



# CAMP NAZARETH

Retreat and Conference Center

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## OFFICIAL SCIENCE & NATURE CAMP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Dear Camper Parent,

We are looking forward to a tremendous Science and Nature Camp. While Camp Nazareth is not new to the camping experience and camping programs, this is the fourth annual Science and Nature Camp that the Camp is planning and hosting. It is our goal to provide an incredible experience for your children in which they explore, study and learn about the world around them through the programs this Science and Nature Camp will offer. To help us accomplish this goal, this packet contains important information for you regarding the enrollment and registration process of your children. Our policies and procedures are reviewed and revised each year to improve the Camp's Programs and ensure your camper's safety and enjoyment. We want your child to have the best experience possible, and your cooperation is vital.

The separate Camper/Parent Information Guide, which includes the essential list of things to expect at Camp and how to prepare for the camping experience is attached to this email. **Please read this pamphlet carefully as all of our campers will be responsible for the information contained within it.** **All forms and payments must be completed and received by July 1.** All these steps are necessary to maintain the Camp's national accreditation status and, more importantly, to ensure the health of your child and others during your child's stay at Camp Nazareth. Online registration can be accessed at the Camp Nazareth website at [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org).

We pray that you have a safe, healthy, and blessed upcoming summer, and look forward to seeing all of our campers at Camp Nazareth!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Stephen Loposky  
Camp Administrator

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**REGISTRATION:** In order for a camper to be registered for Camp, the Camp Office must receive a fully completed online Camper Registration Application, Health History Form, Media Consent Form, Dress Code and payment in full by **July 1, 2020**. Payments made by check, money order, or credit card, are acceptable. These payments can be made individually to the Camp, or you may wish to consolidate your checks on the parish level and submit all payments together. A convenient checklist is located on the bottom of this sheet, which outlines all of the required materials needed to register for Camp. Campers should arrive for final check-in between 4pm -- 6pm on Sunday, August 9th. If you must arrive before or after the designated time, prior arrangements must be made by calling the Camp at 724-662-4840. All Campers must be picked up on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> between 10:30am – 11:30am.

**INSURANCE:** All campers should be covered by their family policy. If they are not, **parents/guardians will be responsible for covering their children's medical expenses.** While Camp Nazareth will act as guarantor, **any costs or co-pays** incurred by the Camp in providing required treatment for an ER visit, doctor's appointment, prescriptions, etc., will be billed to the parents/guardians and the Camp must be reimbursed in full.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Along with your Application Form you have a Medical Examination Form which is included in the email sent to you after you registered online. The Medical Examination Form (Physical) must be filled out in their entirety by you and your camper's licensed medical professional, and received by the Camp no later than **July 1, 2020**, or your camper's spot may be forfeited.

**CABIN ASSIGNMENTS:** Campers will stay in cabins with up to sixteen campers and two counselors. **Campers are grouped according to age and gender and will be assigned to cabins according to these groupings.** Only medical necessity will guarantee changes to the cabin assignments. **Moving just one camper to another cabin often involves moving others, which is inconvenient, not to mention unfair to others.** Requests may be granted only at the discretion of the Administrator.

**CAMP ACTIVITIES:** Life at camp takes full advantage of our outdoor setting. Activities include field sports, hiking, softball, kickball, swimming, volleyball, the High and Low Ropes Course, and more. All the activities are geared towards your child's learning, enjoyment, and fun. Other than the Low and High Ropes Courses there are no specialized activities that require specialized camper training or special supervision. The outdoor activities, sports and games are all adapted so everyone can participate. Moderate physical exercise in sports and hiking should be anticipated. As with any physical activity of this sort campers should anticipate the normal falls, scraps, bumps, bruises and the occasional sprained ankle, wrist or finger. The Low Ropes Course is a series of elements under 10' high that the camper works through with his or her cabin-mates under the supervision of the Camp Staff. The High Ropes Course is a series of elements from the ground up to 35' high that the camper will work through under the supervision of the Camp Staff. These include a climbing wall, climbing net and other elements which require the campers to be in harnesses and either be belayed by trained staff or be connected to a cable system by the trained staff. No one under 14 is permitted by State Law to go on the High Ropes Course. All ropes course elements are "challenge by choice" which means your camper is given the opportunity to NOT participate in them. Your child should anticipate a moderate degree of exertion and difficulty on the low ropes course and a high degree of exertion and difficulty on the high ropes course. While safety is stressed in both staff training and in camper orientation for both the Low and High Ropes Course, campers should be prepared for the occasional bumps and bruises related to physical exertion. It is also possible, though not likely, that a camper could strain a muscle, fall to the ground from a Low Course element, bruise or scrape their leg on a High element, or receive another unanticipated or unexpected injury. If your child has restrictions precluding any of these activities, please note them on the Health Form online and have your child's physician note them on the Medical Examination Form (Physical). Other than the age restriction for the High Ropes Course all campers are expected to participate in all camp activities unless there is a medical reason to not participate. Rainy days are a frequent occurrence and we try to continue programs as much as possible despite light rain, so rain gear (poncho or water proof jacket) is a must. Please also note that each day we will be saying morning and evening prayers together as a Camp family. This is part of the Camp's life as an Orthodox Christian Camp.

**CONDUCT:** By allowing your child to come to Camp Nazareth, it is understood that you believe your child is able to act in ways appropriate to Camp. **While all disciplinary action will be taken to attempt resolution on site, the Camp Administrator reserves the legal right to dismiss campers for gross violations of camp rules and conduct, which will be clearly outlined and enforced during the camping session for the camper's safety and security.** Parents will be responsible for arranging and covering the costs for their child's early departure.

**BILLING INFORMATION:** **The balances of all payments are due by July 1, 2020, no exceptions.** Please do not send your children to the Camp if a final payment has not already been received or without final payment. In these cases the camper's spot may be forfeited and the camper will need to be sent home.

**FEES AND DISCOUNT INFORMATION:** Camp Nazareth is very proud to offer its program at some of the lowest rates available in America today. We encourage you to research this information, as **you will find this fee to be extremely affordable in comparison to other weeklong camps.** The fee for a one week **resident** session at camp is **\$290 per child.** The fee for a one week day session (Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:45pm) is \$200 per child (breakfast and lunch included). For a family sending more than 1 child (siblings only), a Discount of \$25/child (after the first child) will be given.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If an applicant wishes to cancel, they must do so no later than 1 week prior to the beginning of their Camping week in order to avoid being charged Camp fees for food and supplies. If an applicant cancels less than 1 week prior to the beginning of their session a \$150 fee will be assessed. Once final registration is complete, and a camper has not shown up for their week, no refunds will be given.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Please be sure to go through the **Camper/Parent Information Guide** which is available on the Camp website ([www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)) on the Summer Camp 2020 page. It contains other NEW and IMPORTANT information that will help prepare you and your child for their stay at Camp. This preparation is essential for your camper to get the most out of their camp experience.

**FINAL CHECKLIST TO ENSURE A COMPLETED APPLICATION: By July 1**

- ❑ **Completed online Registration Application Form**
- ❑ **Completed, signed and dated Medical Examination Form (signed by the appropriate licensed medical professional). This form must be received by July 1.**
- ❑ **Payment “In-Full,” by check, money order, or credit card.** Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*