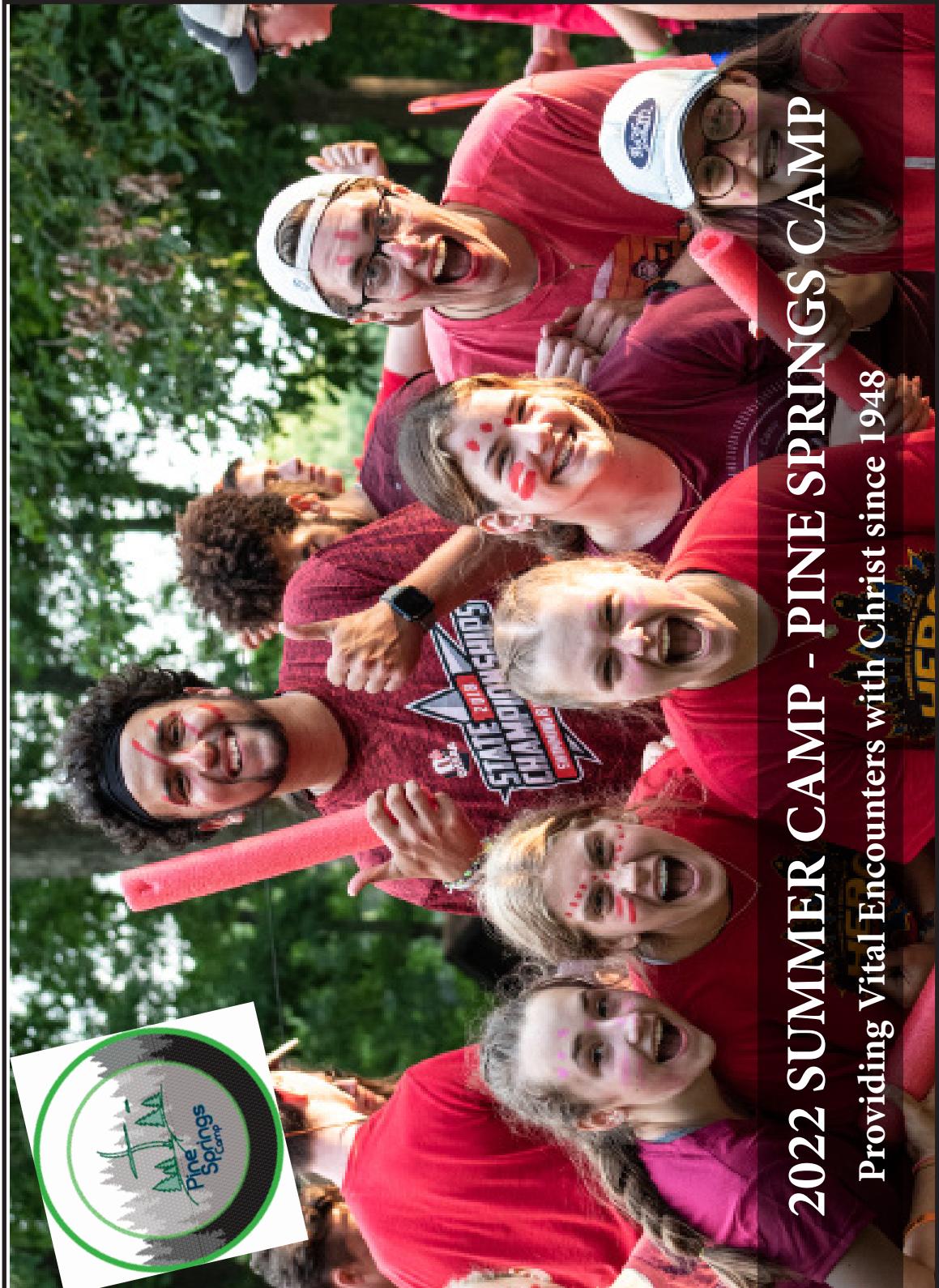


Pine Springs Camp

"providing vital encounters with Jesus Christ since 1948"

SUMMER
2022

WELCOME TO CAMP PACKET



2022 SUMMER CAMP - PINE SPRINGS CAMP

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SUMMER CAMPS • DAY CAMPS • RETREATS

Welcome to Pine Springs Camp 2022!

Important Information

(THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO PACKETS THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE!)

This Welcome Packet will be similar to the packet that was sent out in 2021. Each camper will receive 2 packets this year. If you are receiving this Welcome Packet then your child(ren) are currently signed up to have a fun filled and awesome week of summer. We are thankful that you have placed trust in the ministry of Pine Springs Camp to care for your camper. This is not something we take lightly and are committed to giving each camper one of the best weeks of their lives!

Here are some details concerning the two Welcome Packets that you will receive.

1. We wanted to send this initial Welcome Packet to introduce you to our camp staff who will be working hard at making camp great for your camper, to explain in part how camp will run this year, and to give you a sense of how excited we are to be able to offer a summer camp experience where campers will encounter Christ in a vital way!

2. **In this packet the only form that is included is the Medical Release Form.** All other forms will be sent in the second packet. We felt that receiving the Medical Form earlier was important because it does require you to have a Physician signature verifying that the camper has been seen by the physician or licensed medical practitioner within the past 12 months.

We will accept the Medical Form anytime after its completion up to two weeks prior to your camper's arrival at camp, at which time ALL forms are due.

3. In the Second Packet there will be more information concerning all that you will need to know about preparing for camp including, **details about Drop-off and Pick-Up, Nurse and Health Care information, Packing list suggestions, and other forms such as the Release of Liability, Counselor Communication, Camper Release and Camper Covenant Forms.**

We hope by doing so you will get a sense of the wonderful blessing Pine Springs Camp is, the fun that is in store for your camper and the sense of an incredible community of faith that God forms each summer.



Welcome from the Executive Director



Welcome to Camp!!!!

We are so delighted that you have chosen to send your child to Pine Springs Camp. We believe a week at camp can be life changing. It will be a week filled with adventure, challenge, self-discovery, fun and friendship. Most importantly each camper will be assured that they are a precious, beloved child of God.

During the past two years of dealing with the pandemic we believe that kids need camp now more than ever. After a year of not having summer camp in 2020 to running a smaller but awesome camp program in 2021, the importance of camp was highlighted even more. It was great to be able to host hundreds of campers so they could once again be at a place that values Playfulness, Spiritual Growth and participation in a vibrant Community of faith. (That's PSC by the way!) A constant for Pine Springs Camp is that when your child comes to Pine Springs Camp, you can be assured that they will be surrounded by people who will care for them and reflect the love of Christ to them. Our counselors and staff are a diverse group of enthusiastic Christians who will do everything they can to ensure that this week is an awesome experience for your camper.

Your camper will be surrounded by the beauty of God's creation and will experience the many benefits of being outdoors, playing games and facing new challenges. Through every activity, meal, challenge and conversation our desire is that Pine Springs Camp is a place that encourages a vital encounter with Jesus Christ.

As always, the safety of campers is our number one priority. We will continually and prayerfully evaluate how to run camp safely. We are optimistic and excited for the summer and will keep you posted on details throughout the spring. This is the first of two Confirmation Packets that you will receive. The second Confirmation Packet will provide further details about any summer camp protocols and how to prepare your child for a great week at camp.

Welcome to Camp-and thank you for being a part of the Pine Springs Camp Family. We are here to help you and want to make this one of the best, most joy-filled weeks of the summer. PSC is a place where campers will PLAY, GROW SPIRITUALLY AND BE CONNECTED TO A GREAT COMMUNITY! Feel free to call us if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Sincerely in Christ,
Greg Davis
Executive Director





Welcome from the Summer Camp Director



There have been so many changes in our lives over the past number of years. When I am uncertain if there is anything in my life that IS constant I remember what scripture says about our Lord and Savior in Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This has brought me stability and a constant in my life when so much is changing.

Although there are changes every summer at Pine Springs Camp, I want to assure you that there are some things that will remain constant.

1. Vital Encounters w/Christ- This has been our mission over the years, and it will not change. Our prayer is that all our campers will grow in their walk with Christ. All we do is designed to encourage campers to go deeper in their faith and know that the God of the universe loves them and there is hope in that.

2. Making New Friends- Pine Springs Camp will always be a place that fosters new friendships and creates an environment where every camper can feel like they belong and are a part of something bigger than themselves.

3. Connecting with Old Friends- Our hope is that every summer will be an opportunity for campers to reconnect with old friends and past counselors.

4. Adventure Galore- Our adventure program consists of numerous activities that challenge, shape, and encourage campers as they interact with peers in a safe and positive, Christ-centered environment. Ranging from low intensity on-site activities such as hiking and team building to more high intensity on-site activities such as our climbing tower and high ropes course, every camper will have a chance to engage in some type of outdoor adventure during their week at Pine Springs. Safety is our number one priority. The Pine Springs adventure program incorporates a team building model known as "Challenge by Choice". We have designed an adventure program that builds upon previous experience to help campers gain confidence for their next outdoor adventure.

5. Games, Games, and more Games- We LOVE to play games at PSC! Our hope is that playing games will lead to laughter, joy and fun! From Chicken Wars to Instincts for Survival to Gaga Ball and Nine Square, we believe that play is an essential part of our ministry!

Thank you for signing your son or daughter up for camp! We cannot wait to make this a summer to remember. Please let us know if there are any questions! We want to make sure that we are communicating as clearly as we can how things will be a little different this summer. Please let us know if we can help!

In Christ,
Mike Hurley
Summer Camp Director

WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FACILITY OPERATIONS AND ADVENTURE EDUCATION JUSTIN SHAFFER

Hello camp friends!

Summer is fast approaching, and we are so excited to welcome you back to camp! As the weather warms up and the days are getting longer, I have turned my attention from plowing snow to preparing our property for summer camp. And what a beautiful property it is! I am also looking forward to the sights and sounds of campers enjoying the high ropes course, RC trucks, archery and all of our other amazing adventure activities!

We can't wait to see you!

Justin



WELCOME FROM OUR FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR- ELLIE DAVIS

We are looking forward to another loud, joy filled summer in the Refuge Dining Hall! We can't wait to see hundreds of hungry campers and counselors streaming through the front doors to loud music and laughter.

Our goal is to provide kid-friendly meals that are varied and delicious. We offer a breakfast bar and salad bar to maximize choice and ensure fresh fruits and vegetables are readily available. We also love planning special theme meals, buffets, picnics and the occasional "breakfast in bed."



We can accommodate most food allergies and special diets – just please give us all of the necessary information on the Food Allergy form. We also adhere to the highest levels of Food Safety protocols and we train our staff in Servsafe procedures. We have had a lot of practice implementing exceptional cleaning and sanitization and plan on continuing these practices to ensure a safe and healthy dining environment for our campers.

WELCOME FROM OUR REGISTRAR- RANDI NEWLIN

Greetings from Pine Springs Camp! As a mother myself, I understand that there is a certain amount of nervousness when sending our kiddos off to camp. (Often time this nervousness can be amplified by the Covid 19 Pandemic and other outside factors; I get it!) I also know that camp remains such a great place for children to be in community with their peers, playing and learning about God's Love. I am excited to WELCOME your kiddos to camp and I can assure you that, as we always have, we will strive to keep everyone safe! Please know that, as your registrar and fellow parent, I empathize. I welcome your questions and will happily answer them or find an answer to address your concern. As always, my goal is to make the process as easy as possible for you. I can be reached via email at info@pinesprings.org, by phone in the office at 814-629-9834 or my cell phone at 814-279-0591. Feel free to reach out as often as you need to.



WELCOME FROM OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS- DAN AND MADDY DUFFIELD

Hey Pine Springs Camp family!

We are so excited to be back at Pine Springs this summer! Since you last saw Maddy and I as counselors in 2016, and myself as Program Coordinator ('17) and Men's Director ('18); we got married! After living in the frozen tundra of Minnesota and the mountains of North Carolina, we're coming back (with the cowbell in tow!) Maddy is working in the office and I will be leading our Day Camp program. You'll also see me throughout the week as a part of the exciting games and programs we all love at camp!



Pine Springs has had such an impact on both of our walks with Jesus, and we're beyond excited to be on staff and help foster similar experiences with the Lord. We're also excited for all the intense gaga battles, incredible food, and, of course, everybody's favorite activity: Morning Dip! We can't wait to see you this summer!

WELCOME FROM OUR HEAD NURSE- PAMELA DZIAŁOWSKI MEDICAL/NURSE INFORMATION

I have been volunteering as a nurse at Pine Springs Camp in a nursing capacity annually since 1998. A very important part of our ministry is caring for campers who have various medical needs. Our desire is for each camper to experience a safe, fun and caring environment. This occurs many times through their interaction with our nurses. We take very seriously the task of providing quality care for your child. Therefore, it is mandatory that you complete the Medical Form and extremely important that you complete the Counselor Communication Form which goes directly to the camp counselor. Both forms provide information which will help us best serve your child. An RN or medical doctor will be on camp property during the week providing 24 hour care.



Information Concerning Our Response to COVID



Looking ahead to summer 2022, we know that kids need camp now more than ever. We also know that because of the ongoing impact of Covid, camp may look different again this year. Through the upcoming months we will be monitoring the ever changing climate of Covid-19 and assessing its potential impact on summer camp 2022.

We believe that we will be able to provide our campers with a safe and meaningful camp experience. Last summer we implemented safety protocols at camp and were still able to have an awesome, joyful, successful camp season. We are prepared to do the same this year if needed. Because the situation changes from week to week we will be providing our safety protocol plans closer to the start of camp. We will be monitoring the situation and providing families with updated information as it becomes available.

To keep families informed we will be sending two different Confirmation Packets this year. The first one will be received immediately upon registering for camp and will provide basic information related to preparing for camp. The second Confirmation Packet will be sent closer to the beginning of camp. It will contain more detailed information about safety protocols that we are implementing based on the current Covid situation.

The physical, emotional and spiritual health of all of our campers is our top priority at Pine Springs Camp. Therefore, these are OUR CURRENT COMMITMENTS TO CAMPER FAMILIES concerning COVID and Summer Camp 2022.

1. A COMMITMENT TO ASSESS THE COVID SITUATION PRAYERFULLY AND THOUGHTFULLY AS CAMP APPROACHES.

- We will be in conversation with medical and camp professionals to assess how to safely run camp and will be communicating with camper families consistently and in a timely fashion.

2. A COMMITMENT TO TIMELY COMMUNICATION WITH CAMP FAMILIES

- Circumstances and case counts change rapidly and we have no way to know what the situation will be until closer to the start of camp. We will send updates and detailed explanations regarding our safety protocols in a timely manner. Information will be sent through a variety of channels, including the Parent Confirmation Packets, emails and through social media.

3. A COMMITMENT TO BEING OUTDOORS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!

- It has been proven that being outside is the best way to avoid any spread of the virus-and that's where we spend most of our time!

4. A COMMITMENT TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE, SCREENING AND DAILY MONITORING OF CAMPERS HEALTH.

- Our competent volunteer NURSES will be present each week of camp to monitor camper health and well-being.

5. A COMMITMENT TO INCREASED SANITIZATION, CLEANING AND VENTILLATION

- All of our buildings and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized in accordance with ACA and CDC guidelines.
- Our dining services comply with the rigorous food safety and sanitation guidelines of the ACA, CDC and the State of Pennsylvania.
- Building ventilation is a priority. Our cabins are spacious and have plenty of windows and fans that provide fresh air and positive air circulation. In addition we have large open air pavilions that are great program spaces.

6. A COMMITMENT TO A 100% REFUND POLICY

- We understand that as circumstances change, parents and/or guardians may feel uncomfortable having their child attend camp. Therefore, families can receive a full refund if they decide against sending their child to camp due to COVID concerns.

Thank you for being a

2022 CAMPER

GET EXCITED AND CONNECTED



EXPLORE WHAT CAMP IS LIKE

- GO TO OUR VIMEO PAGE WWW.VIMEO.COM/PINESPRINGSAMP AND WATCH THE SUMMER 2021 HIGHLIGHT VIDEO. WATCHING THE PSC VIDEOS WILL LET YOU SEE ALL FUN THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO AT CAMP.
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT CAMP IN PERSON? SET UP A PRIVATE TOUR WITH ONE OF OUR STAFF. YOU WILL CAN SEE SOME OF OUR 230 ACRES, OUR NEW DINING HALL, OUR AWESOME CABINS AND SOME OF OUR OTHER FUN FACILITIES. EMAIL MIKE HURLEY FOR MORE INFO. MIKE@PINESPRINGS.ORG

ATTEND A PSC RETREAT

OUR RETREATS ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP CAMPERS CONNECTED AND OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH. GO TO OUR WEB-SITE FOR MORE INFO AND BE LOOKING FOR PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS SOON.

- **CATALYST MENS BACKPACKING RETREAT**-MARCH 25-27
- **WOMEN IN THE WOODS**-APRIL 1-2
- **REMIX-FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL**-APRIL 22-24
- **FUSION-FOR GRADES 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH**-APRIL 30-MAY 1

ATTEND A PSC EVENT

ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENTS THAT WE ARE PLANNING IN THIS SPRING. BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY AND SOME FRIENDS TO CONNECT WITH THE PSC COMMUNITY.

- **PSC SKATES**-COMING TO A SKATING RINK IN WESTMORELAND AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.
- **PINE SPRINGS POP-UP PICNICS**-WILL BE HELD AT TWO LOCAL COMMUNITY PARKS. COME FOR FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!
- **WORK DAY 2022**- SATURDAY, MAY 14- A GREAT WAY TO BE AT CAMP AND HELP US GET READY FOR THE SUMMER.

DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

DON'T FORGET ABOUT UTILIZING OUR DISCOUNTS AND SCHOLARSHIP AID.

- **BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT**- ANY RETURNING CAMPER WHO BRINGS A FRIEND-THEY BOTH RECEIVE \$30 OFF.
- **COME BACK AGAIN DISCOUNT**-SIGN UP FOR TWO WEEKS OF CAMP AND RECEIVE \$150 OFF FOR A 5 DAY CAMP OR \$100 OFF A 3 DAY CAMP.
- SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ANY FAMILY OR CAMPER WITH A DEMONSTRATED NEED.

For more information:
CALL 814-629-9834
www.pinesprings.org



Medical Release

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Camp Name: _____
Camp Week: _____

For office use only

To be completed by parents/guardians of those under 18 years of age, or by adult campers and staff members themselves. Without this completed form your child will not be allowed to participate in any camping event.

Personal Information

Name of camper: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____
Home Phone _____ D.O.B. _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____
Parent/Guardian (Last) _____ (First) _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
1st Emergency Contact: _____ Ph #: _____
2nd Emergency Contact: _____ Ph #: _____
Physician Name: _____ Ph #: _____

Is the participant covered by family medical hospital insurance? YES NO

If yes, please indicate carrier _____ Policy or Group #: _____

*Please provide a copy of the front and back of the health insurance card and attach to this form.

Health History

Immunization Records

Please Note: A current immunization record from doctor must be provided before a camper will be allowed to participate in any camp activity. Please attach to this form.

Date of last Tetanus shot: _____ Are immunizations current? YES NO

If No, which one(s) are not current? _____

Medications

Able to take Tylenol YES NO Advil: YES NO

Are you currently on any medication? Please specify: _____

Please list Medications that you are bringing to camp: (All campers with medications must be reviewed with and received by the Nurse during registration)

Medication _____ Dosage _____ x Daily _____ Time _____
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Prescribing Physician (s) _____

Does camper have any allergic reactions to: _____

Bee Stings Poison Ivy/Oak (Highly Allergic) Other _____

Drugs (describe) _____ Foods (describe) _____

Please describe allergic reactions _____

Has camper had any illness, injuries or surgeries? _____

Any special medical conditions the camper may have that would require extra care? _____

Any special restrictions or considerations while at camp? _____

Has camper had a recent exposure to a contagious or infectious disease? _____

Any concerns we should be aware of, such as health habits, health conditions, menstruation, recent loss or trauma? _____

**THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR
CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN OR NURSE PRACTITIONER.**

I have examined the above camp applicant within the past 12 months and in my opinion, this camper's health is stable enough to participate in an active camp program.

Please Print or Stamp Physician's Name: _____

Licensed Physician's Signature: _____ Phone (____) _____

Date of Form Completion: _____

* Form Completed by _____

* Initial if completed by nurse or physician's assistant. Must be signed within the 12 months prior to the beginning of the camp season per the American Camping Association Accreditation recommendation.

IMPORTANT: This section must be completed for participation in camp activities

Parent/Guardian Authorization: This health history is correct and complete as far as I know. The person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted. I hereby give permission to the camp's health care provider to provide routine health care; to administer medication; to order x-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me/my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician or dentist selected by the camp to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. I affirm that the camp, its staff and volunteers are held harmless from any liability claims, judgments, and costs incurred during my/my child's stay at the facility or involvement in the camp experience. This completed form may be photocopied for trips out of camp.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or adult camper

Printed name

Date: _____

I also understand and agree to abide by any restrictions placed on my participation in camp activities.

Signature of camper

Date: _____