

# CAMP TURNER

Honor God in the Children Confided to Your Care

# Parent Handbook

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All program information has been removed  
and now may now be found in the document called *About Camp Turner*.

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## **Who May Come to Camp?**

Our mandate at Camp Turner is to care for children's physical, social and spiritual needs. In carrying out this mandate, we take the health and safety of our campers at Camp Turner extremely seriously, and we place our highest priority on creating a safe and healthy environment for all campers. In order for a child to attend camp, the Camp Turner administrative team must feel confident that we can carry out this mandate. To that end we have established the following guidelines for evaluating our ability to accept a camper:

### **Desire**

Campers should actually want to come to camp by their own choice and without coercion.

### **Self Care**

The camper should be able to manage their personal hygiene, including showering, toileting, and tooth brushing. We are not staffed or equipped to handle campers who require one-on-one care or custodial care. We cannot accept a camper's own personal care aide, as all persons working at camp are required to attend the Camp's week-long staff training.

### **Allergies / Illness**

Campers need to be able to self-monitor their access and exposure to potential allergens, and be able to ask in those situations when they are not sure if something is potentially hazardous to them. Additionally, campers must be able to self-disclose to staff or administration if they feel they are experiencing an allergic reaction or illness of any kind.

### **Food**

Campers need to be able to eat the food that camp provides. **We do provide alternative options for those with lactose intolerance, basic vegetarian needs** and those who simply do not like our main entree selection. We do not have the ability to accommodate a vegan diet or a gluten free diet. We do not accept or prepare boxes of food sent with campers as meal replacements for what we offer. Campers need to be able to adapt to our menu. If a camper refuses to eat three meals in a row we will call the parent to pick up the camper.

### **Diabetics**

Insulin-dependent diabetics need to be well controlled and have two years of successful experience on their insulin regimen before they may attend camp. All diabetics, including non-insulin-dependent diabetics need to be able to self-monitor their own diet and cooperate with their parents' and doctor's wishes for their dietary plan. Specifically, sneaking candy and snacks can create an unsafe situation and may result in a camper being asked to leave.

### **Communication of Own Needs**

Campers need to be able to indicate to a staff member if someone or something is bothering them in any way.

### **Openness to the Program**

Campers may refuse to participate in any activity that makes them uncomfortable or afraid. Campers should generally be willing to participate in the program offered. Refusal to participate in the program for 24 hours will result in a call home to parents to evaluate the camper's ability to stay.

**Openness to Catholicism** Campers must be willing to **attend** Mass with the camp community and **attend** all prayer experiences including morning and evening prayers, grace before meals, etc. Most Camp Turner Staff are Catholic and proud of it. They will not, however, attempt to convert

your child. No one is ever forced to pray, receive communion or memorize any scripture or doctrine.

### **IEP**

In order to help us better serve your camper please provide a copy of the IEP if your camper has one.

### **Immunizations**

Camp Turner requires the same immunization requirements as school-aged children as indicated in PHL Article 21, Title 6, Section 2164. (Refer to Attachment 2 of the New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance.)

Additionally, Camp Turner recommends you speak with your physician about the [meningococcal vaccine](#) (meningococcal conjugate vaccine or meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine).

### **Ability to walk is recommended**

We recommend but do not require that the camper be able to walk over uneven terrain and through the woods. Most of our activities require that a camper be able to walk (sports, hikes, games, etc.) Very few of our programs may be enjoyed if a camper cannot walk.

### **Mandatory Paperwork**

Including:

*Camp Turner Health Forms* (No substitute forms please)

*Meningitis Form* for anyone staying more than 6 nights.

**Must be received at camp at least ten days before your camper's summer camping session is scheduled to begin, or at least one week before the winter camping session begins.**

### **Cancellation / Refund Policy**

Cancellation at least 10 days prior to arrival, a full refund, less the deposit, will be issued. Inside of 10 days before arrival, payments will not be refunded unless the camper becomes injured or contagious to other campers (with a doctor's note). In this case a refund less the deposit or a 100% credit may be issued for use on a future session. Once camper checks in at camp, no refund will be issued.

## Arrival Procedures

**Check-in at Camp – approximately 60 minutes.**

Arrive at summer camp at **2:00 PM**. (WinterCamp, 10 AM).

We cannot take campers before scheduled check-in time. The speed limit in camp is 5 MPH. Park along the side of the driveway, parallel with the gravel road. Do NOT pull onto the grass or up to the cabin doors. DO NOT turn perpendicular to the road. Staff members will be present to direct you.

**Step 1:** Confirm all Required Paperwork is on file.

**Step 2:** Initial Health Screening and Lice Check.

**Step 3:** Medication Collection. Must be in original containers accompanied by written orders.

**Step 4:** Make final payment if needed, receive cabin assignment.

**Camp Store:** Deposit Canteen Money, initiate debit card, buy goodies.

You should also receive a handy flyer explaining how to access your account, how to view the photos, how to send one way emails and how to get help if needed.

**Move in:** Bring camper and check-in form to assigned cabin. Meet the cabin counselor. Share ideas and information or leave a note with the counselor to help in the care of your child.

**Surrender the Check-in Form to the counselor!** We need this form in order to check your camper out.

**Departure of Parents:** Please depart or pull behind the Dining Hall by 4:00 PM. We cannot begin the program with cars in the circle.

**Please do not drive off with the Check-in Form.**

## Departure Procedures

Bus Home Departs at 6:00 PM. Camper **checkout** begins at **6:15 PM**.

For security reasons, no check-outs are allowed between 2 and 6 PM on check-out day. See below for details regarding early checkout. Early checkout is available at 1:30 PM. Prior arrangements must be made.

Table 1: Stop at the nurse's table to collect Health Center Report and collect medications.

Table 2: Show identification and sign check out form.

Table 3: Stop at Canteen to collect refund, purchase goodies or donate to our scholarship fund.

Table 4: Bring check out form to the cabin and give it to the counselor in exchange for your child.

**NOTE: Campers will not be allowed to leave the porch until the form is given to the counselor.**

**Late Departure: Parents arriving after 7 PM to pick up their camper will be charged \$20 per quarter hour.**

## Bus Stop Check Out

Be sure whomever is picking up the camper was listed on the check in form when the camper was dropped off. Show Photo ID. Ask the counselor on the bus about canteen refund and medication returns. They should have these. You camper may then help you load luggage into your vehicle.

## Going Home Early

Avoid the line. Early Check-OUT (between 1:30 and 2:00 PM) is available for an **additional \$20 per family**. This must be pre-arranged at least 48 hours in advance. Park behind the Dining Hall and report to

the office for early check-out. For security reasons there will be no check-out between 2:00 and 6 PM on Fridays.

For a variety of reasons a camper just may not be able to complete the week. If this is the case, parents will be encouraged to take the camper home without additional fee. In years past, people used to regard this as a failure of the camp, the camper or the parents. This is no longer the case. Camp is not for everyone. We understand and respect that sometimes the best thing is to be at home. However, we cannot refund camper fees after check-in. If the camper is sent home with a communicable condition (for the safety of the camp community) a pro-rated credit toward a future visit will be offered.

For reasons discussed above, if you need to pick up a camper for any reason, we will need you to call in advance, follow established check-out protocols, and meet your camper and a member of administration in the dining hall away from other campers. Campers will not be released to someone not listed on the check-out form. Campers will not be checked out from anywhere except at the office or dining hall.

## **Off Site Check Out**

For the safety and security of all campers, this will not happen except at the bus-stop. Please do not show up at the beach or other camp activities outside of camp to pick up your camper. We are not equipped to properly check out your camp outside of camp. We will not release your camper in this way.

## **Confidentiality**

Camp Turner is HIPPA compliant. Information on the Health Form is confidential. Small amounts of information will be shared with those directly caring for your camper on a need to know basis only.

Counselors do not have access to medical records. Therefore, parents are encouraged to write brief letters of advice to their camper's cabin counselor. Turn these in at Check-in and we will give them to the cabin counselor, or you may hand them directly to your camper's counselor at the cabin when you drop them off.

## **Medications**

All medications must be turned in at Check-in, except epi-pens and emergency asthma inhalers like albuterol. Please do not send basic over the counter medications that camp stocks. These are listed in the Health Form.

We can only give medications authorized by your physician on the Health Form or separate written order. **Labels DO NOT count as written orders.** Orders must be current.

Medications may only be sent in their **original containers with original labeling.** Please send a sufficient amount for the whole week. If additional medications are required, or if we need authorization for something the Doctor has not authorized, you will be called.

## **Emergency Contact**

As part of the TERMS OF SERVICE parents agree to be accessible in the event of an emergency. This also means being available to pick camper up mid-session in the event of injury/sickness.

## **Behavior Expectations**

Campers are expected to:

- listen to and follow the guidance of all staff members
- treat others and the property of others with kindness and respect
- participate fully in all camp activities
- maintain personal possessions and area in a neat and clean manner
- treat the property of camp and the state park with care respect

- leave all electronics, cell phones, CD and MP3 players home
- report bullying or disrespectful behavior to administration or staff
- tell staff if an activity makes them afraid or uncomfortable
- tell staff or the nurse if they are not feeling well
- try to make new friends and try new activities

Failure to comply with these expectations could result in removal from the program. Campers have the right to refuse to participate in activities.

### **Bullying and Meanness**

Staff have some training in bullying and meanness during their training week from a professional social worker. They are trained to be alert to such behaviors but cannot catch everything. You and I both know this; we went to school not that long ago. We have all experienced meanness and of course been guilty of it at one time or another ourselves. Bullying is repeated meanness against the same target. It may be physical, emotional, or social. In order to best prevent bullying and meanness I need your cooperation.

Please meet with your camper before camp or on the way to camp to discuss the topic of **meanness**. First, make it clear that you do not want your camper to be mean in any way to anyone and that they could be sent home for being mean. Second, ask them to tell a counselor if campers are mean to them, or tell a member of administration if staff is mean to them. Third, and most importantly, please ask your camper to stand up and report it, if they see someone being subjected to meanness – including physical, emotional or social meanness. This third element is essential to ending bullying and meanness.

For the past six or so years I have met with campers during their orientation tour shortly after arrival at camp to invite them to do these things. I believe that the excitement of arrival limits the campers ability to hear this message from me. From now on staff will deliver the above message the first evening of arrival after campers are settled. It would be most helpful if they hear it from you first.

### **Cabins and Cabin Mates**

#### **How cabin groups are made:**

Campers are assigned to cabins by gender and age. For example, you can typically expect to find boys of similar age in one cabin, e.g. boys ages 8 – 10 in a cabin, age 9 – 11 in another, 11 – 13 in another, etc.

#### **Cabin Mates**

One of the greatest benefits of camp is meeting new friends. Another great benefit is the ability for children to “try on” new personalities – to literally break free of the stereotypical expectations of their everyday school personas – and be someone they want to be. Both of these benefits are diminished if campers come with friends from home.

We understand that there are many other benefits and some good reasons for wanting to come with friends or relatives. That’s why we do generally honor cabin mate requests. Requests are not guaranteed, but, if a pair or group of three campers request each other, we will do our best to put them together for no charge. Groups of more than three will not be honored, as they tend to upset the balance of a cabin group. We will not offer refunds based on cabin mate problems. Campers must be of the same gender and within twelve months of the same age. Requests must be reciprocal.

### **What to pack**

It is imperative that you send your campers with sufficient supplies for their entire stay at camp. We have very limited laundry resources (enough to handle incontinence issues) and cannot launder clothing for campers during the week. Things like rain jackets, bug spray, sun screen, water bottles and boots with a good heel (for riding) are required. Things do not need to be expensive. A \$3 rain poncho is great for a week at camp. A 24 oz. bottle of water from any grocery or drug store can be labeled and refilled all week as a water bottle. Large draw-string trash bags are fine laundry bags. There are no specific requirements for luggage. Please label all belongings.

Kids will change their clothing a lot. It is cool in the morning and then warms up. Campers will wear both shorts and long pants on the same day, both short sleeves and long sleeves in the same day. Evenings cool off and the woods are full of bugs. We like campers to wear long sleeves in the woods and for cooler evening activities. Sometimes it gets muddy. Feet get wet, and extra socks are good.

**Flip Flops**

Flip Flops are the most popular footwear of the day and are allowed in the shower house, at the beach, at activities around the circle, in Arts and Crafts, and in the Dining Hall. Because of the gravel roads and many holes, we do not want campers to wear flip flops elsewhere.

**Hiking**

Campers are allowed to hike in sneakers or boots. Campers are not allowed to hike in flip flops or Crocs.

**Horseback Riding**

You need one inch heels (minimum) to ride. Campers are not allowed to ride in sneakers, flip flops or crocks. A one inch heel is required, so the camper’s feet will not slide through the stirrups. Additionally, we recommend something sturdy, so if a horse steps on the camper’s foot, the boot will protect the toes. They do not need to be steel toed, but soft rubber is probably not adequate protection.

**Bring your own stuff!**

Do not pack with the expectation that you can share with your friend. Sometimes friends cannot be paired with your camper. Sometimes friends withdraw or go home sick. You need to bring your own stuff! Especially, for health reasons, campers are not allowed to share water bottles!

**Canteen Money**

Campers should bring money to deposit into the canteen (the camp store) upon arrival. Unspent funds will be returned at the end of the week, or parents have the option of donating the remainder to our scholarship fund. Campers average \$20 per week. Some campers bring only \$10. Others bring \$50. Campers may not keep money in their luggage. Items available include: Candy, pop, freeze pops, chips, tee-shirts, sweat shirts, coffee mugs, lanyards, floppy flyers, baseball caps, winter hats, aprons, laundry bags, stuffed animals, tooth brushes, toothpaste, stamps, postcards, and other interesting souvenirs.

**Packing List (Summer)**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Raincoat or Poncho</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Jacket or Sweater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pair of boots with a heel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5 pairs of shorts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3+ pairs of pants</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 6 T-shirts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3+ long sleeve shirts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8 pairs socks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8 pair underwear</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 pairs of sneakers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair shower shoes (flip flops)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 or 2 swimsuits</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 beach towel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 sets pajamas</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 hat (recommend for sunny activities)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 sleeping bag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 pillow and pillowcase</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 bath towels</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 hand towels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 5 washcloths</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> toothpaste</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> toothbrush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> deodorant</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> insect repellent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sun block</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> soap</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> comb/brush</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> shampoo/conditioner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> personal care items</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> flashlight and batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 water bottle</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> pens and pencils</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> laundry bag</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> stamps (campers should write home)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> stationery</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> tissues / handkerchief</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> canteen money</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> reading materials</li> </ul>
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### **More Packing Tips:**

- \* **Please mark all items clearly with the camper's name.** We will return found items that are marked.
- \* Campers do not have access to laundry facilities (unless staying over a weekend).
- \* Staff will launder soiled sleeping bags.
- \* Clothing does get ruined at camp. Don't bring valuable things! Camp is not responsible for items which are lost, or ruined.
- \* Sharing water bottles can make campers sick and is not allowed. Campers must have their own.
- \* Long pants are required for horses and activities in the woods. Long sleeves are required for most evening activities and activities in the woods.
- \* Parents are asked to be aware of what campers pack.
- \* Sunscreen, bug spray and a hat to protect from the sun are highly recommended.
- \* Campers need to bring sturdy boots with a one inch heel to wear in the horse corral. The heel should prevent feet from sliding through a stirrup. A sturdy leather boot is best to protect feet in case a horse steps on your foot!

### **YOU MAY ALSO BRING (at your own risk)**

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (especially guitars and harmonicas!)

Games which involve 2 or more people.

A good attitude and an open mind.

Call if you have other ideas but are unsure.

### **PLEASE DO NOT BRING**

If these items are brought to camp counselors are asked to keep them safe and return them at the end of the week.

- o Cell phones – campers may call home through the office if necessary. Parents may also call and ask to speak to campers at any time before 9:30 pm. We will bring them to the office to speak with you.
- o Cameras
- o Electronic equipment or games
- o MP3 / CD players, I-pods
- o Hunting or fishing equipment
- o Expensive jewelry or valuables you cannot afford to lose
- o Clothing which depicts use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco
- o Money (aside from what is deposited in the canteen)
- o Inflatable for the beach – the park does not allow them
- o Snacks – to help keep animals out of cabins, we ask that you please do not pack snacks. All food is eaten in the dining hall or designated picnic areas.

### **Cameras / cell phones**

We discourage both cameras and cell phones with cameras. We take plenty of pictures which can be viewed and downloaded. More importantly, our staff ensures that only appropriate pictures are taken. Campers do not necessarily do this. There have been problems at other camps with campers taking inappropriate photos and posting them to the internet. We hope to avoid that. Cell phones enable inappropriate photos to be posted even faster.

## Suggested WINTERCAMP Packing List

- 1 Raincoat or Poncho
- 1 Winter Jacket or Parka
- 1 pair of winter boots – waterproof is best.
- 2 pairs of gloves – waterproof is best. Knit gloves are not so helpful.
- 2 warm hat(s)
- 2 scarves
- 1 or 2 pair of SNOWPANTS
- 1 pairs of sneakers
- 1 other pair footwear
- 1 pair shower shoes (flip flops)
- 6 pairs of warm socks
- 3 pairs of pants or sweats, belt if necessary.
- 2 Sweat shirt
- 3 T-shirts
- 5 pair underwear
- 2 pair long underwear
- 1 pair pajamas
- 1 sleeping bag
- 1 pillow and pillowcase
- 1 bath towels
- 1 hand towels
- 1 washcloths
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Comb/brush
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Flashlight and batteries
- Pens, paper
- Laundry bag
- Tissues / handkerchief
- Reading materials
- Canteen money
- E-Camp will not be available for this session, but we will be selling CDs with photos of the camp at check out.
- NO SLEDS! They are provided!
- Send Health Forms one week before if you did not attend in Summer '10.
- Medications in original containers with original labels

Dr.'s written orders for all medication (the label is not a written order).

### Directions to Camp

From Buffalo: Rte. 219 South, to Salamanca. Take I-86 W to exit 18, Quaker Run Area. Exit to the right, then turn left on 280. Follow 280 six miles to Quaker Lake and ASP Route 3 - this road leads into Allegany State Park. Keep the Lake on your left and enter through the park entrance gate. Pass Quaker Lake, keeping

right at the fork. Camp Turner is on your left in one mile. If you reach the Weller Trail, Barton Trail, Group Camp Five or Quaker Rental Office, you went too far.

## **Contact with Campers**

US Mail address: Camp Turner, PO Box 264, Salamanca, NY 14779.

FEDEX or UPS: Camp Turner, 9150 ASP 3, Salamanca, NY 14779 (recommended). Do not use this address for US mail – it will not be delivered.

We recommend FEDEX and UPS because they will bring packages directly to camp. US mail does not recognize camp as a legal address and will not deliver packages to camp. We have to go to Salamanca to pick them up, so delivery may be delayed.

## **Mail, Email, Care Packages**

### **Writing to Campers**

Well-intentioned parents frequently make our jobs as counselors more difficult and their children's stay at camp less enjoyable because of poorly conceived letters. It is most commendable to offer words of encouragement and well wishes to your campers. Tell them you love them and are thinking about them. Tell them you are jealous of all the fun they are having at camp. Tell them you will go to Pizza Hut and buy them a gallon of cola on the way home (they don't get much here). Please do not taunt or tease them about what they are missing at home, tell them how their dog is depressed without them, that their fish died, how their little brother beat their high score on X-box 360, or, that their boyfriend / girlfriend started dating someone else while they were gone! Yikes! Letters such as these are the second leading cause of homesickness at camp. Please see the section on homesickness in this document.

### **Care Packages**

Are pretty cool, but present difficulties. First of all, we really feed the campers plenty. All meals are served "all you care to eat." There are snacks. And canteen. Because of animals, we do not allow food in the cabins. Please use discretion.

### **Camper's Outgoing Mail**

Campers are strongly encouraged to write home to you first thing Sunday Night. They are encouraged to write again during Siesta on Tuesdays. We cannot force campers to write. Older campers especially may refuse. The fear of the unknown, new people and a new place often manifests itself in letters home the first night. Don't panic. Any homesickness expressed at this time is quite normal and usually clears up by the Tuesday letter.

Campers are asked to seal their letters and drop them in the CT mail box located in the hallway of the dining hall. Mail is taken to town each morning after breakfast and reaches most Buffalo and suburban locations the following day.

If you have younger campers you may wish to pre-address and stamp envelopes for them – or, even better, take the opportunity to do it with them at home so they learn. Many forget their address when it comes time to write, or do not know how to format the address on the envelope. This sometimes results in misdirected mail.

### **Email to Campers**

Please do not send email to campers through the main camp mailbox. This mail will not be delivered to campers, or even checked that regularly in the summer time. You may send email to campers through our one-way email service. (You get five free emails when you purchase the "Photo Gallery".) Email will be printed and delivered after lunch each day. Details are described in the Photo Gallery section of this document. We do not have the facilities for campers to email you back. Please see the section above about *Writing to Campers*.

## Visitation

Parents visiting camp are the leading cause of homesickness both in their own children and in other children in the same cabin. Of course you have the legal right to see your child, and we will not deny you that right, but we discourage it. If your child is doing poorly at camp we will call you. If you need, you may call and speak with your camper. We recommend that you speak to his / her counselor first.

## Phone Contact

### Parent's Calls to Camp

If you need news about your camper please call the director. A conversation with your camper's counselor can be arranged. Likewise, you may speak with your camper if necessary. Please be aware that after a call from home, parents usually feel better and campers usually feel worse – for no other reason than they are reminded about how much they miss the people and place they love the most. Call if you need to. If you can, refrain and write an encouraging letter instead.

### Telephone

Director's Summer Phone: 716-354-4555

Billing Inquiries / Requests: 716-354-4555.

Fax Line – 716-354-2055.

### Campers Calling Home

In order to guarantee a safe environment we guarantee campers emergency access to their parents by phone. If a camp does not let a camper call home BEWARE. We do ask that campers needing to call home tell their counselor, who will arrange a call through the director. If their counselor is the problem, campers should tell a member of administration or the nurse. Normally, in the course of the request, the counselor and / or director will try to identify and solve any difficulties the camper may be having. In some cases this will result in the problem being solved without a call from the camper. If this happens, the director will still call the parent, notifying the parent of the request, the problem and the resolution. The parent may at that time request to speak with the camper.

In some cases the camper will refuse to tell the counselor or director the problem. In this case the camper will make a PRIVATE call home from the director's phone. The director will leave the office so the camper may express whatever feelings he or she has without reservation. We ask that parents stay on the line and speak with the director after speaking with the camper. Hopefully we can then solve any difficulty the camper may be having.

## Food Service & Dietary Needs

The menu for each week will be posted during Check-in. Cafeteria style meals are “all you care to eat”. In addition to our fabulous entrees:

a salad bar is available at lunch and supper except during picnics.

A breakfast cereal bar is available at all meals. Sweetened cereals are removed after breakfast.

Toast is available at every meal..

Buttered noodles are available at all indoor lunches and dinners.

Campers need to be able to eat the food that camp provides. We can provide alternative options for those with lactose intolerance, basic vegetarian needs and those who simply do not like our main entree selection. We do not have the ability to accommodate a **vegan diet** or a **gluten free diet**. We do not accept or prepare boxes of food sent with campers as meal replacements for what we offer. Campers need to be able to adapt to our menu. If a camper refuses to eat three meals in a row parents may be asked to pick the camper up.

Peanut Butter and other nut products are used in our kitchen and served as an alternative choice to some entrées. We can restrict campers from eating peanut butter and other peanut products if the camper is allergic, but, if the camper cannot be in a facility that contains peanut products, this is not the camp for them.

## **The Camp Store**

Also called the Canteen, is a small souvenir and snack shop. We offer candy, pop, ice cream novelties, and souvenirs. The souvenir offerings vary from year to year but usually include tee-shirts, hoodies, flashlights, tooth brushes, baseball caps, laundry bags, aprons, coffee mugs, soup mugs, travel mugs, stuffed animals, cabin portraits, rain ponchos, stamps, sunscreen, bug spray and other memorabilia.

The store works on a debit card system. Parents deposit money into the Canteen at Check-in. The average deposit is \$25. You may choose to deposit as much or as little as you like. Each time a camper visits the amount spent is crossed off the card. At the end of the week you may claim the remainder or donate it to our Campership fund. Campers are not asked to donate, this is left up to parents.

Parents are asked not to leave cash with campers. No good comes from this. There is nowhere to spend cash in camp. It can be lost or stolen. If, in the unlikely event a camper chose to run away, they could get a lot farther with cash in their pocket. CITs who go on field trips will be taken care of financially if the need arises.

## **Friends of Camp Turner, Inc.**

The Friends of Camp Turner is our much esteemed alumni and booster organization. Anyone is welcomed to join, especially former staff and campers. The “Friends” sponsor social events and fundraising activities to support our Campership and summer program. For information visit: [www.friendsofcampturner.org](http://www.friendsofcampturner.org).

## **Alumni Visitation**

Former campers and staff are welcomed to visit camp, arriving no earlier than 9 AM and departing by 8 PM. Visitors MUST check in at the office. Visitors may visit the director and off duty staff in approved areas. Prior reservations are required if you wish to dine with us. Guests other than legal guardians may not visit campers, or on-duty staff. Visitors will be invited and encouraged to join our alumni organization.

**We do NOT accept overnight visitors during the summer camping season.**

## **Payments**

Everyone who registers (signs up) – either online or through the mail – will have an online account. Your account user name is the email address you provided with registration. You will receive a password by email after your registration is complete.

Those who register after June 15 are asked to pay in full, or to call for other arrangements if necessary. June 15 is not a registration deadline! We accept campers up to 7 days before the start of each session.

Those who sign up earlier are welcomed to spread payments out over many months. You will receive an email reminder 30 days and 10 days before final payment is due. You will also receive a reminder on the due date if not already paid.

**We love your personal checks. If, after signing up with your credit card, you are able to pay your balance with a paper check,** camp will save almost 3% in credit card processing fees. This helps us minimize price increases. If you can't do this an e-check saves us 1%. The savings go into making the program better.

**E-checks are easy.** They work just like a paper check, except you type the information into the payment page instead of writing out a paper check. You will type in the date and amount, just like a paper check, then enter the routing number and your account number where indicated. The routing number is the first

grouping of numbers on the bottom left hand corner of your check. The account number is the next grouping of numbers, immediately after the routing number. You do not have to void an actual paper check. Just enter the date and amount into your check ledger as if you wrote a paper check.

## **Online Photo Gallery**

Purchase the Photo Gallery when you sign up, or by logging back into your account and adding the feature. You do not need to purchase multiple times if you are staying multiple weeks – pictures will be available through the fall.

\$10 membership allows you to:

- send up to 5 one-way emails to campers.
- view online photos daily
- purchase additional email credits, 5 emails for \$5

You will receive a flyer at check-in, explaining how to access the photo gallery, send one way emails, make payments, add sessions, etc.

## **Relationships Outside of Camp**

Staff are discouraged from relationships with campers outside of camp. If you know of Camp Turner staff members who are involved in an inappropriate relationship with a camper outside of camp – in real life or through social media - and would like help with the matter please let me (the Camp Director) know. Likewise, if I see anything untoward I will call parents and ask if they know of and approve of the relationship.

## **Group Rentals**

Camp Turner is available for rental YEAR ROUND!

All cabins are fully WINTERIZED. Youth groups, family reunions, retreat groups and conferences are welcome. Our dining hall and commercial kitchen are fully equipped for your convenience. You can rent the kitchen and cook for yourself, or opt for our fabulous catering. Save money and clean up after your own group, or opt to have our staff clean after your stay. We are located on great hiking, cross country and snowmobile trails. We are 33 minutes from the slopes in Ellicottville. Please visit our web site at [www.campturner.com](http://www.campturner.com) or call for more information. [Special rates available for Catholic Youth Groups.]

## **Catering**

You will be surprised by the food you will get here. Some sample menu suggestions are available on the website in the rental section, but we can customize a menu for your particular needs. Table linens are also available for rental. We will compete with any establishment in Western New York in both quality and price.

Please see other documents on our website.