

Welcome to Forest Springs! We are looking forward to the upcoming summer camps and are excited that you have chosen to share in them with us! To help prepare you for your child's week at camp, please read the following information carefully. A thorough understanding of this information will allow your child to experience camp at its fullest. If you still have questions after reviewing this information, please feel free to contact us at 715-436-7378 or contact our youth camp registrar at youthregistration@forestsprings.us



FOREST SPRINGS
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Sincerely,

Jon Classen
Camp Director

Pre-Camp Information

Parents, please carefully read the following sections: many of your questions should be answered through this information.

Reminder:

The following are required upon arrival:

(If you're unable to complete the forms online, the Health Waiver Form & Behavior Agreement can be downloaded at www.forestsprings.us/downloads)

- A completion of Health Forms and Terms and Conditions online.
- Download and submit the Physician's Authorization to Dispense Medication (for prescribed medications only). Even though prescription medications must have a doctor's authorization to dispense, all medications must be turned in according to state code. Epi-pens and inhalers may be kept with the campers.
- Informed Consent (for Wilderness Trips only)
- Camp Balance Due

Packing Information:

Similar to most public schools, Forest Springs has chosen to maintain a clothing standard to help campers dress modestly. Therefore, as you pack for your summer camp experience, we would ask the following of our youth campers...

- Do not bring clothing with questionable words or graphics.
- Shirts should cover the stomach and not be low cut or bare back. Tops for campers should have one-inch straps. We prefer that shorts are relaxed and at least reach to the fingertips when arms are hanging at the camper's side. Skirts should be longer.
- Guys' swimsuits must be trunk-style; girls' suits are to be one piece or covering the midriff. (If the swimsuit does not cover, your child may be asked to wear a shirt over the top.)
- Swimwear is only to be worn at the beach. (Sandals or shoes must also be worn to and from the waterfront)
- All clothing, luggage, and personal items should be labeled with camper name.
- Do not bring food, candy, or beverages to camp.
- Do not bring ANY electronics to camp (iPods, MP3 players, hand-held video games, etc.)
- Regarding cell phones: **If a cell phone is brought to camp, it may only be used for taking pictures at specific designated times. Making phone calls, texting, and phone use for games and social media is prohibited.** If a camper cannot use their phone appropriately, Forest Springs reserves the right to take their phone during their stay.

Packing List:

- Spending money (average amount is \$20-\$40. Store money can be monitored and added through your online account during the event)
- Bible/pencil/notebook/materials for writing home
- Warm sleeping bag (for campout) and/or bedding and a pillow
- Towel/washcloth
- Warm jacket & sweatshirt
- Swimsuit
- Camp clothes for 6 days (outdoor clothes you are able to get dirty/long pants)
- Closed toe shoes (two pair)/sandals
- Toothbrush/toothpaste/shampoo/soap/deodorant
- Flashlight/raincoat/insect repellent
- Optional – fishing gear/camera/tennis racket

Cancellations:

If you need to cancel, please contact camp right away. Since we have campers on the waiting list, your courtesy may help another child attend. As indicated in the brochure, deposits are non-refundable nor transferable.

Cabin Buddies:

A buddy group consists of your child and one or two other people (*close in age and not siblings*). Groups larger than three will be split. **BUDDIES MUST COMPLETE THEIR REQUEST at least a week before registration day for the request to be considered.**

Registration Day

Parents, you are encouraged to accompany your child on registration day. This enables you to meet the camp staff and your child's counselor. You will also have the opportunity to settle your child into his/her cabin.

On Sunday (Wednesday for Kid's Quest)...

- Registration is from 2:00pm – 4:00pm (1:00pm – 3:00pm for Kid's Quest). If you do not need to travel a great distance, you might consider arriving after 3:00pm (2:00pm for Kid's Quest) for less waiting time.
- Please have all online forms completed. You can also add money to your camper's store account online before arriving. Please be sure to pay your new balance after adding store funds.
- The stores will be open from 2:00-5:00pm.
- If you will be arriving later than 5:00 pm, please contact camp at 715-436-7378.

On Saturday...

- Check-out is from 9:00am – 10:00am.
- The person picking up your child must be on the "check-out" form and ready to show a photo I.D. to the parking lot greeters. Please call if you need to add an authorized person to pick up your child from camp.**
- Your child will be waiting for you in his/her cabin with his/her cabin group and counselor.
- Stores will be open during check-out time.
- Archery or air-rifle achievement patches are available for purchase in the Lodge Café.
- If you are arriving earlier or later than the designated check-out times, camp must be notified at 715-436-7378.

The Week of Camp

Parents travelling long distances, you may stay overnight and have meals on the first or last night of camp. Please notify us as soon as possible for meals and overnight reservations. Neale Lodge rooms are \$84 per night and reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Campsites or RV sites are available for reservation at \$10-16 per night. Meals are \$8 for breakfast, \$9 for lunch, and \$10 for supper.

Receiving Mail:

Please address mail to:
Camper Name/Camp Week/ + Cabin Name (if known)
Forest Springs,
N8890 Forest Ln.
Westboro, WI 54490

Sample Youth Camp Schedule:

Actual times and activities may vary depending upon camp week.

7:30	Cabin Devotions
8:00	Cabin Clean-up
8:15	Flag Raising
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	Program Instruction
10:30	Session
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:15-2:00	Rest Hour
2:00-5:15	Free Time/Sports Areas
2:00-4:30	Lodge Café & Gift Shop
5:30	Supper
6:30	All Camp Activity
8:30	Flag lowering/ Session
9:30	Cabin Time
10:00	Lights Out

Calling Home:

After working with campers for many years, we have found it's best for campers not to call home during their stay. Campers may receive phone messages to call home, if needed, and can make calls home in emergencies. If for some reason they need to call home, they must first talk with the Director of Youth & Family Ministries. We ask you, parents, to call only in the case of an emergency.

Camp Out:

Your child will have the thrilling opportunity to spend a night tenting out with their cabin and counselor at one of the beautiful campsites located around scenic James Lake. This is a wonderful time of cabin bonding, fun, and learning. Parents, we understand that the campout may cause anxiety in young children. Be positive! Build enthusiasm by talking about it. If you are excited, your child will also be. Over the years, we have seen the great value of this experience. It is important in developing lasting friendships and spiritual growth.

Lost Items:

We cannot be responsible for lost items, but if requested we will look for and return items we find. There is a minimum charge of \$5 when items are mailed. Lost-and-found items are only held for 3 months.

Store Accounts:

You are able to put money on your camper's store account. This money can be used for Paintball, Handcrafts, Lodge Café, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Bike Rentals and Missions Offering. Store money is available through the end of your week of camp. Any unused money put on your account may be taken out before leaving camp. If the ending balance is below \$5 after leaving camp, we will automatically donate it towards the camper scholarship fund to help others come to camp. All balances over \$5 will be refunded back to your account by the way in which you paid for registration (electronically or by check).

Camp Emergencies:

Our first priority is your child's safety; therefore, in the event of any camp emergency, such as severe weather, please check the Forest Springs' website and Facebook page for information and updates. If needed, we will contact you via e-mail or phone with pertinent information. Thank you for trusting us with your child.

Privacy Statement:

Forest Springs respects the privacy of all campers. However, the camp administration believes that order, safety, and the well-being of others has to come first. Thus, campers must not have an expectation of privacy from a search by the camp administration of his/her belongings. Forest Springs reserves the right to search a camper's belongings for inappropriate items such as, but not limited to, the following – knives, guns, explosives such as firecrackers, alcohol, stolen items, cigarettes, and drugs.

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 an administrative missionary staff member. If any illegal and/or inappropriate items are found, the items will be confiscated and held at the camp director or director of youth and family ministries' 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 Forest Springs' staff to contact law enforcement, a good faith effort will be made to contact the parents/guardians first.

