



Frequently Asked Questions

What kinds of things should my camper bring for a week at camp?

We recommend each camper bring shoes that can get dirty, and shoes that can be hiked in. We also recommend clothing that can get dirty, a sweatshirt for chilly nights, swimsuits (2 if possible), towels for showering and swimming, a flashlight, a Bible, any needed toiletries for the week, sunscreen/bug spray, and bedding like a sleeping bag or sheets. Any prescription medications MUST be in original pharmacy packages with instructions. Over the counter medications may also be sent. If your camper is attending a themed camp like “Water World,” be on the lookout for a letter from your director about what extra things your camper may need to pack.

Things that are best left at home are any weapons including knives and hatchets. Please keep in mind there will be no food allowed in personal cabins as our furry friends will not hesitate to join us in our cabins if they smell something yummy.

What about electronics?

Please leave all cell phones, ipods, and electronic games at home. The program coordinators have the right to take away any of these items for the week if they discover them. If you’re a parent hoping to communicate with your child during the week, you may mail them a letter or send them an email at HCCampermail@gmail.com please include your camper’s name in the

How is the staff trained?

Each member of our Summer Service Team has secured and provided reference to a ChildLine Clearance, PA Police Clearance, and FBI Fingerprint Clearance. In addition to these clearances, each staff member has an up-to-date American Red Cross Certification in First Aid and CPR. Staff members participate in a two-week training and often have prior experience volunteering at the camp.

What if my child has dietary restrictions or allergies?

Hartman Center has a full qualified nurse on-site at all times, as well as several staff members trained in CPR and First-Aid. All swimming activities are supervised by at least one certified lifeguard. This nurse will administer medications to your child as prescribed by your doctor. The nurse is always on-site in the case of any unexpected emergencies. During registration, you will meet with the nurse to discuss any medical needs or concerns you may have.

Our kitchen staff can accommodate most dietary requests and food allergies. We can prepare vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free options. If your child has any specific food

allergies, please be sure to describe any dietary restrictions on our “Health History Form” and submit that to Hartman Center one week prior to your camper’s arrival. This will ensure we can accommodate your camper’s needs with plenty of time.

I want to send my child to camp but finances are tough. Do you have any resources available?

Yes! We work hard to keep costs low for every camper attending but we understand some extra help may be needed. Thanks to our generous donors we have a limited number of camp scholarships available. Please email program@hartmancenter.com to inquire.

How does check-in work?

On Sunday or Wednesday (depending on what day of the week your camp begins), you will arrive for check-in at the front porch of our Camp Store (across from the dining hall). If your camp is on Sunday, you will check-in at 4 PM. If your camp starts on Wednesday, your check-in will be 2 PM. Parents will be asked to check-in with staff on the porch. After checking-in, parents and campers are required to speak with the on-site nurse and bring any medications they will need for the week. From there, parents and campers may visit the camp store to buy T-shirts, sweatshirts, flashlights, etc. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have, help you find where you need to go, and help get your campers settled

What if our family does not attend a United Church of Christ church?

We welcome every camper whether they know who Jesus is or not. We invite campers of all faith backgrounds to join us.