



2020 Summer Camp Information Packet

Rivercrest **What to Bring To Camp**

- Bible, Notebook, Pens
- Bed Roll or Sleeping Bag and Pillow
- Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo etc.
- Beach Towel, Bath Towel(s)
- Medications- must be in original RX bottles with clear directions (preferably in a zip lock bag)
- Sunscreen and Bug spray
- Closed-toed shoes and Slip-ons for pool area
- Jeans (**required** for some activities)
- Sweatshirt or light jacket (for cool mornings)
- Clothes (without offensive writing or advertising)
- Swim Suits (modest- no two piece unless it covers the stomach and back areas)
- Raingear and clothes that can get muddy
- Flashlight and Batteries
- Camera
- Extra Money- to purchase snacks and items at the Snack Shack (or pre-pay a Snack Shack deposit)
- Stamped, addressed envelopes to send to family and friends while at camp.

What NOT to Bring:

Cell phones, tablets, iPods, electronics of any kind, fireworks, matches, lighters, cigarettes, tobacco or vaping devices, knives or weapons of any kind, skateboards, bikes.

Packing Tips:

1. **LABEL EVERYTHING!** Put your name on your clothes, camera, bible, pillow, sleeping bag, etc.
2. Pack your clothes in a **soft-sided duffel type bag**: These will fit under the beds more easily.
3. **Leave valuables at home**- including jewelry, keepsakes, cell phones, ipods, tablets, etc.
4. Place all bedding, pillows, etc in a **large clear plastic bag**. You will find everything you brought easier when you get to your cabin (plus if it is raining or muddy outside, your things will remain dry).

Rivercrest Lodging Assignments

One of the fun things about camp is being able to share it with your friends! Please specify the name of your first and second choice cabin mates when you register and we will do our best to assign him/her to the same cabin. Only two cabin mates may be requested.

*If you are unable to give us your cabin mate name(s) when you register, send us an email or call 402-628-6465 so we can assist you to update this information (not applicable within one week of your camp session).

Note: CITs and LITs are automatically in the same cabin together (separated by gender).

Rivercrest Special Needs

Please reach out to us to discuss your child's specific needs prior to camp. We make every effort to accommodate your child's needs from bedwetting to special dietary concerns, please call our office at 402-628-6465 or e-mail info@camprivercrest.org

Rivercrest Manage Your Camp Rivercrest Account

You can access your account 24/7! Every camper has an account, even if they register through our office. Call the office at 402-628-6465 or email us at info@camprivercrest.org for your personal login information. Office hours are 9 am-5pm Monday-Friday. On your account, you can check your balance, see your child's immunization records, update medical history, etc.

Any additional purchases (such as airboats and paintball) need to be made through the camp office at least one week prior to each session.

Rivercrest Directions to Camp

Where are we located? 2840 County Rd 13, Fremont NE 68025

FROM LINCOLN: Approx. 1 hr. from I-80

Take I-80 to Hwy 77 to Fremont/Wahoo (Exit 405). Go north and stay on Hwy 77 approx 21.6 miles.

Continue on 77 north around Wahoo. Turn north on Hwy 109 toward Cedar Bluffs (Lake Wanhoo will be on your left).

Continue straight ahead on Hwy 109 approximately 11 miles north.

Turn right (east) when you get to Cedar Bluffs in order to stay on Hwy 109.

Turn left (north) at County Rd 13 (*look for our Camp Rivercrest sign!*)

Go approx. 1-½ miles north on the gravel road, keep going straight after the stop sign at County Rd Y.

Turn right into Camp Rivercrest and follow instructions from the parking attendants.

FROM OMAHA: Approx. 45 minutes from Hwy 275

Take Dodge, West Center Road, or Maple; west to Hwy 275.

Enter Hwy 275 (west) towards Fremont and exit at Military Ave.

Go left (west) on Military Ave. approx 3 miles to Broad Street (Hwy 77).

Go left (south) on Broad Street approx 3 more miles (you will cross over the Platte River).

Turn right (west) on Hwy 109 and continue until you reach County Rd 13

(*Look for our Camp Rivercrest sign!*)

Turn right on County Rd 13 and go approx. 1.4 miles (north) to camp entrance, then follow instructions from the parking attendants.

Parking:

Our parking attendants will direct you to available parking upon your arrival to camp. You will carry your child's luggage a short walk to the luggage tent where our parking attendants will check-in and deliver luggage to the cabin for you. Campers and their families may proceed to the check-in area (in the dining hall). If you need handicapped parking, please inform the parking attendant.

We love pets...but please leave them at home! We have a no pet policy (unless it is a service animal) on grounds and in buildings. Thank you!

Rivercrest Check in and Check out

Please be sure to mark **all** baggage (bedding, duffle bag, AND items within the baggage) clearly with your child's first and last name. At check-in, you will need to check-in all your child's **medications** with the health center manager and deposit **money**, if you would like to put more snack shack money on your account. Make sure to leave these items out of your child's luggage!

Opening Day:

Opening day is **SUNDAY** for **Mini**, **Junior**, **Junior High** and **Senior High** Camps. For these camps, check-in on opening day is between 3pm and 4pm. If you have questions regarding your specific child or his/her needs, please phone our office at 402-628-6465 prior to camp, visit the Camper Services table during check in, or ask to speak with the Guest Services Coordinator when you arrive at camp.

*Check in for **Overnighter** camp is **THURSDAY** between 9am and 10am.

Camp does not open until 3:00pm on Sundays. Please do not come before 3:00pm. It is important that our staff participate in a weekly worship service and we need time to get ready for your arrival! We also discourage late arrivals- our staff have busy schedules in order to get everyone settled in the first day of camp.

If you know you **MUST** arrive late, please call our office in advance to make arrangements for late check-in. Late arrivals will **not** be accepted after 8:30pm on opening day, and must wait to arrive the following morning after 9am.

Closing Day:

Closing day is **FRIDAY** at **4 PM** for all camps (**except Mini Camp** sessions, which is on **WEDNESDAY** at **4 PM**). Families of campers are welcome to arrive 30 minutes earlier to enjoy a brief closing ceremony.

On closing day, **Parents must pick their campers up on time**, at specially marked areas outside the chapel.

Parents (or authorized pick-up persons) MUST SIGN OUT their camper with the camper's cabin leader before leaving camp! Luggage & other belongings will be on the basketball court near the chapel. Look for your child's cabin name!

Important note:

Under NO circumstances may campers leave camp without the knowledge of camp staff! Please contact the office if you would like to pick up or drop off your child at times that are outside of the designated times for the camp session.

Children may only leave with an Authorized Pickup person on your account AFTER they are signed out!

*Please note: only the parent who is the primary account holder on your account is automatically an **Authorized Pickup** person. You **must** add additional persons (spouse, friend, family, etc.) to your account as an **Authorized Pickup** person in order for him/her to pick up your child at camp.*

Lost and Found:

Before you leave the camp, make sure to check out our lost and found tables located near the Pavilion/Snack Shack area! All items left at camp will be donated 2 weeks after each session. We are not able to ship or store lost items. Please **remember to write your child's name on *EVERYTHING*** he/she brings to camp! *Your children do not always recognize their own clothing and other items you send to camp!*

Rivercrest Health Policy

For the health and safety of all campers and staff:

All campers are screened during the check-in process on opening day of each session. Campers exhibiting the following conditions will be sent back home.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

- * A fever of 99.6 or higher
- * Severe viral respiratory congestion/cough
- * Vomiting/diarrhea within the last 8 hours
- * Head lice
- * Flu-like symptoms
- * Chicken pox (or other obvious communicable disease symptoms)

All campers need to be current on their immunizations. Immunization records are **required** for each camper. Your doctor can send these directly to our office via fax or email.

Our fax # is 402-628-6035, or email: info@camprivercrest.org. Once we have received it, our office staff will download a copy of your child's immunization record to your Camp Rivercrest account.

To view your child's Health Information: From your Camp Rivercrest account page, click on your child's name (in [blue](#)) and then on Forms. Parents will be able to see if a current Health History or Immunization Record is on file for each child. Parents are responsible to send updated information each year.

In the event of an outbreak or suspected case of a vaccine-preventable disease, campers that have not been vaccinated for any reason (or if we do not have proof of immunizations) will be sent home.

Rivercrest Camper Medications

For a smoother and quicker check-in process on opening day, we encourage you to take time before your child comes to camp to make sure their medications are entered into your child's online reservation **and** that you have specified over the counter medications that the health staff can give to your child if needed.

We stock a variety of OTC (over the counter) meds that we are able to give with your permission, as needed; such as Zyrtec, Claritin, Benadryl, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Cough syrup, Calamine lotion, Sudafed, cough drops, antibiotic ointment, and Tums.

If your child takes as-needed medications that we stock (see list above), we would prefer to use our medicine because it saves space. We **MUST** have your permission to give any of these medications; this is part of the registration process. You may also choose to check the box that states we must call you before giving any of these to your child.

If your child takes a certain medication routinely, we ask that you bring it for him/her in a clear zipper-type bag with any written instructions included in the bag. If it is a prescription medication, it **MUST** be in the original labeled container from the pharmacy with your child's name on it. We do prefer medications are taken at breakfast, lunch or dinner. Sleep-aids or prescribed evening medications can be given after chapel time (approximately 9pm) if needed.

Thank you for your assistance in helping us to provide the best care for your child!

Illnesses during Camp:

Campers diagnosed with contagious symptoms such as **pink eye** or **strep throat** are sent home, but may return to camp after being on a physician prescribed antibiotic for 24 hours.

If your child is identified with **head lice** during camp, you will be notified to pick up your child and keep them at home until treatment has occurred and the issue is resolved. The camper will only be allowed to return to camp after inspection by our health care professional.

If your child **develops a fever or other symptoms** of a contagious illness, he/she will be separated from the other campers and we will attempt to reach parents first. If parents cannot be reached we will phone the names of the secondary contacts as provided on the child's registration. The camp healthcare professional, after speaking with the parent, will determine if the child needs to return home.

Your child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of anti-fever medications before they can return to camp.

If you would like to speak with our camp healthcare professional during camp, please call our camp office (402-628-6465) and ask to be transferred to the health center.

Rivercrest Communication

When campers are asked what makes them feel connected with their family while they are away at camp the #1 answer is **MAIL!**

Bunk1

We have an online bunk note service that family and friends can utilize to communicate with their campers while at camp. Bunk notes are printed at 11am each day and will be given to campers right after lunch. To access this service, parents must download or log into Bunk1, enter our camp code, and follow the easy to use directions. Look for our live webinar this spring with more information on using Bunk1.

Camp Rivercrest Mail Service

Bring mail with you during check-in and we will deliver it to your camper throughout the week! Please write your camper's name and what day of the week you would like your camper to receive the mail on each piece so we can accurately deliver it.

US Postal Service Mail

Send letters or packages to your camper early in the week (or even the week before!). Please write out a clear return address just in case it does not arrive on time!

Address mail to:

Campers Name/ Session or dates/Cabin name (if known)
C/O Camp Rivercrest
2840 County Road 13
Fremont, NE 68025

Phone Calls:

We understand that it can be hard to leave your camper for a week. Please remember campers are not allowed to bring cell phones, so we ask that you refrain from calling or texting during their stay at camp. Please call the office if there is an emergency, and we will promptly notify your child.

Visitors:

Visiting camp while it is in session is STRICTLY PROHIBITED without prior permission from our Camp Director. We strictly enforce this rule in order to protect all campers and staff during summer camp.

If for any reason you must return to camp, please call the office prior to your arrival at 402-628-6465.

If you are picking your child up for any reason, please call us at least 2 hours before you arrive. We will give you instructions on when and where to pick up (and sign out) your child.

Just a Reminder:

Children may only leave with an **Authorized Pickup** person on your account after notifying the Camp Office Staff! See page 3 of this document for more details.

Rivercrest Extra Camp Options

Snack Shack deposits – a great way to assure that your child's store money is secure and easily reached during free time. Snack Shack deposits are available in any increments and can be purchased online, or when checking in the first day of camp.

Some examples of prices in Snack Shack are as follows: candy- 25 cents to \$1.00, drinks- \$1.00 to \$2.25, other food items- 50 cents to \$1, clothing- \$10 to \$25

Your child also has the option to donate some of their Snack Shack money to our mission's project for the summer.

Any money left over on your child's Snack Shack deposit at the end of *each session* will show on your Camp Rivercrest account. This can be used by a sibling (must be on the same account) for another camp session **if** you notify our office and request to have the money transferred to a sibling.

During the registration process, you were asked what we should do with any unused money in your child's Snack Shack account (if you would like to donate your credit to our Financial Assistance Fund, which helps families with limited income send their child to camp, or receive a refund check by mail). We will follow through with your choice at the end of our summer camp season.

Please note: Snack Shack credits that are less than \$10 are not eligible for refunds and are automatically donated to camp at the end of each summer camp season.

Optional Activities- sign up online or call our office to add these to your reservation:



Airboat Ride- \$30 for a 30 minute ride on the Platte River, provided by local professional Airboat tours (available for all sessions except Overnighter Camp). We recommend you register for this early!



Paintball- \$10 for a one hour session (available for Junior Sessions and Senior High Session) Paintball is already included in all Junior High Session programming. We recommend you register for this option early! It fills up fast!

We always recommend you sign up for optional activities during registration. There are a limited number of openings for these, and we cannot guarantee your child will be able to sign up when they arrive at camp. Activities are not refundable if your child decides he/she does not want to do them once they check in the first day of camp.

If you have any questions regarding our Summer Camp Program, please call our office at 402-628-6465 or send us an email: info@camprivercrest.org

We look forward to a great summer with your kids!

Camp Rivercrest Staff