SCIENCE & NATURE 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 24. 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.

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

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 24, 2022. 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 14th. 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 20th 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 24, 2022, 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, scrapes, 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 cabinmates 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 24, 2022, 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 $330 per child. The fee for a one week day session (Monday – Friday, 8:45am – 4:45pm) is $215 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) on the Summer Camp 2022 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 24

- 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 24.
- 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.

SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING CAMP AND COVID-19

Here are some important things to know about your 2022 Experience at Camp Nazareth:

First, please note that not everything in the Camper/Parent Information Packet is accurate for 2022!!! Some information will change as we approach the Summer. Campers and parents will be informed about any necessary changes to the information contained in this packet.

Second, and as always, your Camp Experience will be a GREAT ONE! 2022 will be no different than any other year in that way. The most important part of that great experience is having a POSITIVE ATTITUDE. If you come willing to have fun, willing to try everything, willing to participate in all the Science and Nature Camp Staff has planned for you, your week at Camp will be AWESOME!

Part of having that awesome week at Camp is being and staying healthy, especially given our current circumstances regarding COVID-19. It may be that by the time August 2022 comes, we won’t have to worry about anything with regard to the Coronavirus, but as we plan NOW it remains a concern. The Camp, its campers and our camper’s parents MUST all work together, to ensure we do EVERYTHING within our power to keep each other healthy and safe. We cannot stress this enough: WORKING TOGETHER is the only way Camp will happen and be successful in 2022. To that end, please understand the following:

1. **Camp is reviewing and revising all of its Facility and Program Plans to reflect the most current and best practices related to Staff and Camper health.** This includes things like its Registration procedures, its Kitchen and meal procedures, its Facility cleaning schedule, its Medical Procedures and its Program activities. It is important for you to know that while Camp will be a great experience for you, these updates and revisions MAY alter how we traditionally do things and we need YOUR HELP to ensure these things DO help us stay healthy.

2. **As of right now, we MAY be utilizing several techniques to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading any infection, but especially COVID-19.** They include: Some use of masks, some Physical Distancing, Cohorting/Cabin Families, Proper Ventilation, Good Hand Hygiene (handwashing and hand sanitizing), and Expanded Cleaning Procedures. Once again, Camp 2022 will require us to partner in all these things! As we move towards the summer, ALL of us have to work together BEFORE Camp, DURING Camp, and even AFTER Camp to make it a great experience for EVERYONE! Again, by the time Camp happens in August 2022, most (if not all) of what Camp has in place right NOW to reduce the risk of any infection, may no longer be considered necessary. For now, we are preparing ourselves and one another for the possibility that some of these techniques may still be in place in August. Again, the Camp will keep you informed as it reviews and revises its Facility and Program Plans.

3. **Finally, Camp will be asking for your help in the weeks PRIOR to your arrival.** In order to STAY healthy AT Camp, each of us must BE healthy BEFORE we come to Camp. This is an important step for all of us to take TOGETHER. Camp will be asking its campers and their parents to
do their part in preparation for Camp.

Camp is asking all its campers and their parents to partner with the Camp in making the 2022 Summer Camping Program a great experience for everyone.

MAKE SURE you visit the Camp’s website (campnazareth.org) and Facebook page for new information as the Summer approaches. Also, be sure to attend the online informational meetings/webinars it will be providing, to help get us all ready to return to “our slice of Paradise”.
