

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When will my child find out what cabin they are in and if their friends are in the same group?**

During check-in you will receive your child's cabin group and counselor assignments.

- ❖ Participants will be organized into groups 7-9 by age and gender assigned at birth.
- ❖ Those who are registered for the same session will be assigned with others within 2 years of their chronological age, whenever possible.
- ❖ Every effort will be made to group participants with the friend(s) of his/her choice as long as the 2-year age requirement is met.
- ❖ Listing a participant's name that is not registered for the same session as the above participant does not guarantee that they will be grouped together.
- ❖ Large groups (10 or more) who request to be grouped together may be divided into separate groups but within the same cabin. Every effort will be made to schedule the two groups together as often as possible.
- ❖ Parents cannot decline a grouping request made by another family. If you feel that you must request that your child NOT be placed with a certain child, it is your responsibility to inform the other family prior to your arrival to camp and BOTH families must contact CYO Camp, at least a week in advance, to inform us of the agreed separation.

### **Are there any special needs to consider when packing for camp?**

- ❖ Camp is a good place to wear out old clothes.
- ❖ Try to consider ALL possible weather conditions when packing.
- ❖ Use the PACKING and UNPACKING lists that are provided.
- ❖ Well-labeled clothing and items help campers return home with all their belongings.
- ❖ Packing in a duffel bag is ideal.
- ❖ Campers will be responsible for providing their own bedding, toiletries, and clothing.
- ❖ Campers are asked to bring creek stomping shoes. Most types of shoes will work as a creek stomping shoe EXCEPT flip flops. Having a designated pair of shoes to get wet in the creek ensures that campers will have dry shoes for other activities. Sending additional socks and more than one pair of shoes for dry wear is also recommended.
- ❖ Remember that comfortable shoes will make traveling around camp a much more pleasant experience, and participating in High Ropes, Horseback Riding, or Caving (for Adventure campers) will require athletic-type shoes (closed-toe, sports sandals are not OK for these activities).
- ❖ Do not let your child bring any items or clothing of great value or emotional attachment. Things can get dirty fast, and in a cabin full of excited campers, personal belongings can get mixed up and lost.
- ❖ Labeling all items is suggested to help keep your camper's belongings easily distinguished from others and to make retrieval from lost and found easier.

### **Which COVID-19 safety practices are in place at camp?**

- ❖ We will screen each staff member and camper as he or she arrives to camp.
- ❖ Campers and staff are welcome to wear masks; this is not a requirement at this time.
- ❖ Campers and staff will be asked to wash hands and or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- ❖ Our facilities have been modified to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. We received a grant from United Way and matching donors for these modifications. Our HVAC systems meet air circulation and filtration standards set by the CDC. This includes the cabins. Countertop surfaces are anti-microbial, solid-surface materials. Most areas will include a no-touch paper towel, soap, and hand sanitizing dispensers; no-touch faucets and water bottle filler units; foot door pulls and needed fan upgrades. All upgrades meet or exceed

suggested guidelines from the American Camp Association, CDC, and the local Board of Health, to operate safely.

- ❖ Buildings, including cabins, will be sanitized daily and deep cleaned over the weekend.
- ❖ If campers or staff exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, they will be tested. If the test is positive the individual will be sent home. We will contact all those who were in contact with that person and send a message to parents.
- ❖ We will continue to monitor the recommendations from the CDC, Board of Health, and the American Camp Association and make changes as necessary.

### **How do I find out how my child is doing while at camp?**

- ❖ You may call or email camp to check on your child. The best time to contact the camp is during regular business hours so that someone in the office will be available to receive your request. Please phone Mae at 812-988-2839, ext. 122 or e-mail registrar@campranchoframasa.org.
- ❖ Our staff will check on your camper and call you back to inform you about how he or she is doing. Sometimes this takes time; we field several of these requests each day.
- ❖ We will not notify your camper that you have called.
- ❖ Personal calls and return e-mails are not permitted by campers during their stay at camp.

### **What if my child is unable to attend the session registered for?**

- ❖ If you need to cancel and/or switch sessions please contact Mae, registrar@campranchoframasa.org.
- ❖ If your cancellation occurs more than three weeks prior to your camp session, then all fees are refundable, less a \$75 cancellation fee for summer camp (\$50 for Day Camp). If your cancellation occurs less than three weeks before your camp session, then all fees are non-refundable. No-shows are not refundable.
- ❖ Refunds are not available for participants who leave camp due to homesickness, behavior, or general health reasons.
- ❖ COVID-19 Cancellation Policy: If your cancellation is due to a COVID-19 exposure or illness, please contact us as soon as possible (up to the start of your camp session) to help cancel and, if possible, reschedule. If a different session is not possible, we will defer your fees to 2024 or provide a refund, less a \$75 cancellation fee.

### **What is the staff to camper ratio?**

#### **Cabins**

- ❖ For our 7–10-year old's, we have 1 counselor for every 7 campers. For campers 11 and older, we have 1 counselor for every 9 campers. There are always at least two counselors assigned to every cabin.

#### **Activities**

- ❖ In all of our activities, we have 1 counselor for every 6-8 campers. For specialized activities (water activities, ropes activities, etc.), we abide by certification supervision rules.

### **How often do children from different age groups interact? (siblings, church buddies, etc.)**

Campers from different groups will see each other at meals and at the evening activity. Groups that are close in age may participate together at the pool, sports, games, and handicrafts.

### **My camper has a food allergy, will you be able to accommodate them?**

Yes! We do our best to accommodate all campers with food allergies. Please designate your camper's allergies on their Health History form.

**Do campers have to be Catholic?**

No, they do not have to be Catholic. We encourage all campers, regardless of religious beliefs or church background, to enroll in summer camp. Every week we have age-specific spiritual programming including morning scripture, Parables, the St. John Bosco Bead Program, Mass, and chapel. We pray before meals and sing praise songs in addition to traditional camp songs. Our Catholic identity is at the heart of our ministry, and campers can grow in their relationship with Jesus every day through our programming. Our goal is to give youth a faith filled camp experience that enhances their faith journey.

**What kind of luggage do you recommend?**

We recommend a duffel bag. Trunks may also be used, but they do take up more space in the cabin.

**The session I want is full, what do I do?**

Please register for our wait list. You can do this simply by completing the online registration and selecting the week you want to be placed on the waitlist. We will contact you if a spot opens.

**How do I see photos of my campers during and after camp?** Visit: <https://campranchoframasa.smugmug.com/>



Questions? Contact [registrar@campranchoframasa.org](mailto:registrar@campranchoframasa.org)

