



SUMMER 2021 Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Camp can't come soon enough! Getting back to what really matters, to human connections, to real face-time, to wholesome fun and the great outdoors will be all the more meaningful this summer. Community, independence, confidence, connectedness, these are gifts our kids need now more than ever.

We can't wait to safely welcome your happy campers for our 90th summer. We have been closely monitoring and will continue to stay up-to-date and on top of all appropriate COVID safety precautions, and we promise to go above and beyond industry standards. In our first edition of "The Trail Ahead" specifically focused on our health and safety precautions, we highlighted our outstanding medical team for the summer of 2021. There will be more updates to follow.

The promise of the great summer ahead was built on the good will and loyalty of our camp families, those who knew us from the past and those first-time families who have placed their confidence in us. We will never forget that YOU are the foundation for the bright future that lies ahead. And bright it is!



And so, let's look ahead with optimism and excitement as we get ready for camp! It's time! It's been said before, but this time it will echo over the arc of 90 years and 5 generations as true, this WILL be the BEST SUMMER EVER! Worth the Wait, and so much more. Summer 2021, here we come!

With gratitude in our heart and sunshine on the horizon,

The Black/Morin Family



Worth The Wait

Health & Safety Updates

We will continue to send updates through “*The Trail Ahead*” in the weeks and months leading up to camp. Did you miss an update? You can find all of our installments of “*The Trail Ahead*” in your online portal by [clicking here](#)!



Medication at Camp!

All medication must be sent through **CampMeds**, a company that pre-packages medicine for safe distribution. Please register for CampMeds at www.campmeds.com if your child will be receiving any daily medication at camp. Feel free to call CampMeds directly with questions: (954) 475-3055!

Official 2021 Packing List



Helpful PFC Packing Tips

Extraordinary Optional Activities

Learn more about specialized one-on-one instruction, including tutoring, horseback riding, tennis, basketball and personal fitness, and sign-up for these worthwhile add-ons online!



FORMS

If you haven't filled them out yet, now's the time! Medical, Confidential and Transportation forms are required!

2021 DATES

NEW CAMPER WEEKEND
Saturday June 5 - Sunday, June 6

CAMP BEGINS
Saturday, June 26

VISITING DAY
Stay Tuned for Updates

CAMP ENDS
Saturday, August 14



Getting Ready

Questions about packing? Contact our experienced camp mom, Hillary at hillary@pineforestcamp.com. No question too silly!

Here are a few tips:

- ✓ Leave one camp shirt out of the trunk and have your camper wear their "Camp Official" on the plane or bus (socks and shoes, too!). Camp Officials can be purchased on www.bunkline.com.
- ✓ Write a letter to your child before camp starts so it is there for the first mail call.
- ✓ Only a small, carry-on bag is allowed on the bus. Trunks, duffles, and suitcases should be shipped to and from camp (baggage companies are listed below).
- ✓ Remember to pack extra masks, bug spray, a flashlight, a water bottle and sunscreen.
- ✓ Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes are helpful to young campers.
- ✓ Bunk placement information will not be given out before camp. Sorry!
- ✓ Pack a few extra gold (yellow) & blue T-shirts for "Color Days."
- ✓ Laundry goes out once a week, so make sure your child has enough socks and underwear for a week.

Important Contact Information

Camp Phone (267) 639-2488

After June 20 (570) 685-7141

Mountain Baggage (570) 775-0556

email: mountainbaggage@aol.com

website: www.mountainbaggage.com

R&B Baggage (603) 536-2197

(baggage for Florida families)

website: www.rbcampbaggage.com

CampMeds (954) 475-3055

website: www.campmeds.com

Letters

We encourage good, old-fashioned letter-writing. At mail-call each day, there is no better feeling for a camper than receiving a real, handstamped, hand-written letter or card. Some are treasures that are kept through adulthood.

Parents may also send e-mails through the "Bunk Notes" system (see back page), but letters are better.



Phone Calls

It's not easy, but part of sending children off to camp is "letting go." Although phone calls are not necessary, one phone call may be scheduled the first half of the summer, and one call the second half of the summer. There are no calls scheduled during the first or last week of camp.

Please be reassured that there is always a counselor at the telephone. Hearing your parents' voice for the first time can be upsetting and we will be there to comfort your child. Tears only last milli-seconds after the call – until the first friend walks by, a basketball is dribbled, or a frisbee whizzes by. Don't worry, but if you have a real concern – call us.

NO Packages, Please!

Except for necessities from home that are inadvertently left behind, like a book for school, goggles, shin guards, etc. there is really no reason to send things to camp and that is why we have a no package policy.

If an essential item was left at home, please call the camp office for a pre-approval code so that your package will be accepted and delivered to your camper.

We do allow birthday packages, but please keep them modest. Clearly label them with your child's birth date so that we deliver it on their special day. Please remember: NO bunk gifts or food! We will take care of the celebration!

Please limit large flat envelopes (9x12) to two a summer.



Electronics

Nothing with video or capabilities, please!

We do not allow old iPhones, iTouches, Kindles, or any device capable of a wifi or cell phone connection, hand-held games, portable DVD's, laptops, or cell phones. Even if the wifi connection can be disabled, it is not allowed. For music, we recommend Spotify's "Mighty" music player that plays your favorite Spotify playlists without a connection.

If they arrive at camp, phones and electronics will be collected, and returned at the end of the summer.

The whole point of being "up where the sky begins" is to live our lives a little differently, a little simpler than we do the rest of the year. Campers can only gain independence if they are truly independent from you and the electronic outside world.

**Don't
BRING**



iPod Touch



Kindle



Cell Phones



Laptop

**Do
BRING**



MP3 Player
(without wifi)



A novel or two



An open mind



A sense of
adventure

More Guidelines for Camp

We've noticed that in recent years there has been an increase in "stuff" sent to camp. In an effort to keep camp and bunk-life simple, please respect these rules:

1. Please, no more than 2 duffel bags per camper can be sent to camp. They are HUGE and hold plenty of gear. **Do not ship bedding or other items separately. Everything should fit into duffel bags! Stackable drawers, whether brought on the bus or packed in duffels are NOT allowed! An under-the-bed bin is 'OK' and should be packed inside a duffel!**
2. Two Pillows! – in addition to a regular sleeping pillow, please limit any extra decorative pillow to only one more for the bed
3. Please, no bunk gifts or group promotional/logo/airbrush t-shirts or other custom-made apparel. **They're great for winter sleepovers or parties, but please only send campers with PFC officials.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

