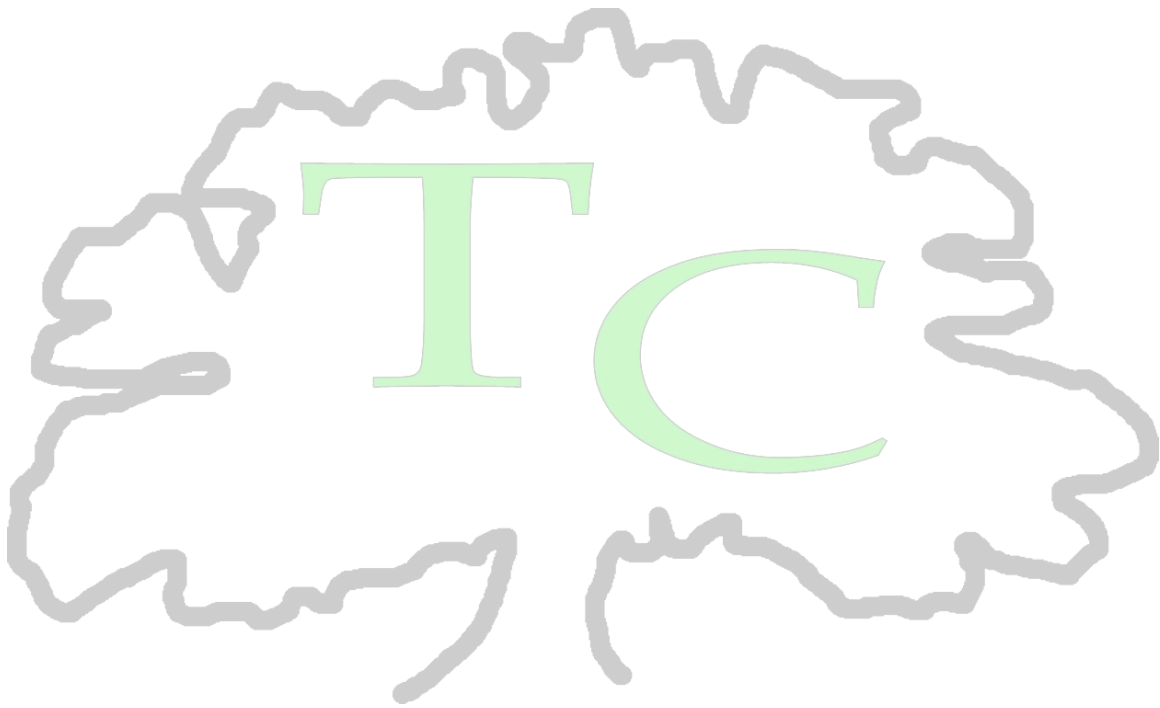


T R A C Y ' S C A M P

SUMMER CAMP



www.tracyscamp.com

Parent Information Packet 2019

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WELCOME TO TRACY'S CAMP

Dear Parents,

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the growth of your child this summer! We are honored to have the opportunity to love and serve your family by ministering to your child. This parent packet is intended to provide the practical information you will need sending your child to camp and some general information which will help you understand the practices and procedures of Tracy's Camp.

When you entrust your child to us, know that we understand the responsibility and value the trust you are placing in our summer staff to care for, love, and teach your child. Our summer staff consists of smart, dependable, and energetic Christians who have proven themselves as leaders in both their understanding of God's word and their willingness to serve others. They are dedicated to providing your camper with days of exciting and lasting memories centered on the knowledge of Christ.

In keeping with our vision of "serving and strengthening Christ-centered community by proclaiming Biblical truth for God's glory in a broken world", our goal is to love and serve your camper throughout their days at camp while teaching the truth of Jesus Christ in the hope that salvation would come through the power of the Gospel message. If the camper is already a believer we are confident that our teaching and programming will push them into a deeper commitment and relationship to The Father.

Please be sure to review all of the information in this packet and complete the required forms. Feel free to contact us with any questions you have about the summer camp process.

As soon as you complete the registration process we begin to pray specifically for your child. Therefore, we urge you to register as early as possible and provide as much information about your child as you can in order that we may focus our prayers. We are joyously anticipating the opening day of camp so we can see you and your camper face to face!

Blessings,

TC Staff

Phillip Howard

Executive Camp Director

THE CHECKLIST

Here is an easy to refer to check list that is intended to make life much simpler as you are preparing for camp, checking in at camp, and unfortunately leaving camp.

Preparing For Camp

- Complete registration form online.
- Pay \$50 non-refundable deposit.
- Read Parent Information Packet and **Complete, Sign, and Return the required Forms via mail or email.**
- Mark dates and times; camper week, balance due, check-in and pick-up time.
- Label Everything: Everything must be marked with the camper's name, especially towels, shirts, cameras, bug spray etc. Campers tend to lose unmarked items. Please label everything!
- Review packing list.
- Pack medication separately as you will need it upon arrival. Medication must be in original container! Loose pills will not be accepted.

Checking in at camp

- Arrival Time: Gates open at 5:00pm Sharp. Campers **MAY NOT BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 5:00pm.** Check-in time is from 5:00-6:00pm.
- Check-in at registration tables on Dining Hall porch (Get cabin assignment, **turn in COMPLETED required forms**, medications, pay balance, and ask questions)
- Meet the camp staff, and get your camper settled in to their bunk.
- Say goodbye... (no long goodbyes, please)...have a safe ride home, and we will see you on Thursday!

Pick-Up at camp

- Closing Celebration: Camp sessions end Thursday morning after the closing celebration. The closing celebration will start **promptly at 10 AM.** The celebration is approximately 45 minutes and involves singing, a video presentation of your camper's week at camp, and a message from the staff.
- After the closing celebration retrieve luggage on cabin porch, pick up medication, check lost and found on each cabin porch
- Enjoy the non-stop stories for the next several weeks about camp!
- Give us your feedback! E-mail us your child's favorite and least favorite things.

PACKING LIST

The “White Shoe” Principle: Seeing as Tracy’s Camp is a primarily outdoors environment, we have found that white shoes do not always depart from TC in the same shade in which they arrived. With this in mind, please note that a week at TC may not be the best environment for new or nice clothing.

Clothing (4 days)

- shorts
- t-shirts
- pajamas
- underwear/socks
- one pair of long pants
- one long sleeve shirt
- swimsuit(s) (one piece/tankinis)
- one pair closed toe shoes (ie tennis shoes/athletic shoes)
- flip flops/sandals
- raincoat/poncho
- 1 Set of messy clothes

Bedding/Linen

- Sleeping bag or twin sheets and blanket
- Pillow/pillow case

Toiletries

- Toiletries bag
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Shower soap (recommend gel instead of bar)
- Shampoo
- Bath towel and washcloth
- Swimming Towels

Other Items

- Bible
- Notebook/journal
- Pen/pencil
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes
- Water bottle

Optional Items

- Hat & Sunglasses
- Camera
- Stuffed animal

**Please make sure
your camper’s name
is on EVERYTHING!**

REGISTRATION FEE POLICY

Price: The price per week is \$295 for each camper attending.

All-Inclusive: This price includes 4 nights lodging, fantastic home-cooked meals, discipleship materials, outdoor adventure activities, and a camp t-shirt.

- Lodging: Both Cabins have central A/C, bunk-beds, bathrooms, and showers located in the cabins
- Meals: Meals are plentiful, well balanced, and not just 'camp food.'
Contact us if you're interested in volunteering with our kitchen staff for the week or day!
- Activities: rifle, archery, canoeing, swimming, survival skills, rope maze, sporting clays, paintball, fishing, swimming, night games, 500' zip-line and more.
- \$50 deposit: In order to register for summer camp, you must make a \$50 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit.
- June 1st: Full payment is due on June 1, 2019. If you register after June 1st, you must pay in full at that time.
- Fees may be paid either by cash, check or money order. Credit Card payments can be made online at www.tracyscamp.com. Online payments are secured through PayPal.

Cancellation and Refund:

Campers who cancel by the deadline of May 1, 2019 at 6:00pm will be refunded all but the \$50 non-refundable/transferable deposit. If you register after May 1, 2019 you are not eligible for a refund at any time for cancellation.

Financial Assistance: A limited number of partial scholarships are available for those families with financial need. Our desire is for money to never be the reason a child misses out on what God does at TC. If assistance is needed, please ask.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

With Helpful Tips for Parents

Can I check-in early? Can I pick up my child earlier or later than scheduled times?

Prior to check-in time, our staff members are busy preparing for your child's time at camp. We ask that all campers arrive only during the scheduled times. Because early departures can be disruptive to the overall group of children, we can only accommodate alternative pick-up times in unusual or emergency situations.

Can my child and a friend be in the same cabin/room together?

Yes. To ensure your child's spot in the same cabin with a friend, provide us with their name as soon as possible. You may only request to be with one friend, and that friend must also request you. We cannot guarantee that every request will be filled; however, we will make every effort to do so.

Will you make exceptions to the listed age group for camps?

The difference in a few years can be great among children with varying growth rates and maturation. Our main priority is the safety of all children as well as putting all children in an environment where they will thrive. We may be flexible (after a conversation with a parent) on an individual. However, we do not accommodate for older campers to attend a younger week.

What if my child has food allergies or is a really 'picky' eater?

Food allergies should be listed on the medical form, and we will have appropriate replacements for those items your camper may be allergic to on our menu. However, we need to know ahead of time. Experience has taught us that it is best not to accommodate the 'picky' eater in every request. We strive to offer variety of delicious and nutritional meals and will not hesitate to offer a sandwich to a child that doesn't want to eat a meal.

Is my child insured while at camp?

Your medical insurance is considered primary in case of accident or injury. All children attending camp must have some form of medical insurance or be covered by Medicaid.

Can I write letters for my child at camp?

A letter delivered at camp is a special moment for a camper. We strongly recommend that you drop off the entire week's mail for your camper at the registration table when you arrive at camp. (Saves stamps and ensures delivery!) Please label each letter with your campers name and the day you want it to be delivered. We distribute letters each day at lunch. Email is another great option. Email: tracyscamp@ftc-i.net Subject line: Mail (Campers first and last name). Delivered following the day it was received.

How often is there Biblical instruction?

The cabin counselors lead a Bible study each afternoon and Biblical teaching of the Gospel is given each morning from the leadership staff. We use all of our activities to help teach applicable Biblical principles. The TC leadership staff writes the Bible studies and spends significant time teaching the summer staff to ensure lessons are being taught in keeping with the truth of the Scriptures.

What is special about the Teen Weeks?

NEW TO 2019: Our teen weeks are designed for ages 12-15. These weeks will include special activities geared towards older campers which may include canoeing in Sparkleberry Swamp, hiking in Manchester State Forest, or primitive camping on Tracy's Camp grounds. Be aware that we will need to travel off-site for some of these activities.

5 Tips You SHOULD Do

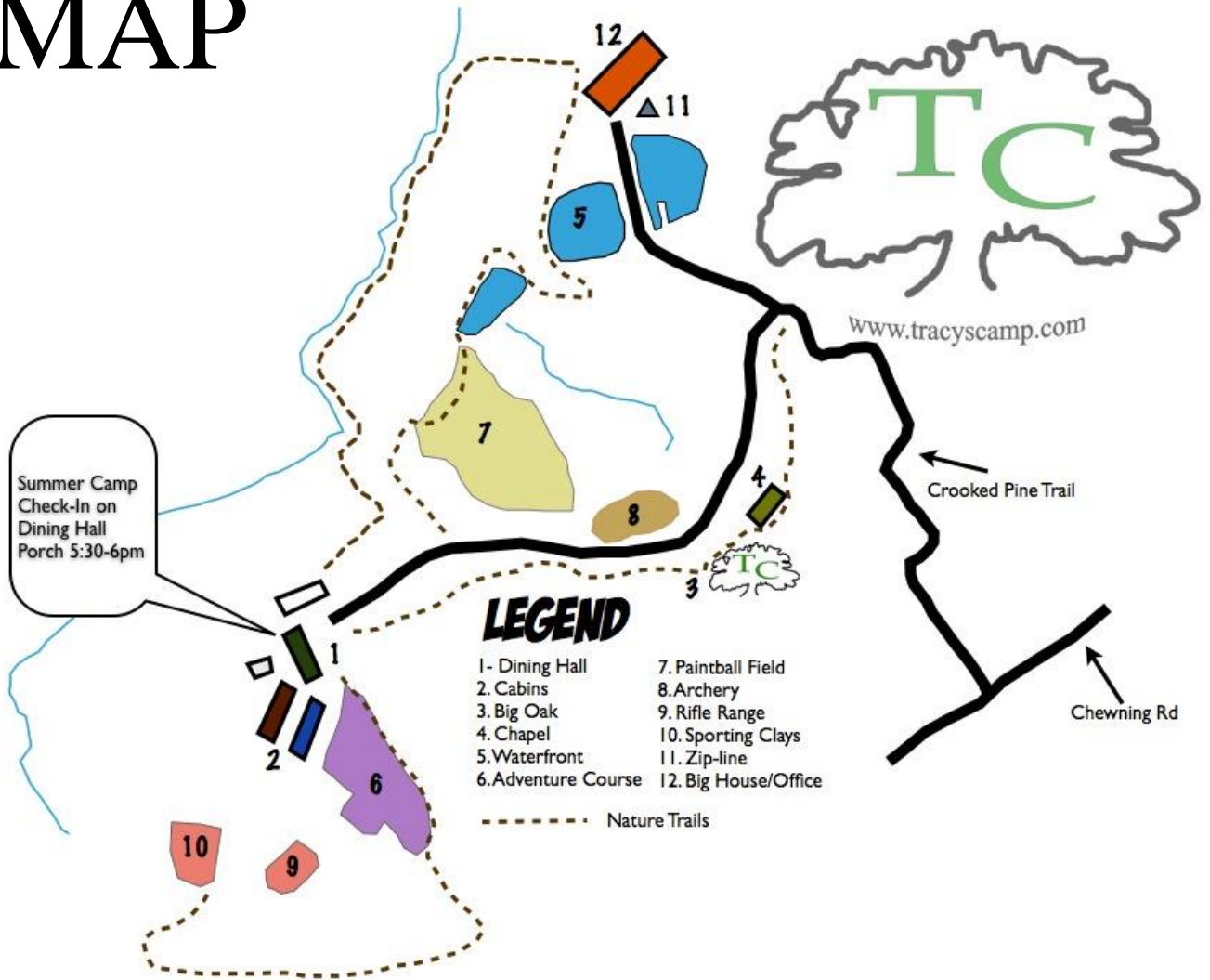
1. Talk with your child about what they are looking forward to at camp and what are any concerns or fears.
2. Discuss the camps policies with your child beforehand.
3. Pack together with your child (explain the packing list, to bring and not to bring).
4. Let your child know to listen and obey camp staff and that TC staff are there to help them at any time.
5. Prepare your child for spending time away from home at camp especially if they have never spent a night away from home before and this is their first time at camp.

5 Pitfalls to AVOID

1. Avoid making deals or using bribes ("If you don't like it, we will come and pick you up" or "If you stay at camp for a whole week, we'll get you an iPhone when you come home.")
2. Avoid statements or actions that conflict with camp policies (Placing either candy or food or even a cell phone in your child's luggage and telling them to keep it hidden).
3. Avoid keeping helpful information from camp staff about your child (Not letting us know about medication, behavioral, or personal issues).
4. Avoid long tearful goodbyes at check-in.
5. Avoid taking children off their normal daily prescription medications for a week of camp.

TRACY'S CAMP

MAP



Directions to Camp

Google Maps is the only reliable way to find us. Simply search for Tracy's Camp, and it will bring you right to TC. Using other navigation providers or searching for our physical address will NOT bring you to see us. If you cannot access Google Maps, you can find Chewing Rd, Pinewood, SC and look for the green Tracy's Camp sign on that road.

Tracy's Camp & Retreat Center

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INSURANCE INFORMATION

Is camper covered by family medical/ hospital insurance? ____ Yes ____ No

If so, indicate carrier or plan name _____ Group # _____

Policy Holder's Name _____ Relationship to camper _____

***** Please photocopy the front and back of health insurance card and staple it to this form *****

Effective Date of Coverage _____

*Guest insurance is primary. All medical costs will be filed with above stated insurance provider and/or are the responsibility of the guest or parent/guardian of guest under 18. Tracy's Camp does not provide primary insurance. No assumption of such coverage should be made. Initial Here _____

Please read carefully. This section must include guest or parent/guardian signature.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RELEASE AND CAMPER AGREEMENT

1. I/we hereby give permission for my/our child, who is a minor, to attend Tracy's Camp and to fully participate in the activities offered for his or her age group. In the event of an emergency or sickness, I/we authorize Tracy's Camp to secure medical treatment for my/our child, to be administered by authorized agents or agencies, as designated by Tracy's. I/we authorize Tracy's Camp to administer those medications to my/our child which are I/we have indicated on the registration form according to the prescribed directions for each. If some medication are not permitted, Tracy's Camp **WILL NOT** dispense that particular medication unless a physician or parent/guardian is contacted for approval.
2. I/we understand that payment for medical bills for my/our child is my/our responsibility and the camper's family insurance plan is responsible for cost associated with injuries and/or sickness as a result of participation in any camp event. Tracy's Camp does not provide primary insurance coverage for the payment for medical bills resulting from participation in any camp event.
3. I/we agree to allow Tracy's Camp to use any photographic image or video taken of named camper for promotional/marketing purposes. *For safety there will be no names or information given about the individuals or groups in the photos.*
4. Tracy's Camp and Retreat Center programs may include participation in initiative courses and games, ropes courses, climbing walls, zip line, paintball, sporting clays, archery, bonfires, hiking, camping, swimming, canoeing and riding in a Tracy's' Camp vehicle. I/we also understand that some activities may require traveling off Tracy's Camp's property. I/we am aware in signing this form that I/we assume all risks, dangers and injuries associated with participation in this event and agree that neither Tracy's Camp, its directors, staff nor other representatives in any capacity shall be responsible for any loss, damages and injuries resulting to the camper in the absence of gross negligence imputable to Tracy's Camp.
5. I/We further agree to release, indemnify and hold Tracy's Camp, its director, staff and agents harmless from or for any claims, causes or action, liabilities or damages that may arise as a result of or in connection with his/her participation in the event. I understand that this release and indemnification releases treatment for the conduct of Tracy's Camp, and its agents, staff or assigns even if such conduct is negligent.

By signing below, I (guest or parent/guardian of guest under 18) agree and consent to all above stated.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____