# Camp Carl Summer Camp







# 2017 Summer 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 53 years, providing a fun, Christ centered encounter for all of our campers. We are so excited about what God has planned for summer 2017 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 end 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 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 most importantly, learn how to be the full expression of what God has created them to be!

See you soon!



Tom Sullivan | Director of Camp Carl

#### **ACTIVITY INFORMATION**



# **Welcome 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 Camp Team will make sure we keep the highest standard of safety and excellence, and we will 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!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at campcarl@thechapel.life or call 330-315-5665. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

# **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 7:30am Rise and Shine 8:00am Breakfast 8:40am Cabin Devotional 9:30am Activity 1 Noon Lunch 12:45pm Flat On Bunk (FOB) or Electives

2:00pm Activity 2 3:30pm Activity 3 5:00pm Dinner 6:30pm The Gathering & Worship 6:45pm Themed Night Event 9:30pm Lights Out (Elementary) 11:00pm Lights Out (MS & HS)

Camp Carl Activities include Archery, the Lake's Giant Inflatables: Iceberg, Slide, Trampoline, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle boarding, Mountain Biking (MS & HS only), Wooded Initiatives Course, Basketball, Horse Riding, Gaga Ball, Ultra Ball, Huge Outdoor Pool with Dual Flume Water Slides, Climbing Tower and Zipline, Creek Exploration, Paintball (MS & HS only), Giant Water Slide, and Amazing Field Sports.



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#### **HIGH SCHOOL WEEK NIGHT EVENTS**



We've got some amazing, exciting, jam-packed night events for Summer 2017! Here's everything you need to know.

Bring gear and costumes to go along with the themes!!

Monday and Tuesday Night: Mountain Men/Wild Women (Girls: Monday; Boys: Tuesday)

Man against wild. Woman against the nature of the beast. Well, maybe a squirrel? Camp Carl is stepping up the "camp" aspect this year with a night in the woods filled with wilderness skills, dinner around the campfire, game through the woods and campfire talks specific to each gender. Gentlemen, bring your mountain men gear. Ladies, go ahead and unleash your explorer side as a wild woman. It's time for a night under the stars.

Monday and Tuesday Night: Mascot Mania (Girls: Tuesday; Boys: Monday)

Whether you've loved competition since you've been able to say, "Go Cavs!" or you don't even know what sport has a home run, today will be the day to become as crazy as the Cleveland Browns' Dawg pound (ask your parents if you don't know what that means). It's time to pull out the face paint and pom poms as your cabin competes in head-to-head competition while the other gender is out in the wilderness.

#### Wednesday Night: Beach Bums

Who said you should rub in all the sun screen on your nose or that life jackets weren't a fashion statement?! Catching some rays will be more than just an out-of-date part of speech on this beach (even with the sun setting) when Camp Carl takes a relaxing evening over at West Branch State Park to ride boats, chill out with your cabin or play some good ol' fashioned field games, so join the fun with your own tacky beach attire.

#### Thursday Night: Carl Theater

Ladies and gentlemen – girls and boys – campers and counselors, it's time for the entertainment to begin! Whether you like to go comfy casual or you're feelin' fancy, show us your favorite style as you sit back and watch others make fools of themselves or join in the fun with your own cabin.

• Example: either a pajama onesie or a 1970's Prom dress from Goodwill

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL WEEKS NIGHT EVENTS



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Man against wild. Woman against the nature of the beast. Well, maybe a squirrel? Camp Carl is stepping up the "camp" aspect this year with a night in the woods filled with wilderness skills, dinner around the campfire, game through the woods and campfire talks specific to each gender. Gentlemen, bring your mountain men gear. Ladies, go ahead and unleash your explorer side as a wild woman. It's time for a night under the stars.

Monday and Tuesday Night: The Knight of Princesses (Boys: Monday - Girls: Tuesday)

Boys will be boys and girls will be girls? Well, tonight boys will be knights and the girls will be princesses! We have all been made in the image of God, but what makes us different? Girls, dress as the princesses that you are and discover together the truth of feminine beauty that comes from the inside. Boys, dress as a warrior as we search for our Godgiven strength to serve because chivalry is not dead!

• There will be a dress-up-your-counselor competition, so it'd be fun to have face paint, hats, streamers, whatever you think may help you look your best (or most creative)

Wednesday Night: Stealth Patrol

Wait, where'd you go? Standing out isn't helpful this evening as you and your cabin mates sneak around camp during our capture the flag version of Guerrilla Warfare. But the mission doesn't end there. Make sure you're ready as we rally the troops into this evening of friendly competition and stealth-like combat.

Thursday Night: Battle Royale

What's the point of being a camper if you can't shove some mud in your counselor's face? Just be prepared for retaliation in this all out day of competition where the events may get a little messy. This is not the day to wear your Sunday best, but you do want to represent your cabin! How? By bringing an old outfit, face paint, glitter, funny hats, anything that will set you out from the other cabins but that you won't miss if you don't recognize it afterwards.

 We're planning an in-the-woods muddy obstacle course, so you'll probably want to bring some old clothes that you don't mind ruining.

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEEKS NIGHT EVENTS**



We've got some amazing, exciting, jam-packed night events for Summer 2017! Here's everything you need to know.

Bring gear and costumes to go along with the themes!!

Monday Night: Boys/Candy Chaos Girls/Jungle Safari

Hershey, Skittles and Reese's, oh my! Here's the salute to a whole evening of candy chaos. From candy-themed obstacles to candy falling from the sky, this is going to be a sweet night that you won't want to miss. Come dressed as your favorite candy as the camp competes against Willy Wonka's nemesis, Billy Bonka, to win back camp's sweet tooth or get smashed by one too many cavities.

Tuesday Night: Boys/Jungle Safari Girls/Candy Chaos

Crikey! Was that an alligator? Probably not, but the possibilities are endless as you eat dinner around a campfire and journey into the woods. Come dressed as a true explorer and be ready to set off into the great unknown...well, a little less known.

Wednesday Night: Up, Up, and Away

What is that? A bird? A plane? No, it's Camp Carl here to save the day! And we need your help!! Bring your capes, masks, shields, whatever makes you feel super because this day's going to be anything but ordinary.

Thursday Night: Giddy Up

Howdy, partner! Why don't ya saddle yourself up right next to your cabinmates as you enjoy the Camp Carl's version of the Wild West with its hootin' and hollerin' Roh-dee-oh! So bring your boots, chaps and cowboy hats—or whatever helps you become countrified and get ready to get in touch with your Wild West side.

#### **DAYCAMP WEEK EVENTS**



We've got some amazing, exciting, jam-packed events for Summer 2017! Here's everything you need to know. **Bring gear and costumes to go along with the themes!!** 

**Monday Event:** Operation Occupation

The counselors here at Camp Carl are so excited to meet you and learn all about you! But sometimes it's hard to know where to start. Would you help them by dressing like what you want to be when you're older? That sure would help break the ice! If you don't know, dress as something you enjoy doing.

Wednesday Event: Zoolympics

Want to have a 'roar'ing good time? I know I could gopher it! Well here at Camp Carl, we have the necessary 'koala'fications to 'toad'ally a'moose' just about anyone. Are these animal puns too 'hawk'ward for you? Alright already, I'll make my point and get otter here: dress like an animal this evening and be ready for the sealiest time of your life.

Thursday Night Event: Crayotic Color Craze

Just like crayons in a crayon box, we each have our own unique selves, but also like us, when those crayons work together, they can make a masterpiece of an artwork!! On this day, we'll all be crayons as we dress in our favorite color and, together, we'll make a rainbow of fun!

Friday Event: Jersey Jamboree

Here at Camp Carl, we sure do love games and competition. We just can't get enough of rooting our team to victory! That's why we're asking you to dress up as a fan of your favorite sports team—jerseys, head bands, face paint, however crazy you want to go!

#### **GETTING READY CHECKLIST**



Please be sure that all of these items are completed before your camper attends camp.

Complete the Health Form ONLINE - through you Camp Carl Account at www.campcarl.life. Click on My Account at the top of the home page.

Complete the Media Release Form ONLINE.

Complete the 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).

**RED LETTERS:** Need to be from the regular mail service. **Emails do NOT count this year!!** If your camper receives a red letter, they will be thrown in the pool that day! 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 campcarl@thechapel.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.

# **Helpful Hints**

- Please pack using a suitcase, duffle bag, or trunk (no larger than 40Lx37Wx16H).
- 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 pages 6 through 9 in this packet.
- 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 AND WHAT NOT 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 cover 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 - Dropped off at check-in. We will keep and record expenses.

Flashlight\*

Laundry Bag\*

Stationary / Stamps\* (Pre-addressed please)

Care Package\*\*

Camp Carl offers the option to purchase a 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.

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

# WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP



#### 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



We can't wait to see you! Check-in time for Camp Carl is Sunday afternoon beginning at 5:00pm and running until 6:00pm. Campers should arrive no earlier than 4:00pm and no later than 6:00pm. For safety and scheduling reasons, there will be no one to assist you or care for campers before check-in time. Please do not arrive before 4:00pm. If for some reason, you cannot arrive during the required arrival time, please email our office at camp.carl@thechapel.life.

# **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 2:30pm for all Summer Overnight Camps. Closing Ceremony is especially designed for you and your family. Dismissal will be at 3:00pm. The counselors will honor your camper and speak of the character qualities they saw in your camper during the week. A video of your child's week at camp will also be shown. We hope you will attend!

#### **IMPORTANT** THINGS TO KNOW



#### Car Decorating

We want to start a new tradition at Camp Carl by asking you and your campers decorate their cars for the trip and arrival to camp – with window paint, crepe paper, etc.. "Camp Carl 2017", their cabin/camper name, etc. It's a fun way to start the week, but certainly not required. You can purchase car markers at Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, or Michaels. You will receive a water bottle and a Camp Carl t-shirt for your efforts!

### When You Arrive...

You will be directed to a parking space, where you'll place your luggage behind your car and wait for one of our staff members who will tag your luggage and take it to a shuttle. You will then be directed to the lodge where you will check-in. 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 at the HUB located 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.

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. 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 dairyfree diet. Please contact Camp Carl's Food Service Department by emailing Aaron.Uhl@campcarl.life or calling 330-315-5665 to review our menu and make the appropriate substitutions if available.

**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 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 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:

- http://www.wikihow.com/Check-a-Child's-Hair-for-Lice.)
  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 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 <a href="mailto:campcarl@thechapel.life">campcarl@thechapel.life</a> if your child has one or more of the following conditions:

- o 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



#### **Roommate Requests**

At Camp Carl, we will do our best to honor up to three roommate requests per camper. Groups larger than three, we will do our best to get everyone together, but can't guarantee.

#### **Cancellations**

Campers who cancel before June 1, 2017 will be refunded all payments except the non-refundable deposit of \$50. If this reservation is cancelled for any reason after June 1, 2017, all monies paid will be non-refundable. All cancellation requests must be submitted via e-mail to campcarl@thechapel.life. All payments are non-transferrable. 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 campcarl@thechapel.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.

# 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 bits 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.

