# CAMP CONCERN – FINAL BULLETIN

Your registration has been received, and we are pleased to welcome you to camp! Camp Concern is dedicated to providing wholesome programs of physical, mental, and spiritual exercise for the development of youth. We hope that the time you spend at Camp Concern will be one of the most fruitful and rewarding weeks of your summer. We also hope that camp will enable you to create and strengthen friendships, build fond memories, and, above all, grow spiritually.

# FINAL REGISTRATION

Your week of camp begins on Sunday, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Please arrive between 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM. We anticipate Final Registration to take longer than normal this year; thank you in advance for your understanding. Upon arrival, please follow the signs for Final Registration, which will be conducted outside this year. At this time, you will (1) pay the balance of your enrollment fee, (2) receive a quick health screening, (3) turn in the medical form and all medication, (4) establish your canteen account, (5) receive a schedule, and (6) receive your cabin assignment. (Requests for specific cabins or roommates should be made at Final Registration.) You are encouraged to arrive early enough to register and to allow plenty of time to get settled in your cabin.

A light dinner will be provided for campers and staff Sunday evening after registration.

# **HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLAN**

With this bulletin is enclosed a medical form that must be completed by a parent or guardian before a camper can be enrolled in camp. Please bring the completed medical form with you to Final Registration the day your week of camp begins. The form <u>must</u> be signed by a parent or guardian in the designated place, thereby authorizing Camp Concern to have the camper examined and treated by qualified medical personnel in the case of sickness or injury. Please understand that Camp Concern will perform its due diligence to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for your child, but we cannot guarantee an illness-free environment.

Please consult the child's doctor if there is any question concerning his/her ability to withstand camp life.

# **CAMP LOCATION**

Camp Concern is located in Group Campsite #2 of Raccoon Creek State Park. (Directions can be found at www.campconcern.org.) Proceed to the park office, which is located on PA Route 18. (For those traveling north on Route 18, the park office will be on the left.) Turn onto the road that passes the park office. Travel a little over one mile and enter Campsite #2. Proceed straight ahead until you come to the Canteen, which is the first small building on the left. Directions for Final Registration will be given there.

#### **MAIL**

Family and friends are welcome to send mail to campers. Please allow four to five days for delivery, and please address all mail to the camper in care of this address:

Camp Concern – Campsite #2 Raccoon Creek State Park 3000 State Route 18 Hookstown, PA 15050

#### **NO VISITORS**

As part of our Camper Wellness and Safety Plan and our Child Protection Plan, we want to minimize the number of people entering and exiting the campsite. Please do not plan on visiting Camp Concern during the sessions. Thank you for helping us keep our campers safe and healthy!

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Each camper will need the following items: Bible, notebook, pen or pencil, bedding (pillow with pillowcase, sheets, two blankets or a sleeping bag), towels, toiletries, appropriate clothing and shoes, and a flashlight. A fan is strongly recommended, especially if high temperatures are forecast.

The following items are recommended: insect repellent, sunscreen, alarm clock, extension cord, robe, shower shoes, floor mat, envelopes, and stamps. You might want to ask experienced campers for other suggestions.

Campers of all sessions are also encouraged to bring a **simple** camper chair that is easy to carry. Please do not bring chairs with footrests and other extravagances, and make sure to clearly mark the camper's full name on his or her chair.

You may bring personal items such as a camera, athletic equipment, musical instruments, items you might need for the talent show, etc.; however, you must accept responsibility for their safekeeping. **Please DO NOT bring a cell phone or any other Wi-Fi enabled device; they are prohibited.** Each week of Camp Concern is "Cell Phone Free" for campers.

Each camper should deposit spending money into a canteen account. (No money is to be kept in the cabins or carried by a camper.) The canteen account will be used by the camper for purchasing snacks, drinks, t-shirts, craft materials, etc.; and all unspent money will be refunded at the end of the week. On average, \$10-\$15 is an adequate amount for snacks and drinks; however, more spending money might be needed if the camper wishes to purchase t-shirts, spend a lot of time in the craft hall, etc.

For more information about preparing for your week of Camp Concern, please visit www.campconcern.org.

### **EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS**

The cell phone number of each Director is listed below. In the event of an emergency while camp is in session, you can also call the phone in the Mess Hall kitchen at 724-899-2357. The Raccoon Creek State Park Ranger Office can be contacted at 724-899-2200. (Please use this number for emergencies only!)

## **CLOSE OF CAMP**

Saturday's breakfast will be the last meal served. Camp will then be dismissed at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Campers will be required to clean their cabins and the surrounding area before they will be released. Camp closes at 11:30 AM, so please make sure to pick up your camper(s) before then.

#### SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

It is the policy of Camp Concern to maintain an environment free from harassment where all campers are treated with respect. Sexual harassment is expressly prohibited and will not be tolerated in any form. The intent of the complete harassment policy will be reviewed with the campers at each session's orientation.

## **CANCELLATIONS**

If you decide, after pre-registering, that you will not be attending camp, please notify the appropriate Camp Director.

College Age Retreat	Richard Walton	724-288-1574 or rsw61474@gmail.com
Senior Week	Keith Wolfgong	724-494-6631 or kcwolfgong@comcast.net
Secondary Week	Mickey Casey	412-996-4244 or mickeydcasey@comcast.net
Junior Week	Mark Hatfield	412-969-0360 or hatfieldmj@verizon.net

#### **CAMP CONCERN – RULES**

- 1. Every person is required to abide by the camp schedule unless excused by the Camp Director.
- 2. No one may leave camp without permission from the Camp Director. Permission will not be granted to leave camp for concerts or similar activities.
- 3. No one will be excused from classes except by permission from the Camp Director or the Camp Nurse.
- 4. Sickness or injury must be reported to the Camp Nurse immediately.
- 5. The personal belongings of staff members and campers may not be taken or disturbed in any way, under any circumstances, without the owner's permission.
- 6. The possession and/or use of tobacco and nicotine products (i.e. e-cigarettes, vapes, Juuls, etc.), alcohol, or other drugs will not be permitted.
- 7. The possession and/or use of weapons of any kind will not be permitted.
- 8. The possession and/or use of flammable devices (e.g. matches, lighters, candles, fireworks, etc.) will not be permitted.
- 9. The possession and/or use of cell phones will not be permitted.
- 10. The possession and/or use of certain electrical items will not be permitted. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: air-conditioning units, refrigerators, televisions, DVD players, large stereos, computers/laptops, video games (consoles or hand-held), smart watches, tablets, and cell phones. This is a chance to be screen free for a week.
- 11. Food and/or drinks may not be stored in the cabins.
- 12. Dress must be modest at all times, and the following guidelines must be obeyed by boys and girls alike:
  - Shorts must be at least half the length of the wearer's thigh. No Soffe, cheer, volleyball, or other short shorts.
  - Campers must be fully dressed in all common areas (i.e. shirts must stay on while playing sports, etc.).
  - No leggings or tight-fitting yoga pants.
  - No extremely tight clothing.
  - No cleavage-baring shirts or crop tops.
  - No camisoles or tank tops with thin or spaghetti straps.
  - All underwear must be covered by clothing at all times.

More details regarding the dress code and its enforcement are included in this mailing. Please read that carefully and pack accordingly.

- 13. Campers shall be responsible for the general tidiness of the cabins and grounds. The required categories of tidiness will be posted on each cabin door, and all cabins will be inspected daily.
- 14. In order for a camper to be eligible to attend a particular week of camp, he/she must be the appropriate age by the final day of the week that he/she plans to attend. A camper who is enrolled in a week in which he/she is not the appropriate age shall participate in activities; however, he/she will not be eligible to receive awards.
- 15. A camper who disobeys the camp rules, including those noted above and any additional rules stated by the Camp Director, will be subject to reprimand. Continued disobedience will result in the camper's dismissal from camp without a refund of the enrollment fee. A camper who is dismissed will not be permitted to return to camp the following year without the written consent of the Board of Directors.

## **CAMP CONCERN – DRESS CODE POLICY**

The Board of Directors of Camp Concern desires to provide an environment of Christian love and respect in all aspects of your week of camp. One part of this environment is modesty in dress. You are expected to follow the dress code policy. If a staff member sees that you are in violation of the dress code, you will be asked to return to your cabin and change clothes.

The following is the Camp Concern Dress Code Policy. Please use common sense in applying this policy, and please pack accordingly.

Dress must be modest at all times, and the following guidelines must be obeyed by boys and girls alike:

- Shorts must be at least half the length of the wearer's thigh. No Soffe, cheer, volleyball, or other short shorts.
- Campers must be fully dressed in all common areas (i.e. shirts must stay on while playing sports, etc.).
- No leggings or tight-fitting yoga pants.
- No extremely tight clothing.
- No cleavage-baring shirts or crop tops.
- No camisoles or tank tops with thin or spaghetti straps.
- All underwear must be covered by clothing at all times.

Here are some pictures to help you visualize these guidelines:



No tight shirts, sweaters, pants or shorts.



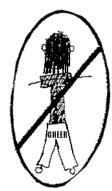
No thin or spaghetti straps. No bare midriffs. No cleavage. No short shorts.



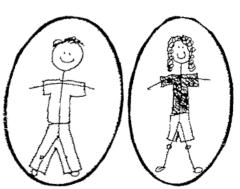
No short skirts or low-cut tops. No visible bra straps.



Keep your pants pulled up.



No writing on the buttocks of clothing.



Common sense, love and respect will make for a wonderful camp experience for everyone!

### **CAMP CONCERN – CELL PHONE POLICY**

The Board of Directors of Camp Concern would like to remind you of the camp policy regarding cell phones It is our policy that cell phones and Wi-Fi enabled devices not be used by campers during camp sessions.

We have spent much time deliberating over this policy, and we believe this to be the necessary course of action for the following reasons:

- 1. We feel the need to protect our campers from those who may use their phones to access material that may be objectionable.
- 2. Part of the goal of camp is to get away from the world to focus on God and to build relationships with others. Cell phones make it extremely difficult to build that atmosphere when campers are still "plugged in" to their everyday world.
- 3. Cell phones have become a distraction with campers' attention being focused on those instead of scheduled activities.
- 4. Campers could use and have used cell phones in ways that have put themselves or others in jeopardy.
- 5. Sending a child to a safe environment, such as a week of camp, may be a good way to begin to encourage a healthy independence that will be eventually necessary.
- 6. Parents can contact the camp director at any time with calls or text messages if there is a need/desire to check in with their child.

Senior Week: Keith Wolfgong 724-494-6631 Secondary Week: Mickey Casey 412-996-4244 Junior Week: Mark Hatfield 412-969-0360

If a camper is found to be in possession of a phone, the phone will be confiscated and returned on Saturday.

We will use the BAND app to post daily updates and pictures from each camp session. Please download the BAND app to your phone before Final Registration, at which time you will receive a code to join the individual BAND for your camper's week.