



# Summer Camp Parent Handbook



Thank you for registering your child for camp!

As we look forward to summer, our staff are working hard to ensure that your child enjoys their week of camp in a spiritually encouraging and safe environment.

Please take time to read the following information carefully. We will email more details the **Friday before** your camper's arrival. Contact us with any further questions, either by phone at (269) 815-5527 or by e-mail at [fivepines@fivepines.org](mailto:fivepines@fivepines.org).

**Registration** is from **8:00-8:30 a.m. on Monday of your camp week**. Before arriving, please be sure you have completed all **necessary forms** in our online registration system.

## Bring to camp:

- **Swimsuit & towel**
  - ⇒ Modest swimsuit required
  - ⇒ Bring t-shirt if modest swimsuit is not owned
- **Bug repellent**
- **Close-toed shoes**
- **Water bottle** (optional)
- **Sunscreen:** Sunscreen will not be applied before swim. If you camper is sensitive to sun, please send a t-shirt to wear during swim.

## Health

Five Pines is not checking temperatures upon arrival to camp. Please only drop off healthy children not exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness. We will ask parents to pick up sick campers ASAP if they show signs throughout the day.

## Medications

Your child's completed medication and health forms were part of the registration process, and are **required to be completed by one week prior to arrival**. Turn in your child's medications or supplements to the Health Officer at registration for the week or daily. Per state law, all medication must be in the **ORIGINAL container** and your child cannot carry medications or supplements with them at camp.

## Food Service:

If your child **will not eat or cannot have** what is on the menu, please let us know and be prepared to send their lunch if necessary. If it is decided that sending their lunch is best, please have your camper deliver it to their counselor at the very beginning of the day. **Five Pines is a nut-free campus. Do not send food without communicating with our office.** The menu, with further food information, is included in the email you will receive the week before your camp.

## For overnights bring:

- **Bedding** (pillow and sleeping bag or sheets and blanket)
- **Pajamas**
- **Change of clothes for the next day**
- **Toothbrush & toothpaste**
- **Light jacket or sweatshirt**

## Please do NOT bring:

- **Electronics of any kind:** We are seeking to create a relational, tech-free environment. If you have concerns about contacting your child while they are away, please call our office.
- **Flip-flops or sandals:** Remind campers to bring their belongings home daily. We will hold lost items for 2 weeks after your camper's experience. **Five Pines is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing. Please put your camper's name on all items.**

## Overnight Schedule:

- Kinder Camp: No Overnight
- 1st - 2nd grades: No Overnight
- 3rd - 5th grades: 1 Overnight on Thursday
- 6th - 8th grades: 1 Overnight on Thursday

**Overnights are optional:** For campers who either choose not to stay or who need to leave and return, please contact the office to make arrangements. **Pickup for campers not spending the night will be after campfire at 9:30pm. Other pickup times must be arranged with the office prior to 4:30pm that day.**

## Daily Camper Release Procedure

Campers will be released at **4:00 PM every day except Friday** (See “Closing Ceremony” Section below). At release, campers will sit down at the Pavilion tables. Here is the procedure for picking up your camper:

- 1) The Primary Account Holder created each camper’s **Authorized Pickup Code** during registration.
- 2) When you arrive, park in the main parking lot and go to the Pavilion. When campers arrive near the Pavilion, **the Authorized Pickup Person must provide the correct Authorized Pickup Code in order to release the camper.**
- 3) Upon receiving the Authorization Code, the name of the Pickup Person will be recorded and the camper will be released.

## Closing Ceremony

A short program summarizing the campers’ week is held in the pavilion for parents and guests on the last day of camp. This will begin at **1:30pm on Friday and will be about 45 minutes.**

## Special Camper Release

If your camper needs to leave and return outside normal check-out times, please **contact our office. Authorized Pickup Code** will still be required for check-out. Returning campers should be brought to the office to be signed back in.

**Camp T-Shirts and Group Photos** are available as a memento of your camper’s week of camp.

**Shirts:** Pre-ordering at least **3 weeks prior to camp** is the best way to guarantee a shirt in the size you desire. If stock is available, shirts can be purchased on Monday morning at the registration table or by contacting the office. The cost is \$15 per shirt.

**A Photo** of your child’s camp group is taken on Monday. The cost is \$7 per photo and can be ordered online, by contacting the office, or at registration. Pre-ordered photos can be picked up on Friday at closing.

## Themed Clothing Days

**Monday:** Dress like ya’ Ma done told ya (No Theme)

**Tuesday:** Dress like ya’ heads cold (Hat or Bandana day)

**Wednesday:** Dress like ya’ don’t know how (Backwards Day)

**Thursday:** Dress in ya’ kinfolks color (Group Color)

**Friday:** Dress in ya’ kinfolks camp shirt (Camp Shirt Day)

## Evaluations

**We need your feedback!** We will email a link to a brief online survey regarding your child’s camp experience. Thank you in advance for making Five Pines better this way.