



Parent Newsletter 2017



Dear Parents,

There is a lot to do to get ready for camp: name tags to attach, flashlights to assemble, sleeping bags to roll. There will be lists to check, articles to read and phone calls to make. It might seem overwhelming. This newsletter contains some helpful advice and important guidelines.

We've assembled the best staff ever. There will be counselors from around the corner and around the world who can't wait to meet your children. Because a great camp like Pine Forest is about people. It's about each and every camper and surrounding that camper with enthusiasm, adventure and fun. There is so much to look forward to, new friends, new challenges, new horizons.

We understand that there are a lot of things to do in the summer, but you picked the best. From all 5 generations of our camp family, we thank you.

When you pack your camper's gear, pack their hopes and dreams too. We'll make sure to take good care of it all.

The Black Family



Sibling Explorers' Weekend starts at 3:00pm when Visiting Day (7/22) ends, for any siblings of PFC campers thinking PFC 2018! We are also offering Play Days! Email info@pineforestcamp.com for more info.

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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. 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.
- ✓ 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!
- ✓ Pack a few 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 19 (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

PersonalRx (877) 302-3881
website: www.personalrx.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 before Visiting Day, and one after Visiting Day. There are no calls scheduled during the first or last week of camp.

The office will schedule as many calls as possible, before or after dinner, until evening activity begins. 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 food is allowed.

Large flat envelopes (9x12) are fine.



Electronics

Nothing internet capable, please!

We do not allow iPod Touches, Kindles, or any device capable of a wifi connection, hand-held games, portable DVD's, laptops, or cell phones. Even if the wifi connection can be disabled, it is not allowed.

If they arrive at camp, phones and electronics will be collected, and returned on the bus (or at pick-up) at the end of the summer. **They will not be returned on Visiting Day. KEEP THEM AT HOME.**

We ask that our **Senior & Hi Senior** campers please sign and submit the "Cell Phone Policy" agreement, accessible via the forms section in your ["My PFC"](#) account.

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 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**

Medication Procedures

Parents must use CampRx pre-packaging.

To ensure the safe dispensing of medication, all of your camper's medication must go through **PersonalRX** (formerly CampRX). This includes prescribed medication, vitamins, allergy medication, melatonin, probiotics, daily inhalers, eye drops, nasal sprays, etc. Please complete all registration information for PersonalRX to avoid any delays in the administration of medication. A doctor's prescription is required for ALL medications, over the counter and doctor prescribed (including the list above), that will be dispensed in the health center on a regular basis. Camp will not dispense any medication that isn't registered through PersonalRX; if medication comes to camp in bags or buses or with parents dropping off campers, it will be sent home, and PersonalRX will charge a late fee and overnight charge to fill the medication.

We have a fully stocked, beautiful Health Center which can dispense non-prescription medicine for health concerns that come up during the summer. Campers are not allowed to keep ANY medication in their cabins.

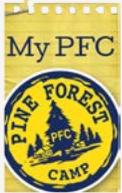
What's New?!

- ✓ Air conditioned dining room! (2016)
- ✓ Individualized camper laundry service!
- ✓ American Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course
- ✓ Towel service at the pool & lake!
- ✓ New golf driving range and putting green
- ✓ Air conditioned/renovated Greeley Theater! Great for rainy days!
- ✓ Arts and Crafts "Launch Pad" for rocketry and model-making
- ✓ Girls Game Deck
- ✓ New dock at the lake

CampMinder

Connect on-line for photos and more!

Every parent can email their child, check out news from camp, and see up to date photos and videos from the summer using the same login they use to fill out forms. Among many other things, you have the ability to email photos to your friends and family.



Just go to **“LOGIN”** on the top right side of the website and you will be directed to the many options available. You can also create guest accounts so that the whole family can connect to the online camp community. Enjoy!



Extraordinary Optional Activities

CLICK HERE to learn more about trips and specialized one-on-one instruction, including tutoring, horseback riding, tennis, basketball and personal fitness.



FORMS

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

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New Camper Weekend June 3-4

Calling all new campers! Come up to camp with your family for the day or stay overnight. Meet future bunkmates, participate in camp activities and sing at a campfire! Call the office to RSVP.

Important Information

Saturday, June 24.....Camp Begins
Saturday, July 22.....Visiting Day
Saturday, August 12Camp Ends