

SUMMER

2025



PARENT NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Bring on Summer 2025! We can't wait to get back to Greeley for our 94th season. And we're particularly excited about this summer as we welcome Sarah Silver Schwartz to her new role as Head of Girls' Camp! Your campers, in Hal and Sarah's care, are in for the best summer ever. We really believe that!

94th summer, here we come! Bright skies ahead!

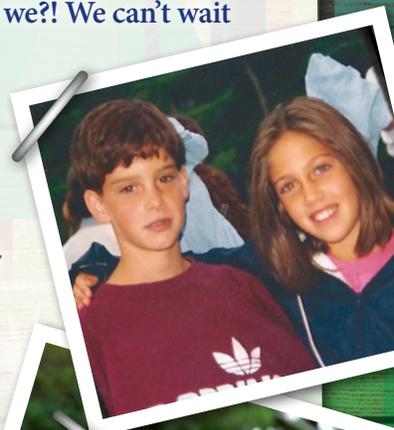
The Black/Morin Family

Hi Camp Families!

We're counting down the days and can't wait to be your children's head counselors. Growing up, camp was truly our happy place, and we have so many amazing memories from our summers as campers. Now, it brings us so much joy to see and be a part of your campers' experience - how lucky are we?! We can't wait for summer 2025!

In this newsletter you'll read about our policies, procedures and other important information. Even those who've been a part of our camp family for a long time should brush up on the basics and note some new, important changes for 2025!

Sarah and Hal Schwartz
PFC Head Counselors



CampMinder AND Campanion



Download the *CampMinder* app, *Campanion*! An added feature of CampMinder, *Campanion* is an app that provides a streamlined process for viewing photos with face-finder technology, updating forms, sending letters to your camper, receiving updates from camp and more! Available for download in your app store.

USE YOUR CAMPMINDER CREDENTIALS TO LOGIN!



NEW CAMP OUTFITTER
TheCampSpot.com

Medication at Camp!

All medication must be sent through PackMyRx, a company that pre-packages medicine for safe distribution. Please register for PackMyRx at www.packmyrx.com if your child will be receiving any daily medication at camp. Families who do not comply will be charged a \$200 non-compliance fee. Feel free to call PackMyRx directly with questions: (888) 598-MEDS or email info@packmyrx.com!

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!



Official 2025 Packing List



Helpful PFC Packing Tips



Packing Advisory:

All clothing worn at camp must provide full, modest coverage of the body and undergarments. Please also make sure that all shirts are full-coverage shirts, no crop tops. Any clothing packed that does not meet this criteria will not be permitted at camp.

2025 DATES

NEW CAMPER WEEKEND
Saturday May 31 - Sunday, June 1

CAMP BEGINS
Saturday, June 28

VISITING DAY
Saturday, July 26

CAMP ENDS
Friday, August 15



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 way to camp (socks and shoes, too!). Camp Officials can be purchased on TheCampSpot.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 way to camp. Trunks, duffles, and suitcases should be shipped to and from camp (baggage companies are listed below).
- ✓ Remember to pack 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!
- ✓ Laundry goes out once a week, so make sure your child has enough socks and underwear for a week.
- ✓ Label your camper's clothing! Each and every article of clothing should be labeled! Our advice? Old-fashioned Sharpie labeling works best, since some stickers don't make it through high-heat dryers!
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BAGGAGE INFORMATION

Mountain Baggage (570) 775-0556
(Families in PA, NY, NJ, & MD)

email: randy@mountainbaggage.com
website: www.MountainBaggage.com

R&B Baggage (603) 536-2197
(Florida & California families)

website: www.rbcampbaggage.com

ShipCamps (855) 540-2267
(Families in outlying areas)

email: info@shipcamps.com
website: www.ShipCamps.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 during the summer through your parent portal anytime after 6/24. 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 (570)685-7141.

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, iPods, 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)

Suggestions:



MIGHTY
BeMighty.com



CAMPFIRE PLAYER
CampfirePlayer.com



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:

- * 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!
- * Two Pillows! – in addition to a regular sleeping pillow, please limit any extra decorative pillow to only one more for the bed
- * Trust us on this one: the less extra "bunk junk" you pack, the better it'll be for your child! In our experience, they really don't use extra stuff that isn't on the packing list. In fact, lots of extras only add clutter to an area and can feel overwhelming to kids. Stick to the basics!

Thank you for your cooperation!

