.life) 2- Click on my account  
3- Log-in to your account 4- Click on "Additional options" at the top of the page 5- Click on "Email a camper"



# STAY CONNECTED

## WITH CAMP CARL'S SOCIAL MEDIA

### Stay Connected During Camp Week (and All Year Long!)

Camp Carl has an active presence in several areas of social media. To view the variety of ways you can communicate with us, get to know us better, and stay connected all year long.

- Live Updates on **Facebook** and **Instagram**
- Our weekly videos will be posted to our Vimeo Page (<https://vimeo.com/campcarl>)
- Get the latest camp news by following @campcarllife on Facebook. We'll be posting throughout the day. If you think it would be fun to hear a little bit of detail from daily camp life as a way to "follow" your child's week, then this is for you. We will not use camper names or personal information in our post, rather we will be trying to capture something from every cabin each day.
- Please give us your feedback on **Google Reviews**. This has been our one of our best ways to get the good word out about our camp. Search Camp Carl in Google's search engine and write a review! We greatly appreciate it!