

CAMPER INFORMATION 2017

CAMP DATES (MON-FRI)

Session 1: June 26 –30 Session 2: July 3-7 Session 3: July 10-14
Session 4: July 17-21 Session 5: July 24-July 28

OVERNIGHT CAMPS (SUN-FRI)

All overnight camps will check-in at St. Columba on Sunday evenings between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Check-out will be every Friday at 3:30 p.m.

ARRIVAL – MORNINGS

Please plan to arrive between 8:30am-9am each day of camp. As you enter St. Columba, turn left and follow signs to Gates Pavilion. Most mornings will include an arrival line. Here are some rules and suggestions that will help reduce the wait:

- We highly recommend **carpools** if you have family friends coming to the same session.
- It is **VITAL** that your child be ready to jump out of the car as soon as you arrive. Please apply sunscreen and do other preparations **BEFORE** you arrive. With up to 176 campers arriving at one time, this is the most important thing that will help ensure a speedy start to the day.
- **PLEASE** parents, stay in your car when you arrive. Please do not park and walk in your child as we have especially busy and high traffic areas during arrival.
- If you need to speak to a staff member, please get out of the carpool lane and ask to speak to a director. The staff is trained to ensure you child has a successful transition to camp and we can communicate any important information to the necessary staff members.
- **Don't be late-** Camper groups are split up soon after 9am so all campers being on-time is necessary.
- **Call** 901.377.9284 if your camper is going to be late or absent.

DEPARTURE – AFTERNOONS

Departure for traditional camp hours follows a similar process and the same rules and suggestions apply above. Dismissal begins at 3pm so please plan to arrive no earlier than 2:45pm and no later than 3:20pm. A member of the staff will greet you and communicate with the rest of the camp staff to have your camper(s) ready. Campers will be wet and dirty; we highly recommend covering your car seats with spare towels before you arrive to pick them up.

EXTRA CAMP

For families who have PRE-REGISTERED their children for EXTRA CAMP, please arrive no earlier than 7:30am. Campers should arrive having already eaten breakfast. Families should make arrangements for their children to be picked between 5- 5:30pm. Please be on time for final departure.

FEES

The camp fee includes supervisory staff, daily lunch, t-shirt and all craft and sports supplies. If you have any questions about your camper's registration, the camp fee, balance due or transportation, telephone St. Columba at 901.377.9284.

CAMP FOOD

Lunch is provided to all campers. Turkey and ham sandwiches are provided as an alternative lunch every day. Our typical lunches include spaghetti, hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, and chicken tenders.

Alternatives can be provided to campers with food allergies. Please notify the camp if this is necessary.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our healthcare staff will review all registration/health forms. Prescription or necessary routine medications will be dispensed by the camp's staff. Children's acetaminophen, antihistamines (Claritin or Benadryl), throat lozenges and acid reducers (Tums) will be administered under the direction of the camp's healthcare staff. Prompt attention is given to any accident or injury. Parents are notified immediately if a problem is serious or if outside assistance is required.

For the safety and security of our campers, we close the front gate between the hours of 9:30am-2:40pm and do not allow visitors during this time. Camp parents are not permitted to observe their campers during camp hours as staff are concentrating on the campers and do not have the ability to escort visitors. Please do not ask for exceptions.

If your child is sick, or has had a fever in the past 24 hours, please do not bring your child to camp. We are not able to pro-rate session fees for campers who miss camp-time due to being sick.

WHAT TO BRING

_____ Campers should wear rugged, easily laundered, older clothing and bathing suits.

_____ Shoes, boots or sandals with ankle straps. Flip-flops are not good to run in and are not permitted.

_____ Beach towel that can get dirty and muddy.

_____ Medications- On Monday, please place medications that your camper will need in a clear Ziploc bag that is labeled prominently with your camper's name and hand it to the nearest staff member. Medications should be in original prescriptive box or container. Please enclose all medications needed for that week and detail on the Ziploc bag the times to be taken and dosage. Inhalers, epipens or twinjects should be additionally labeled with camper's name since they will be sent with your camper's adult leader.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Cell phones, iPods or other portable music players, **computers, video games**, food, pets, revealing and offensive clothing, firearms, fireworks, knives, inappropriate music or magazines, tobacco products, alcohol and non-prescription drugs are prohibited. St. Columba will not be responsible for jewelry and other valuables, cell phones or electronics. The camp will provide all sports and safety equipment; campers should leave theirs at home.

VISITING/TELEPHONE

Our staff is busy caring for the campers so we do not allow visits or observing your child during the day as it will distract the campers from their activities and the staff from their duties. If you have any questions about your camper or the camp experience, please feel free to telephone the camp office at 901.377.9284. Your child is not accessible by telephone.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Mud Camp's goal is to provide an environment where new friendships can blossom and each camper has a unique and special outdoor experience. **Portable music players, video games, computers and cell phones should not be brought to camp** because they distract campers from the community building and social components of camp. Furthermore, **cell phones** especially interrupt the camp in a variety of ways, namely our ability to build community and enhance your camper's confidence in being away from home, both parts of our camp's goals. If any of the items listed above are brought from home, the camp staff will collect the items and return them at the end of the day.