



## FAQs for Campers

### **My friend is coming to camp. Can we stay in the same cabin together?**

As long as you are both registered for the same session on the same week, you will be in the same cabin. If your friend is in a different session, you will not be in the same cabin, but you will see him/her throughout each day.

### **What if I don't know anyone who is coming to camp?**

One of the best things about camp is the opportunity to make new friends! Don't worry. You won't be the only camper that doesn't know anyone. Camp is full of other campers and cool counselors who will help everyone get to know each other in your group. Trust us - you will leave camp with many new friends!

### **What happens if I get "homesick"?**

Our staffers are trained on how to handle homesickness. In most cases, the feelings are mild and short-lived. The counselors, along with the camp Director, work to ensure that each camper has a great camp experience. In the rare instance that a phone-call home is necessary, the camp staff will initiate such action.

### **I came to camp last year and had a blast. Is everything going to be different this summer?**

We hope you have as much fun, if not more! Because of new people and new activities, each summer is slightly different. Many campers come back summer after summer and have even more fun.

### **I accidentally left/lost some of my things at camp. Do you have a Lost and Found area?**

Please remember Buffalo Mountain Camp is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We do have a Lost and Found area. If you lose something during the week check Lost and Found. Each Friday, after closing ceremonies, camp staff does a thorough cleaning of all facilities and grounds areas. All items then go in our Lost and Found. Feel free to contact the camp office at 423/753-6678 or [buffalomountain@hotmail.com](mailto:buffalomountain@hotmail.com) to check on any items lost.

### **What happens if I get sick or hurt at camp?**

Fret not. All of our staff are certified with a minimum of first aid and CPR and we have a fulltime Camper Health Supervisor who is responsible for conducting health screening, administering first aid, dispensing medications, medical record keeping, and supervising the infirmary. You will be taken care of well. If an accident happens that needs further medical attention, we will take you to the area emergency room. Parents are notified anytime a camper gets sick or hurt while at camp.

### **What are the cabins like?**

All Inpost cabins are bunk-style and sleep about 20 campers. They are centrally located near Allison Lodge in wooded areas and are within walking distance of all activities. Campers share a bath house located within close proximity. However, there are two cabins that have their own restrooms due to their location. If you are taking part in our Outpost program, you will not exactly be staying in cabins. Outpost has four sites (down the mountain at Farm Barn or high up the mountain at a hammock hut, shelter, or tree house). You can take a tour of all cabins and Outpost sites on our website under the "Summer Camp" tab.

**What is there to do at camp?**

Well, LOTS! There are several sessions to choose from each week. With each session there is a certain emphasis (Natures Detectives, X-Stream Action, Horseback, Rafting Adventure, and much more). Many activities focus on that particular session. But don't worry, you will have time each day to play the creek, swim, hike, play, etc.

**What's the food like? Is there a vegetarian option?**

You will eat GREAT! And yes, there are vegetarian options. All meals are homestyle and our Hospitality staff takes great pride in making the best food for the campers. Following is a breakdown of food typically served during the week:

Breakfast - cereal, pancakes, muffins, oatmeal, and fruit

Lunch - homemade pizzas, chicken sandwiches, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, salad

Dinner - turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, salad

**What will I need to bring to camp?**

Your parent/guardian will receive "What to Bring" list to make sure you pack everything. This will either come in the mail or via email. Some things you won't need are cell phones, iPods, etc. You're at camp! Let's have some fun outdoors!

**So what are the counselors like?**

Counselors are college-aged people who love the outdoors, love kids and want to help campers know how much God loves them. They have been your age and have gone to camp too. They want to make sure that you have one of the best summers of your life! And they do this by packing the week full of cool things to do, helping you make friends with other campers and learning new and fascinating things about yourself and your faith.

**Are there a lot of rules to follow?**

Nope. Most of them are common sense really. Be nice. Be willing to try new things. Clean up after yourself. And take at least two showers during the week.

**My friend told me something about themes at camp. What's that?**

Each week the Inpost Directors will choose a theme. Some examples from the past summers have been space week, Christmas in July, cowboy week, etc. The kitchen staff have been known to be quite entertaining at meals for each week. There are always people dressed up as well as certain activities centered around that theme. It's fun times!

**How late do I get to stay up?**

For our inpost camps, each group must be in their cabins or at their camp site by 10:00 pm. The outpost camps have a little more flexibility to their bedtimes, with our Night Adventure camp staying up later each night with the goal of staying up all night on Thursday.