



CAMP NEW HAPPENINGS NORTHERN INDIANA

Camp Alexander Mack Milford, IN

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The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana

Dear Parent/Guardian of Campers:

Camp New Happenings' summer camp begins Sunday, July 11, 2010. Hopefully, this letter contains all of the information you will need to prepare your child/children for camp. Included in this packet are: location of Camp New Happenings, list of items to send with your child/children, Medical Information and Release Form, Privacy Policy, and the camp Registration form. Please remember, without exception, we must have these forms returned not later than June 1st. If you should need duplicates of any of these forms, please visit our diocesan website at www.ednin.org or call Charlotte (219) 944-0620.

Finally, if for any reason your child/children will not be able to attend camp, please let us know immediately as we have a waiting list.

PARENT/GUARDIAN GENERAL INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

Medical Information and Release Form

This form is required for each child entering camp. This form requires detailed information about any medical condition(s) your child may have and **MUST** be signed by your family physician. A signed copy of your child's sports physical is acceptable. Please attach it to our medical form after filling it out.

Head checks for lice

Camp regulations require us to check for lice before we admit a camper to our summer camp. Trained medical personnel will check each head and, in the event that lice are discovered, our child/children will be sent home and will not be able to attend camp. To help us and to ensure that your child's week at camp is not cancelled, please check with someone trained to look for lice before camp and treat it as necessary. We look forward to every camper joining us, and would be disappointed to have to send someone home before the week of fun and fellowship even started.

It is our expectation that your child will remain at camp for the entire week. This is to ensure the best camp experience for all campers without disruption or outside distractions. Camp should officially end no later than 11:00. You will be provided with the drop-of schedule. Location will be the same as the pick-up. Please plan to be at the pick-up location at the stated time.

Location

Our summer camp will be held at Camp Alexander Mack (Milford, IN) on the shores of the beautiful Lake Waubee. See enclosed brochure for location of Camp New Happenings.

Transportation

Free bus transportation will be provided for all campers. You will be advised of the time and "pick-up/drop off" location for your child/children. We will make the pick-up at a central location, hopefully as close to your home as possible. It is important that you be at the location at the designated time on both Sunday and Saturday, as the bus will be operating on a strict time schedule. There will be a chaperone on the bus. Cell phone numbers will be provided to you, in the event of an emergency.

Arrival and Registration

The children will arrive at Camp New Happenings on or about 3:00 p.m. Check-in registration will take place immediately upon arrival. Dinner that night will be at 5:00 p.m.

Telephone

We will provide cell phone numbers for the entire staff. Always attempt to reach the Camp Director **FIRST**.

- ***If unsuccessful in reaching the Camp Director, then go down the staff list until you reach someone. Please keep in mind; this is a summer camp with essentially all outdoor activities. Also, your child will be too busy with camp activities to chat.***
- ***Please advise your children that they are not to bring cell phones and they will not be permitted to make phone calls at any time.***

Mail

Please do not send mail to our child/children during the week of camp. We know that you will miss he or she but (1) It is not convenient to receive mail at camp and (2) the camper is going to be busy each day from morning through the early evening hours.

Inquiries prior to Camp

Contact the Project Coordinator: Charlotte Strowhorn (219) 944-0620 or (219) 614-8370.

STUFF TO BRING TO SUMMER CAMP

Bedding:

- Pillow (yucky, old one)
- Sleeping bag or sheets and 2 blankets

It does get cool at night.

Toiletries:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste and toothbrush (Please)
- Eye junk (if applicable)
- Deodorant (please)
- Hair brush or comb (either one-you decide)

Clothing and Such:

- Shorts (3 or so)
- Pants (at least one in case it turns cold)
- T-shirts (lots)
- Underwear
- Lots of socks
- Sneakers (a must)
- Swimsuit
- Water shoes or flip-flops *
- Towels (at least 2, maybe 3 – 1 for the lake, 1 or 2 for showering)
- Sweatshirt or jacket (it does get cool at night)
- Notebooks/Journals
- Pens/Pencils
- Frisbees
- Baseball/Glove
- Deck of Cards
- Flashlight and batteries

*To be worn only in the Lake area. Otherwise sneakers are to be worn.

Please make sure you write your camper's name, in indelible ink, on everything you send to camp. After a camp life, it all starts to look the same!

** Please let us know immediately if any items are not available to you and they will be provided.*

STUFF TO LEAVE AT HOME

There are certain items, which for one reason or another, we do not want brought to camp. Some of these things are obvious and need no explanation. Other items on the list, when present at camp make it difficult for the leaders and other campers to communicate with one another so, for one week-we ask everyone to do without them. It really IS possible!

Absolute No-no's

If we find the following items in your possession at camp, you will be sent home immediately at the expense of your parents.

- Illegal drugs. (All prescription drugs MUST be turned in at registration.)
- Alcohol
- Weapons and firearms. (This includes pocket knives and homemade items.)

We'll send it back

- Pets

We'll take 'em and give 'em back on Saturday

- Cell Phones
- CD players, iPods, tape decks of any kind (except those brought by counselors for dormitory use)
- Electronic games
- Squirt guns of ANY kind
- Good clothes...they are sure to be ruined!

We look forward to seeing you at camp! This year's theme will remind us of the amazing heroes God gives us, and that we are Jesus' ultimate sidekicks. Remember, you can always call (219) 944-0620 or (219) 614-8370.

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Please contact us if you have any questions! See you soon!