



Minnesota
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Camping & Retreats Ministries

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You are coming to #330 Christian Friendship Camp 3, July 3-8 at Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center!



This letter confirms your registration for Christian Friendship Camp at Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center. We are going to have an awesome time experiencing Christ, creation and community among the tall pines. You will have a lot of adventures, see old friends and meet new friends. We can't wait for our time together!

You will find the "Camper Medical Information Form", "Release of Liability Waiver", "COVID-19 Release of Liability Form", "Medication List" and other important information included with this letter. These forms are REQUIRED to attend camp and must be signed by participant or participant's legal parent/guardian. If you misplace these forms, feel free to download them from our website or contact us to send more forms. You can bring these forms with you to check-in or mail them to camp ahead of time, but the easiest way to complete them is online. You are encouraged to use the electronic format and complete the forms at least two weeks prior to camp to assist in a smooth check-in process.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at camp. Please carefully read the rest of this letter as it has information that you will need to get ready for your time at Northern Pines Camp. Please contact us at NPdirector@campminnesota.org or call 218-732-4713 if you have any questions.



What happens when I get to Camp?

You'll want to arrive at camp during your check-in time. When you arrive at camp you will be met by our greeter and directed through the drive-through check-in process. Please have any forms, mail, camp store money and medications in the vehicle where it can be easily located for check-in. More details for pre-camp preparations will be shared with you as we get closer to camp.

Please bring medication in the original prescription bottle or blister pack and put all medications in a gallon zip closure plastic bag. Please only send the amount of medications needed for a week of camp!

Parents and guardians will also receive a camper ID card. The card must be presented to staff at check-out time to pick-up your



camper. If someone else is picking up your camper, please make arrangements for them to get the Camper ID card.

The camp store will be open for your camper during the week and after check-out. The camp store includes items such as: camp shirts, sweat shirts, jewelry, stuffed animals, blankets and other items. Payments accepted are: cash, check, camp store credit and credit card.



Check in July 3:

Sunday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP!

From the intersection of Highways #71 and #34 in Park Rapids: Go east on #34 to the first stop light. Turn left on County Road 1. Drive 2 miles to Northern Pines Camp on your left.

What happens at Camp?



Each day will include three meals and two snacks. After breakfast you will have Chapel Time. Our theme this year is "Creation Speaks" and each day there will be a key question that will guide our worship times and some of our daily activities. You will spend time in the morning doing some classic camp activities, such as crafts, fishing, and archery. Each afternoon you will have swimming and beach time and some fun Friendship camp games and activities. After supper, you will have worship and then a specially planned evening activity, one for every night.

These evenings will consist of a talent show, dance, and award ceremony, to name a few.

We will be following any CDC and ACA Field Guide protocols that may be in place for our summer camp sessions. You will receive information about these protocols in pre-camp emails if they are needed.

How do I contact my Camper?

Please like our Facebook page, Northern Pines Camp and Retreat Center, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram throughout the week to get updates and to see pictures of what our campers are experiencing.



Campers love to receive mail. Please allow at least 3 days for standard mail to reach camp. Keep in mind that for shorter events, you may need to mail letters before your camper leaves home for camp. You are also free to leave letters for your camper with the staff during check-in, to be distributed throughout

the week. Mail from home will make a great experience even better.

Campers may receive email at camp, but will not have access to a computer to respond. Our staff will print emails and deliver them to campers during lunch time.

Campers are allowed to use camp phones only for emergencies. If you have questions, concerns, or need to contact your child, please feel free to call the camp's number at any time.

Our staff is happy to assist you and will deliver your message to your camper as soon as possible.

In the event of an emergency, you may contact the camp 24hrs a day.

Camper Mailing Address

Northern Pines Camp
Your Campers Name
20033 County 1
Park Rapids, MN 56470

Camper Email

NPcampers@campminnesota.org

Camp Phone

(218)732-4713

What happens at check out?

When you arrive at camp you will be directed by the greeter through the checkout process. You are invited to arrive by 10:30 am to attend the closing worship. The check-out process will begin after worship, at 11 am. Staff will collect your camper ID card you received at check-in. If camper ID cards are lost or misplaced, a photo ID and/or personal call from camp staff to the contact listed on the health form will be required. The health care manager will return any checked-in medications at this time. You will also collect crafts from the week and any unused money deposited at the beginning of camp. The camp store will be open for parents/caregivers to visit after check-out has been completed.

**Check Out July 8
Friday 11:00am**

What to bring!

- * Signed Health and Waiver Forms if not done online (preferred method)
- * Medication needed during camp in a zip closure plastic bag
- * Sleeping bag and pillow
- * Bath towel, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, personal hand sanitizer
- * Sunscreen and insect repellent
- * Bible
- * Flashlight
- * Camera, if desired
- * Swimsuit, beach towel, sandals/water shoes, hat
- * Clothing for each day (rainy days too)
- * Jackets & Sweatshirt
- * Tennis Shoes
- * Water bottle and backpack (free t-shirt this year)
- * Money for canteen (suggested \$3/day) Camp store prices range from \$3-\$40

What not to bring!

- * Cell phones - If a camper brings a cell phone, they will need to leave it with a camp staff member during check in or send it home with a parent/guardian
- * iPod/other electronic devices
- * Sports equipment/ fireworks/ lighters
- * Extra food/ snacks/ pop
- * Alcohol/ tobacco/ drugs
- * Pets of any type or size
- * Weapons and Firearms

**It is never too late to bring a friend.
Sharing camp with a friend makes a
great experience even better!**