

Camp Conquest

Day Camp Parent Handbook

Let's Get Ready For Summer Camp!

Find out what you need to know before, during and after a week of camp.



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5 Day Camp Sessions

~June 17-21
~June 24-28
~July 1-5
~July 8-12
~July 15-19

Multi-session discounts apply.



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Welcome to Camp

Why day camp? With Day Care (inside and expensive), VBS (free – you get what you pay for), Specialized training ‘camps’ (hours of instructional opportunity – is this summer break?) and a host of other options, why would you chose a camp in the woods?

Well, at Camp Conquest, we believe that skinned knees and bruised shins are essential for growing up, right along with dirt under the fingernails and pockets full of frogs, rocks and marbles.

Summer is a time to explore the wonderful outdoors with the company of friends seeking an adventure. Summer is a time to expand your world through exploration and free play. Summer is a time for swimming and eating ice cream.

That is what you find at Camp Conquest - good, clean, outdoor fun. We recruit adult volunteers who provide safety and structure. We recruit and train mature teens who provide fun and energy. We teach good character and traditional moral values using stories from the Bible.

It's time to unplug and go outside. It's time to learn archery and horseback riding. It's time to jump in the pool and zoom down the waterslide. It's time to sign up for Day Camp at Camp Conquest.



Before Camp

What are some items my camper will need?

Each Camper must wear **closed-toe shoes with straps around the heel**, or sneakers. Such footwear is required for most activities.

We recommend clothing that can get dirty, since we spend most of our time outdoors.

Other items that campers should bring are:

One-piece swimsuit

Beach Towel

Sunblock

Water bottle

Some items that maybe useful for your camper are:

Goggles

Bug Spray

Sweatshirt or Raincoat

Backpack

Plastic Bag for wet swimsuit & towel

Hat

Please Label your Camper's belongings with his/her first and last name.

ITEMS THAT MUST STAY AT HOME:

Electronics

Toys

Cell Phones

Wheeled Shoes

Money

Flip Flops/Sandals

If these items are brought to camp, they will be held by the Day Camp Coordinator and returned to the parent/guardian at the end of the day.



Programs & Supervision

Day Camp Programs

At Camp Conquest, we offer two programs within our Day Camp to allow for age specific activity and learning opportunities (just register for Day Camp and we will assign your camper to the appropriate group).

- Pioneer Day Camp is for ages 7-9
- Adventure Day Camp is for ages 10-12.

Supervision

Volunteer adults from our partner churches provide maturity and structure while our well trained teens (16 years old +) and college students add energy and enthusiasm. There are two counselors with every group and the ratio is around 6 campers for 1 staff member. A Nurse is also on site to help with any first aid or medication issues.

Medications

Campers may not keep medication with them. All medication must be turned over to the camp nurse upon arrival (or to the bus counselor, if riding the bus). This is for the safety of everyone at camp. If your camper has medication such as an epi-pen or inhaler, one of the counselors in their group will carry it with them.



A Day at Camp

Start of the Day

Campers are greeted at Camp Conquest every morning and begin their day with songs and time with new friends. Campers are assigned to groups of 8-12 campers of the same age group with 2 counselors.

Swimming, archery, crafts, horses, group games and much more will be enjoyed daily. Creative, hands on Bible lessons and fun camp songs teach valuable truths. Other activities may include: archery, sling shot, horse back riding, nature exploration, games and other special activities.

Sample Schedule

9:00 Opening Session

9:30 Field Games

10:00 Chapel/Small Groups

11:00 Lunch

12:00 Swimming

1:30 Camp Store

2:00 Electives

3:30 Closing

4:00 Departure



Lunch

Lunch

Lunch is provided for all Day Campers. Meals are prepared by our hard working and wonderful volunteer kitchen staff. If you prefer to send your child with their own bagged lunch (that does not require refrigeration), that is also acceptable. Please make sure to include any food allergies or dietary restrictions on your online health form.

Sample Menu

Monday - Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, mandarin oranges, ice cream sandwich

Tuesday - Pizza, veggies (carrots, celery), camp cookie

Wednesday - Hot dog cook out, applesauce, brownie

Thursday - Chicken patties sandwich, Cheetos, cookie pack

Friday - Turkey sandwich, chips, mandarin oranges, rice crispy treat



DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

Due to the size of our camp, we cannot accommodate specialized meals for campers at this time (Gluten-free, vegetarian, kosher, vegan, etc). We encourage parents to pack a lunch for their camper if they require a specific diet. Please let the camp registrar know if you plan to pack a lunch for your child.

Camp Store

Camp Store & Money

After campers enjoy time at the pool, we give them an opportunity to visit our camp store to buy yummy snacks or cool merchandise. Most food/drink items cost anywhere from .25 - \$1.00. Campers are allowed to choose 2 food/drink items per day. We suggest \$10-20 for your camper for the week. If your camper would like a hat or t-shirt those run from \$8-10 and should be added to the card before camp. You choose an amount of money to add to your camper's store card when you registered him/her. If you'd like to add additional money, please call our camp registrar.

If you have any left over money at the end of the week, your money will either be returned to you or donated - depending on your answer within the health forms regarding store money. Donated store money goes toward our campership fund to help financially needy children come to camp.

Behavior at Camp

Please refer to Code of Conduct and General Camper Responsibilities on our Camper Policies Document. Download from our website: <http://camconquest.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/camper-policies-2014-1.pdf>



Transportation Options

Options to get your camper to camp

1. Bus transportation at one of our stops

When you register, please sign up for bus transportation ahead of time. Please call the office if you forgot to sign up.

2. Arriving by car

If you are planning on arriving by car, please read below for more information.



Meeting the bus at a church - Check in & Drop off/Pick Up

Please park in the church's parking lot near check in area. Each location will have a specific time the bus is to depart. Please arrive 15 minutes before departure time. On the first day, please arrive 30 minutes before departure for first day check in. Each day, you will sign your child in and out with one of the counselors from the church. At the end of the day, please make sure to arrive before the bus and sign your camper out before you leave. Any changes regarding bus transportation must be communicated to the camp office AND the bus counselor.

Arriving by Car - Check in & Drop off/Pick Up at Camp

Day Camper check in is near the barn, which is where you first pull into our driveway. You can park in one of the parking spots across from the barn. You may arrive as early as 8:45am. On the first day, please arrive between 8:30am and 8:50am for first day check in. Each day, counselors will meet you and your camper near the barn. At the end of the day, you can park your car in one of our parking spots across from the barn and wait for your camper to be brought down the hill by one of our counselors to meet you at 4:00pm. You must sign your child in and out each day.

Bus Transportation Details

Bus Transportation

We have partnered with local churches to create the ultimate camp experience for kids and busy parents. Drop your child off at any of the churches on our route, and we'll handle transportation to camp and back each day. Day Campers must be on the bus list to ride.

Your child should be at the designated bus stop 10-15 minutes before the scheduled time in the morning. All children must be signed onto and off the bus by a parent/guardian or someone approved, in writing, by the parent/guardian.

2019 Bus Schedule (pickup/drop off times**)

Session 1, June 17-21

Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W Swartzville Rd, Reinholds, PA (8:40am/4:20pm)

Session 2, June 24-28

Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W Swartzville Rd, Reinholds, PA (8:40am/4:20pm)

Manheim Grace Brethren Church, 333 E High St, Manheim, PA (8:00am/5:00pm)

Lititz Grace Church, 501 W Lincoln Ave, Lititz, PA (8:30am/4:30pm)

Session 3, July 1-5

Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W Swartzville Rd, Reinholds, PA (8:40am/4:20pm)

Grace Family Church, 415 S Kinzer Ave, New Holland, PA (8:15am/4:45pm)

Session 4, July 8-12

Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W Swartzville Rd, Reinholds, PA (8:40am/4:20pm)

Ephrata Grace Church, 62 Hahnstown Rd, Ephrata, PA (8:30am/4:30)

Session 5, July 15-19

Cocalico Community Church, 1200 W Swartzville Rd, Reinholds, PA (8:40am/4:20pm)

Calvary Chapel, 740 Willow St., Lebanon PA (8:00am/5:00pm)

***pickup/drop off times subject to change*



Bus Guidelines

Communication of Transportation Changes

1. If a change needs to occur to the pick-up or drop-off times or location, Camp Conquest will reach out to the primary contact listed for each camper. This communication will be an email followed up with a phone call to the contact information listed on the camper registration.
2. If a parent or guardian needs to make an adjustment, please contact the camp office by email at registrar@campconquest.org AND by phone at 717.336.2541.

Safety Guidelines

In addition to the driver, we will have a bus counselor to supervise the children and provide a camp experience for them while coming to and from camp.

For everyone's safety, we have the following rules for the bus. Please discuss these with your child.

1. Parents are responsible for getting your child on and off the bus. You must sign your child in and out with the bus counselor each day.
2. Campers need to listen and obey the bus counselor and driver.
3. Campers need to be seated and have their seat belt fastened at all times.
4. Once seated do not change seats.
5. Tell your counselor if you have any problems on the bus.
6. Do not leave your seat to get off the bus until the bus has come to a complete stop.

If you are not at the stop and we believe you should be, we will call you. The call will most likely come from one of our counselor's cell phones and will not be a number you recognize. But the bus will leave on time.



TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENTS:

If a change needs to occur regarding pick-up or drop off (whether riding the bus or dropping off at camp), please contact the camp office by email: registrar@campconquest.org AND by phone at 717-336-2541

After Camp

Talking with your Camper about their day

There is nothing more exasperating than asking your child, "What did you do today at camp?" and getting the response, "Nothing." While some children are bursting to share their experiences on the ride home, others are tired or may simply need a little more time to process. Over the week, draw your child out slowly by asking specific questions about teammates and counselors, or ask your child to show you a camp skit or sing a song.



Camp Photos

We attempt to upload pictures daily. You will receive a link and password via email the week of camp. Please be patient, as sometimes it takes us longer than we expect to get photos uploaded. Please know that we are trying our hardest to get pictures up for parents.

Lost & Found

Please make sure all of your camper's items are clearly marked with his/her first and last name. We try to manage lost and found items continually throughout the camp season, but it is a challenge! If you discover your child is missing something upon their return home, please notify the camp office as soon as possible, so that we may assist you in finding your lost items. After summer camp season, we donate unclaimed items to a local charity.



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