

# HOW TO BE A CAMPER AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

## **ABOUT CRYSTAL SPRINGS.**

The mission of Crystal Springs Camp & Retreat Center is to create a welcoming Christian sanctuary that removes distractions between our guests and God. We take that mission pretty seriously, so we do our best to make getting and being here as easy as possible. Our facility is comfortable and inviting. All spaces are climate-controlled and safe. Our staff and volunteers go through a rigorous screening process and are passionate about what they do. If you and your camper have never been here before, we would love to have you visit for a tour before camp starts. Just give us a call! In case we haven't told you yet, we're really glad you're going to give us an opportunity to make this your camper's best summer ever. Here are some things to know as you prepare to bring a camper to us this summer:

## **THINGS TO PACK:**

- Bedding or sleeping bag and pillow.
- Toiletries, including toothbrush, paste, shampoo, etc.
- Towels.
- AT LEAST enough socks and underwear for the amount of days a camper visits.
- Flashlight.
- Bug spray.
- A swimsuit.
- Comfortable shoes. We discourage flip flops and Crocs except for getting back and forth from the pool. Campers can end up with terrible blisters from regular use of that type of footwear.
- A Bible. Don't have one? We'll give you one.
- Journal.
- Books, if you're into reading.
- Playing cards or games to play with new friends.

## **FOOD SENSITIVITY/ SPECIAL DIETS:**

Does your camper have any special diets or food sensitivities? Let us know and we can accommodate.

## **CAMP STORE:**

The camp store at Crystal Springs is only open during check in and check out. There won't be any need for campers to bring spending money to use during the week.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CAMPER:**

You can send mail to campers, email to campers, watch them on Facebook, and follow them on Instagram! You'll be given a card at check-in with all of the details.

## **WHEN TO GET HERE:**

- Check-in is at 3:00 on Sunday. We will have greeters to meet you when you get here so it's not so scary. After you get out of your car, you will go through the following steps:
  - Meet at the dining hall. Our greeters will help you find it. Bring your luggage with you because we will deliver it to the cabin for you!
  - You'll meet the Deans that coordinate each week. They will review forms and other boring stuff to help you check in.
  - You'll meet the nurse to discuss medications and all things related to health.
  - We'll check campers' hair for lice, ticks, jellyfish, and other things that we wouldn't want spreading to other campers. Sometimes campers bring some unwanted companions. We handle that with discretion. Most campers can run home, treat, and return the next day to have a great week at camp.
  - You can visit the camp store to purchase some camp swag.
  - We'll point you and your camper toward their cabin. We encourage you to meet their counselor, help them make their bed, and give them one last hug before you go.

## **WHEN TO LEAVE:**

Check out is at 9:00 AM on Saturday for full week campers. We have a lot of new counselors this year and they might not know you yet, so for the well-being of our camper, bring your photo ID so they know you're not a kidnapper.

## **CELL PHONES:**

Cell phones are prohibited with the exception of "tech time" at high school camps and photography class during fine arts camp.

## **SEE YOU SOON!**

We hope this information helps you and your camper prepare for a week at Crystal Springs. We're excited for a week of growing together in our relationships with God! Please feel free to email Crystal Springs if you have any questions.

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