

Maryland Parent Arrival Information July 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Campers,

Our staff is preparing Camp Veritas for your children with the goal of making camp this summer a life-changing experience. We are already feeling the excitement! **Please read carefully!**

Location: Summit Lake Camp located at 7610 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, MD (*we suggest saving the directions on your phone, service is very spotty when you get close to camp*). Pictures, directions and information about Summit Lake Christian Camps can be found on the Facilities page of the website as well.

Dates: July 25 - July 31, 2021

Arrival: Registration will be from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. (*there will be staff helping direct arrivals as we are trying to avoid foot traffic during registration, we ask everyone to please follow their directions*).

Pick-up: July 31st after a 10:00am Mass for campers AND parents which you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Due to strict Safer Spaces policies, we are unable to allow parents to enter the bunk or cabin areas until after Mass. Dismissal will be approximately 11:30 after Mass, closing remarks and a final check of the cabins.

Registration: will be located **outside** the “tabernacle” structure located adjacent to the main parking lot. Signs will be posted and personnel will be there to guide you.

- We will be doing temp checks upon arrival and staff will direct you to the appropriate table if you have not completed the online Covid pre-screening or settled your financials. **Registration will run much smoother if you log in to your Camp-in-Touch account the week before camp to finalize payments and complete the required covid pre-screening.**
- **Covid Pre-Screening:** As was indicated in our info email and on our webpage, every camper is **required** to submit **EITHER:** A negative Covid test (any kind) dated within a week of camp. **OR:** proof of antibodies from a vaccine or having had covid within the past 3 months and not within the last 10 days before camp (positive test or Doctor’s note). They will also need to fill out a pre-screening for symptoms and exposure. There are clear prompts in your account and the ability to upload a picture in any of these formats: jpg, jpeg, png, gif, heic (Apple) or heif (Apple).
- Parents are welcome to help your child settle into their cabins (*though we ask parents not to enter the cabins this year*) and are free to tour the campus with your child afterwards.
- We will NOT have Mass on Sunday evening camp opens so please arrange to go to Sunday Mass prior to your arrival.

FORMS: You should download from the forms and documents section of your Camp-In-Touch Account (or see the attached documents) the following information: camper packing list and camp rules.

- Please take special note of our dress code noted on the camp rules (**we specifically ask that no one bring crop tops which are so popular this Summer**).
- **For those who did the “roll-over” from 2020:** Please log in to your camp-in-touch account to sign the waivers and forms specific to 2021. You can do this when you log in to update the covid forms.

TRAVEL: We, (the staff with our cars,) will be taking all campers to the shrine at Mt. St. Mary’s in Emmitsburg, on Friday, July 30th. This is an approximate 5 mile car ride. All campers will be belted. Parental transportation consents have already been obtained in the original paperwork so there is no need for more paperwork upon your arrival. If there is any problem with this scheduled plan, please let us know as soon as possible.

PACKING TIPS: Please remember that the camp will not be supplying bedding or bathroom supplies (except toilet paper). The cabins are air-conditioned. Please pack a sheet and/or mattress cover (twin) and/or a sturdy sleeping bag and pillow. You will need to pack soap as well. The kids will need two towels, one for the pool and another for showers. Do not forget to pack a rosary for them as well if you have one.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Cell phones and all other electronics including iPods, iPhones, iPads, DS's, etc. for campers are PROHIBITED and will be confiscated. The volunteers will all have cell phones and the campers will be able to use them for emergencies – that is if we can get a cell signal. ***Most phones do not have service at Summit Lake but a hard line is available for emergencies.*** We will discuss this at length during orientation, but please refer to our camp policies (attached).

MEDICATIONS: Medications should be clearly labeled with your child's name and instructions for use in a marked ziplock bag. There will be a nursing table at registration for delivery of these medications (including ANY over-the-counter medications such as Advil) and for clarification of any necessary medical instructions with our registered nursing staff. The children are not allowed to self-administer medications at any time for any reason except epipens, inhalers or insulin.

If you have not done so already, please log in to your Camp-In-Touch account (under Forms and Documents) and complete the Health History form for each camper even if things have not changed since last year to allow our medical team to prepare for your arrival. This will also include the Covid Pre-screening forms.

CONTACT INFORMATION: The regular and emergency phone numbers for the Camp itself are found on our website within the "Contact Us" tab, and are also included here. Emergent communication will always be possible through the Camp administration although cell service is very unreliable on campus. Please allow time to return your call since we have to drive off the mountain to check our messages. To reach the central number (landline) of Summit Lake, call (919) 630-4432. The parent liaison for general questions regarding the week beginning Sunday, July 25th through July 31st is Carrie McCarty-Gibson and her phone number is (410) 937-8401. You will often need to leave a message because of the poor reception, but she will check her messages periodically please speak clearly and be sure to include the full camper name about whom you are calling. This can be streamlined easier if you send her a text first!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Financial Information about your stay with us can be found in your Camp-In-Touch account in the financial Management section. Accounts must be paid in full by July 1 to reserve your spot. You should have received an invoice with details about your account several weeks ago. If you are participating in a Parish Payment program, we will collaborate with your parish. Please contact us if you need to make special payment arrangements. Also, please let us know as soon as possible if you do NOT plan to attend so that we can assign that spot to someone else.

If you have additional questions or comments, you can reply to this e-mail or send a message directly to admin2@campveritas.com.

Our volunteer and religious staff at Camp Veritas are excited about providing each camper with an opportunity for a fun-filled, life-changing experience. We look forward to seeing you at the foot of the Cross!!

Your Brother in Christ,

Ryan Young,
Director of Camp Veritas