



Summer 2018

Hi Camper!

The staff are anxiously awaiting your arrival at camp. We hope you are looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled summer of making friends and learning new skills.

Are you a little nervous about coming to camp? Not sure what to expect? Well, that's okay. We'll help guide you through your first day. If you are a returning camper, please join us in welcoming our new friends!

If you are taking the bus, when you arrive at your stop, Sherwood Forest staff will greet you and help you get settled for the ride to camp. The ride is about 2 ½ hours, so please make sure you **eat breakfast and go to the bathroom before you board the bus**. Neither food nor drinks are allowed on the bus.

When you arrive at camp, you will sing songs and meet the rest of the staff, your group leaders, and your cabin mates. Next, you will pick up your luggage at the dining hall and take it back to your cabin. Then you'll go to the dining hall for lunch. After eating, you will have time to settle into your cabin, visit the nurse, and head to the swimming pool. Are you hungry again? There is always supper! Yum yum! Then it is time to take a tour of camp - that way, you will know where each activity takes place.

After the tour, you, your group leaders, and your cabinmates will go back to your cabin to get ready for bed. Does the thought of sleeping in a cabin in the woods make you a little nervous? We know that bedtime can be a bit scary for some campers; however, we are there to help you feel comfortable.

Each cabin has bunk beds and all of your sleeping gear is provided, except for a pillow – make sure you bring one! In the Shire Village, the bathrooms are in the cabin. In Sycamore Springs and the Village of Shantoah, the bathrooms are located in the shower house...so don't forget your flashlight!

At night, you will hear some unfamiliar sounds: cicadas and whippoorwills singing, frogs croaking, and owls hooting. However, once you get used to them, they are nice sounds for falling asleep. To help put you at ease with your new surroundings, your group leaders will read stories or play music. If you need help at night, your counselor is there for you. Happy zzzz's!

Take care and we'll see you soon!

Rachel Tutwiler
Camp Director

Kareem Deanes
Asst. Camp Director

Darnell Robinson
Program Director

Jeff Wilson
Program Coordinator

P.S. On the back of this paper, you and your parent/guardian will find a list of the things you should remember to bring to camp, as well as some items available at our camp store!

PACKING LIST

This list will give you an idea of items necessary for time spent at camp, as well as the number of clothing articles that would be a comfortable amount to bring. During the session, laundry will be sent out to a laundromat, and extra clothing is available for use while at camp. Since the children are outdoors all day, their clothing will get dirty and muddy. Therefore, **DO NOT SEND NEW CLOTHES TO CAMP.** Do not send anything that, if ruined, would cause you or your child to become upset. Please have your child help to pack for camp. Besides this being a great skill for your child to develop, this will help with “lost and found” as your child will know what he/she brought to camp.

Clothing	Personal Care	Other Items
2 pairs of closed toe shoes* 1 pair “water shoes”* 9 pairs of socks* 9 pairs of underwear 4 bras/undershirts (if worn) 9 shorts 3 jeans/long pants 9 shirts/blouses 2 pair of pajamas 1 sweater/jacket 1 raincoat/poncho 1 swimsuit/trunks 1 laundry bag	3 towels 2 washcloths 1 pair of nail clippers 1 pillow/pillowcase shampoo soap deodorant 1 comb/brush 1 toothbrush/toothpaste 1 bug repellent – gel or cream with 24-30% DEET preferred, but send what you can find, no aerosol cans please Medication (enough for your child’s entire stay)	Stuffed animal for bed (optional) 1 water bottle 1 flashlight Batteries for his/her flashlight 1 disposable camera (<i>not mandatory but comes in handy</i>) Pre-addressed, stamped: postcards and/or stationery with envelopes Other personal items Sanitary napkins/tampons (enough for your child’s entire stay)

Please mark ALL of your child’s belongings with his/her FULL NAME in permanent marker. Laundry is done by cabin group and village, which means that your child’s clothing will get mixed in with any one of the other 48 campers’ clothing. IT IS YOUR CHILD’S RESPONSIBILITY TO CARE FOR HIS/HER BELONGINGS WHILE AT CAMP.

Sherwood Forest Camp will NOT be held responsible for lost or damaged items.

Sandals with closures may ONLY be worn in the shower, but other shoes must be closed toe.

All bedding is furnished by the camp EXCEPT pillows.

Items that SHOULD NOT come to camp include: any type of electronics (cell phones, iPods, game systems, CD players, radios, laptops, mini DVD players, etc.); snack food of any kind (including gum); scented items (perfumes, lotions, soaps, etc. as they tend to attract bugs); and weapons (including hunting knives and pocket knives). Any of these items sent to camp WILL BE CONFISCATED and kept in the camp office until the session ends.

Do not forget to mark your child’s belongings with a permanent marker!

A Note About Footwear

Sherwood Forest Camp is located in the Ozark woodlands. Our campsite has pathways and trails, none of which are paved. All campers will be participating in some hiking and overnight camping trips, which require proper footwear. House shoes (like Converse or Vans) are unsafe and not considered appropriate footwear for camp. Please send light weight hiking boots or running shoes that are appropriate for camp activity. In addition to hiking, your child will have the opportunity to participate in river and canoeing trips. Please send water shoes that can be worn during these activities.

Socks are an important component of safety during hiking trips. We ask that you pack at least one pair of polyester or wool socks. Cotton socks hold moisture and can cause discomfort or blisters.

Water shoes and hiking or running shoes can be found at stores like Wal-Mart for relatively low costs. If you are unable to send these items, please let us know so that we can ensure your child’s safety on their trips by providing proper footwear.