

# Camper Handbook



**To Campers and Parents or Guardians:** The officers and staff of Camp NOAH want every camper to have the best experience possible during camp week. We therefore require that each camper and his/her parents or guardian read and acknowledge consent to this Camper Handbook. We will then be assured that everyone understands their part in the camp, and all campers will be able to learn in an enjoyable atmosphere. Please ask if there are any rules that you do not understand.

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## Camp Week

Camp Registration will begin on Sunday afternoon. Camp continues on through Saturday morning. All campers must depart camp by 11 AM on Saturday.

## Camper Conduct

All campers are required to conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with the principles and precepts found in the word of God. Immoral conduct on the part of the camper will not be acceptable. Campers will respect all camp rules, including those posted by the Scouting America.

## Classes and Activities

All classes and activities are structured to achieve the purpose of Camp NOAH, which is to provide young people with spiritual values. Each day of the camp week will be structured in this general manner: After arising and dressing, devotions will be held in each cabin. Following breakfast, a lecture will be presented on the Bible topic for that day. That topic will then be applied to everyday life in small group discussions, with children of the same age. There will be daily organized athletic activities and several free times during the day and evening. Separate gender swimming periods in the camp pool will be provided during the activity periods. All campers will participate in three non-Bible activity periods after lunch each day. The Camper Schedule includes the evening activities for Camp Week. At the close of each evening all campers and staff will participate in a devotion and singing. Each evening just before lights out at 10 PM each cabin will have a devotion.

## General

Campers are to maintain a neat, well-groomed appearance. Showering is required each day beginning Monday of camp week. Men are not to wear earrings and hair is to be cut in what is considered to be a normal style which is not identifiable by its nature with any person, group, or ideal which is directly in conflict with Christian ideals. Decisions in such matters are at the discretion of the Camp Director. Campers will use only language that is in keeping with good decency and good order. No foul Language, off color stories or jokes will be tolerated. Derogatory comments or bullying or gossiping of any kind, comments about others are not in keeping with the principles of Camp NOAH.

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## Meals

Meals will include: Dinner Sunday evening, breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Friday, and breakfast on Saturday. Snacks will be available for purchase during the camp week from the store operated by the Boy Scouts.

## Camper Money

All monies in the possession of campers must be turned in at registration. Snacks or souvenirs purchased at the camp store will be charged against that amount, with any balance returned at the end of the week. (The camp store will not accept cash.) Campers are encouraged to limit the amount of money they bring to camp to a maximum of \$25.

## Camper Medicines

Both prescription and over-the-counter medicines will be given to the camp first aid staff at the time of registration. These will then be dispensed by the staff as required. Both the first aid staff and the cabin counselor should be aware of any medicine that parent or camper believes is needed with the camper in the cabin. (These situations will be handled on an individual basis.) Camp NOAH has provisions for most medical needs, including bee stings, headaches, poison ivy, etc., through the first aid staff. Therefore, under no circumstances will any non-first aid staff member or camper provide a camper with medicine or drugs of any kind.

## Illness and Emergencies

Any illness or other emergency must be brought to the immediate attention of the First Aid Personnel & Camp Director. First aid personnel and facilities are provided for that purpose during the camp week. Any camper with a special health condition (including major allergies to conditions that may be encountered at an outdoor camp) which could need assistance, which could be contagious or could pose a danger to other campers or staff, must be brought to the attention of the first aid staff upon registration.

## Radios, TVS, CD/Tape Players, Etc.

As the purpose of Camp NOAH is for campers to gain spiritual values in a Godly atmosphere, any distraction from that purpose must be eliminated. To support these ends, please do not bring radios, TVS, CD/tape players or the like to camp. You must bring a physical bible to camp.

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## Camp Ground

Campers are not to leave the Miakonda property at any time. Campers are not to go anywhere on the property where no counselor, teacher, or staff member is present. Campers are advised to use established trails and walkways inside the camp

## Destructive Items

The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, firearms, fireworks, or any other device or substance of a destructive nature will be cause for dismissal from camp. Camp BB guns will be used in the gun area only, and will be kept locked unless in use on the range.

## Discipline & Dismissal

Camp NOAH reserves the right to send a camper home at any time during the week if the Director and officers deem it advisable for the good of the camper or the camp. There will be no refund for campers sent home. The cabin counselors, class teachers, and various other staff will be given the authority to exert whatever discipline is necessary to maintain order and to achieve the goals of Camp NOAH. Under no circumstances may corporal punishment or any discipline that is demeaning to the camper be used. Should a camper be dismissed from camp, the parents or the responsible adult will be contacted immediately. Should the dismissal occur in the late hours of the night, the camper may remain at the campground until morning. The camper however will be isolated from all other campers until they are picked up.

## Clothing

Clothing worn by the campers must be suitable for such activities in which campers will be participating. Sandals and shower shoes may not be worn except in the shower. Many injuries have occurred due to improper footwear in the past. Campers will dress in a way that is modest. Tops must be loose, go over shoulders and cover midriff and be free of inappropriate imagery. Bottoms should be loose and to the knee. For swimming, please bring one piece suits for girls. All campers must wear appropriate clothing when heading to and from cabins. Campers may be asked to change if needed

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## Cabins: Etiquette and Expectations

Each camper will be assigned to a specific gender and age-based cabin with 2 counselors to assist them throughout the week. The space available for each camper in the cabin is limited, therefore, each camper must make every effort to keep his/her assigned space neat. All campers will assist in cleaning their cabin daily and at the end of camp week, so that it is left ready for another group to occupy. Cabins are provided for sleeping, cabin devotions and other activities approved by the staff. Brief visits to the cabins to change clothes or obtain equipment is expected, but prolonged stays in the cabin during the day are not permitted. Campers who are ill and not able to participate in the days activities, will be temporarily housed in the infirmary area of the First Aid cabin. Campers may not remain in their cabins during all or part of the day without approval of their counselors. There will be no visits by boys to the girls cabins or by girls to the boys cabins at any time, day or night. The only exceptions being when there is a Bible discussion group or the cabin is used as a classroom. All campers will remain in their cabin for the night after lights out. Anyone leaving must have the approval of the cabin counselors assigned to them.

## Electronics/Smart Device Policy

Any camper with a smart and/or communication device during the camp week will be sent home. A smart device is any communication device capable of internet access, directly or through another device, regardless of whether or not those features are enabled or configured. During camper registration, in a similar way car keys are turned in, any/all camper devices will be required to be turned in.

## Camper Contact

For camper's who need to call home, a phone will always be available. Additionally, the Camp Director's Phone Number is available 24x7 during Camp Week if you wish to contact your camper(s) We will provide the contact information for the Camp Director, the Nurse's station and each camper's cabin counselor's.

## Cars at Camp

Motorized vehicles driven by campers to camp must be registered and the keys given to the Camp Director. Vehicle(s) may not be used during the week and are to remain in the parking lot.