

CAMP-of-the-WOODS

Dear Future Guest,

We are delighted that you will be coming to CAMP-of-the-WOODS during our Summer Season. We hope that you will enjoy our outstanding speakers, musicians, activities, food and more. The first step to ensure that you will be able to enjoy every minute of your vacation is to make you feel as prepared as possible now.

To help you, we are providing answers to questions that others have previously asked. **For other questions, call 518-548-4311 ext. 0 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.**

HOW SHOULD WE DRESS? Camp attire is casual. Most guests wear slacks, jeans, shirts, skirts, sweaters, etc. to meetings and meals. We want our guests to be relaxed! This is your vacation. Leave your good things back home.

- **MEN:** For most daytime activities men wear casual pants or shorts. A few wear jackets to the Sunday morning services, but most dress in a more relaxed manner. ***Ties are never required.*** Normal casual clothes are what most wear at both dining halls, but sweaty athletic clothes and wet bathing suits are never acceptable at either dining hall.
- **WOMEN:** Female guests wear modest length shorts, pants, casual skirts, t-shirts or blouses for daily activities. **Modest one-piece bathing suits are required** (no bikinis). We need adults to use good judgment in their swim attire plus monitor their children's. We want to honor our Lord and never want to be a stumbling block to others. Casual clothes are also fine for Sundays and all meals in either dining hall.

WHEN CAN WE GET INTO OUR ROOMS? Accommodations are available **AFTER 2:00 P.M.** You may arrive in time for lunch, which is 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on other days. **Keys to accommodations may be picked up after 2:00 p.m.**

WHEN MUST WE LEAVE OUR ROOMS? **Check-out time is 9:00 a.m. for all guests.** If you brought a boat, jet ski, etc., please load it onto your trailer by 10:00 a.m. to free the space for incoming guests.

WHAT ABOUT TOWELS & LINENS? In most accommodations they are provided. However, if you are staying in any of the **Tentels or Mohican**, then you must either bring your own sheets, pillowcases or sleeping bags, as they will not be on the beds when you arrive, or you may pick those items up at the Linen Room at no charge. **Bring your own beach towels** no matter what accommodation you stay in while at CAMP-of-the-WOODS.

IS THERE MAID SERVICE? **Yes, in all accommodations except for the Tentels and Mohican.** Towels are changed daily, Monday through Saturday. Extra towels are left on Saturday since we do not have maid service on Sundays.

CAN WE DO LAUNDRY? Yes, resident guests may use the Laundromat. Machines require 1 token per wash and 1 token per 45-minute dry. Purchase tokens at the Front Desk. Soap may be purchased at the Laundromat.

WHAT ABOUT TIPPING? **Tipping is an important part of the compensation of our staff.** To some it is their total compensation. It is correct to tip at **both dining halls and in all accommodations with housekeeping service.**

Tips are 'pooled' at both dining halls and shared among the servers and bus staff. The 'average' tip amount is \$4.00 per person in your party per day. A party of five staying one week would tip \$140.00. In accommodations with housekeeping service, the 'average' tip amount is \$2.00 per person in your party per day. Five people staying one week would tip \$70.00. Many of our guests tip more than that, but this gives a starting point to help you.

SHOULD WE BRING EXTRA MONEY? Most activities are free for our resident guests, including our beautiful beach, Sonju Sports Complex with indoor gymnasiums and climbing wall, outdoor tennis courts, basketball courts, mini-golf course, ropes course, and our incredible staff concerts. There are fees for water skiing, boat rentals and rides, and for special events like canoe trips, whitewater rafting, etc.

Camp supports 12 active and 6 retired missionaries. Two offerings are taken each week (Sunday morning & Wednesday evening) to support our missionaries. 100% of what is received goes to Missions. Nothing is withheld for administrative costs.

CAN WE SHOP NEARBY? Yes! **Charlie John's grocery store** is located one mile away in the Village of Speculator. They charge fair prices and have a great selection of Adirondack books. **Mountain Market** is a gas station and convenience store located on Route 30, ½ mile from Camp. They sell pizza and deli sandwiches. Our own **Tee Pee** serves snack items, and our **Trading Post**, next to the Tee Pee, carries sun tan lotion, post cards, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. **The Purdy Center Bookstore** has a great selection of books and small gift items, plus it has the best fudge in the Adirondacks.

CAN I ACCESS THE INTERNET WHILE I'M HERE? Yes, you can access one of the computers in Computer Center (on the second floor of the Purdy Center) to access the internet at DSL speed or work in Microsoft Office applications by coming to the front desk. Our Registrar and front desk team will provide you a computer code to access a specific computer. If you bring a laptop, wireless access is available in the Computer Center, Purdy Center Lobby, Social Hall (near the Bookstore) and Larsen Lodge.

CAN I RECEIVE MAIL WHILE I'M HERE? Yes, there is a Post Office located on Camp grounds to receive and send mail. There is also a Post Office located in town past Four Corners by Charlie John's store.

CAN WE HIRE BABYSITTERS? Yes, contact the Front Desk in the Purdy Center, and we will help find a qualified sitter for you from among our staff. Requests for a babysitter must be submitted by 5:00pm of the preceding day. Rates: \$10.00/hr. for 1-2 children, \$15.00/hr. for 3-4 children, and \$20.00/hr for 5-7 children to be paid at the Front Desk at time request. Babysitting services are available until 9:00pm every day except Sunday and Wednesday evenings and during chapel services and seminar sessions. Babysitting is not available on Saturdays. **Babysitters are ONLY available for Resident Guests.**

ARE THERE ACTIVITIES FOR TEENAGERS? Yes, there are Chapel services Monday – Friday mornings, plus many activities throughout the week just for them. Your teens will love the Buirkle Teen & Conference Center (built for Summer '07) and our new Junior High Meeting room in Demarest A. We have an excellent "Teen Staff" that will make your teens feel at home and introduce them to new friends!

WHAT ABOUT FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN? Each morning during Chapel services, we offer Nursery, Childcare and Kids Klub, and Teen Ministry for children from birth to the teen years. Extended programming called "Chapter Two" is available Monday – Friday from 10:30 a.m. – noon for children going into 1st – 5th grades. Nursery care is also provided during the evening concerts and Wednesday night service.

IS THERE A CURFEW FOR CHILDREN? Yes and No! There is never any curfew when they are with you, but children without adult supervision do have an 11:00 p.m. curfew. Our own staff needs rest so that they can serve you well, and so do your kids. Camp quiet time is observed from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Thanks for helping.

WHAT ABOUT BOATS? You are welcome to bring your boat to Camp, but call 518-548-4311 ext. 0 to assure a place for your boat. Boats must be 24' in length or less. **If you plan to moor your boat, be sure to bring your own mooring anchors.** After you launch your boat, there is a convenient and safe place to store your boat trailer. Please obey all NY State safety regulations. You will be given a copy of accepted Lake Pleasant boat etiquette when you arrive at the Welcome Center. Guest safety is a priority, and we need everyone's cooperation!

- **BOATS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE ENTERING LAKE PLEASANT.** Your boat will be inspected at the Welcome Center when you check in, and if anything is questionable you will be asked to have the boat washed. The Village is strict on this and is trying hard to keep milfoil from ruining our beautiful lake.

WHAT ABOUT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT? Personal watercraft are allowed on Lake Pleasant, but are banned in most National and State Parks. State laws are enforced, so everyone must know and obey those laws. **As of January 1, 2004, all operators of personal watercraft must carry a boating safety certificate** issued by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary; or the U.S. Power Squadron.

WHAT ABOUT HIKING AND BIKING? There are directions to hiking and biking trails available at the Purdy Center Front Desk. A moderate hiking trail begins by the Trailer Park, winds close to the Challenge Course and ends up in the Zeitfuss Lodge parking lot. Enjoy the local Adirondack flora. In addition, the Sacandaga River Community Park is located in the Village of Speculator by the firehouse ballfield. It identifies local foliage, is a wonderful walk and is wheelchair accessible.

While **bicycles are prohibited on Camp grounds**, serious bike riders who wish to ride off the grounds may lock and store bikes in the racks provided near Camp's entrance. The Speculator Mountain Bike Trail System starts at the Speculator firehouse. There are 7.2 mile and 13.7 mile loops available.

CAN I GO FISHING? Yes, there is good fishing in Lake Pleasant, but everyone 16 and over **MUST** have a fishing license, which can be purchased at Tanner's Outdoor Sports, Route 8, ¼ mile from Four Corners, 548-7705.

CAN I WORK OUT WHILE I'M THERE? If you still need a work out after all of the glorious outdoor hikes and activities you partake in, the Speculator Village Fitness Center is located at the four corners in town. You may join at the Chamber of Commerce. Monthly, weekly and daily memberships are available.

IS ALCOHOL OR SMOKING ALLOWED? Smoking is not permitted in rooms. Alcohol is not permitted on the grounds or in guest rooms.

WHAT IF I GET SICK WHILE I'M THERE? We have an infirmary staffed by a qualified nurse each week. First Aid and Emergency Service is available for Resident Guests. Nurse is on call 24 hours.

IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FROM THE ALBANY AIRPORT? Yes, but you must call our front desk at 518-548-4311 ext. 0 in advance for rates and to schedule a ride. The drive from Albany to Speculator is 1 hr 40 min.

IS CAMP-of-the-WOODS OPEN YEAR-ROUND? Yes, for group retreats and conferences, plus two programmed family weekends over New Year's and Presidents' Day.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING ELSE? Yes, **bring rain gear**, and if you or your children like sports activities, bring the appropriate equipment. Please note that street shoes, hiking shoes or boots, and dress shoes are prohibited in the gymnasium in the Sonju Sports Complex. Please bring athletic court shoes or non-marking sneakers. Also, each week our Recreation Director leads a 'dress up' parade that ends up at our Carnival. It is a great time, and the guests who bring 'crazy clothes' seem to have the most fun. **Please do not bring bicycles, scooters, skateboards, mopeds or Segways**, as they are not allowed on the grounds.

We want this to be a wonderful vacation for you and trust that the above information helps. Call me if you have any other questions. Our speakers, special guests, and staff are here to make your time with us meaningful and refreshing. We are pleased that you will be coming, and I look forward to meeting you when you get here.

Sincerely,

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