

Items Prohibited at Camp

Please review these with your child:

We do not allow campers to bring hand held electronics including iPods and tablets to camp. In addition, DVD players, video cameras, laptops and TV's are prohibited.

CELL PHONES

We ask that cell phones not be sent with campers. Our counselors will collect them from the camper if they bring, and it will be secured in the camp safe. The camper will receive the phone back at the end of the camp. In order to maintain the privacy and integrity of our campers, cell phones and digital cameras are not permitted at camp.

Pictures will be taken by staff members and posted to the Camp Happyland Facebook page as long as the Photo Consent Form has been signed.

OTHER PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please do not send any items to camp that could be deemed as a weapon (i.e. darts, pocket knives, Chinese throwing stars). Laser pointers, scooters, fireworks or lighters are also prohibited.

Do not send money, expensive watches and jewelry to camp.

The camp will not assume responsibility for the loss or damage of any of the above items. If any of these items are found, they will be held in the camp office until the end of the camp week.

Parent's Guide

2019 CAMP *Adventureland*



Camp Happyland

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Letter to Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We're excited that you are considering sending your child to beautiful Camp Happyland. The Salvation Army operates the camp each Summer for children throughout the State of Virginia and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area. The camp is located in Richardsville, VA about 15 miles outside of Fredericksburg, VA. While at our camp, your child will participate in swimming, archery, sports, arts & crafts, hiking, and other outdoor activities. Because The Salvation Army is a Christian organization, Bible Classes and Worship Services are also included as part of the camping experience.

This Parent's Manual is intended to make your child's camp experience as enjoyable as possible, providing all useful information in one place. In order to provide your child with the safest and most engaging experience possible, we are constantly updating and improving our policies, so even if your child has attended Camp Happyland in the past, please read through this entire manual, as it contains new information and policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please be in contact with The Salvation Army representative from whom you obtained this package of information.

We look forward to having a **GREAT** summer with you child.

Sincerely,

Captains Samuel & Christine Kim
Divisional Youth Secretaries
National Capital & Virginia Division

General Camp Rules

Please review these with your child:

- Campers are not permitted to leave the camp or skip any activities.
- All campers must abide by the established curfew.
- Physical or verbal abuse towards other campers or staff will not be tolerated. Campers engaging in such behavior may be dismissed.
- Willful destruction of camp property will not be tolerated; consequences will be decided by Divisional Youth Secretaries.
- Alcohol, illegal recreational drugs, tobacco products of any kind, or being in the presence of someone consuming or in possession will result in immediate dismissal from the camp.
- Campers are not permitted to possess or use fire, candles, mosquito coils, or fireworks.
- Campers are not permitted to possess a knife, sharp tool or weapon of any kind.
- Graffiti on camp premises is not permitted. Parents will be required to pay for the full cost of repair.

Items You Need to Bring

- Bible
- Comb/Brush
- Tissues
- Sunscreen
- Tennis Shoes for activities
- Flip Flops for shower and pool
- Jacket or Sweater
- Pencil, Paper, Envelope, Stamps (opt. if campers want to send letters to parents during camp week...)
- Sleeping Bag/Sheets
- Pillow
- Clothing for 5 days
- Rain Jacket (opt.)
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap/Shampoo
- 2 Towels (bath/pool)
- Socks
- PJs
- Nice clothes for Worship day
- Uniform if the camper is a soldier at corps
- Flashlight
- Bug spray

*Discovery & Jr. Soldier Camps require some kids (sunbeams, adventure corps, & Jr. Soldiers) to wear their uniforms during worship on Friday morning.

Medical Visits While at Camp

If your child is seen by the camp nurse for a minor illness/injury, we will generally not contact you. If it is necessary to take your child to a doctor, we will contact you or your emergency contact to keep you informed.

Please be aware that the Camper Insurance Policy pays up to the first \$250.00 without regard to your own personal insurance coverage. Any amount over the \$250.00 will be sent either to your personal insurance carrier or you personally.

Headlice Policy

We have a NO tolerance policy for head lice at Camp Happyland. Prior to arrival at camp, each camper must be checked for head lice and a parent or guardian signs a form (provided by a Salvation Army representative) stating that they have checked their child's hair and verified that they are egg, nit and bug free. This included dead nits as well. Each camper will be re-checked at registration and if it is determined that eggs, nits or bugs dead or alive are present the camper will not be permitted to stay at camp.

Money and Camp Canteen (snack shack)

It is not necessary to send money with your child to camp, in fact, we discourage it. The campers are provided canteen items as part of the camp registration fee and each camper will also receive a Camp T-shirt at the end of the week. If a child does bring money to camp, it can be stored in the camp safe and returned at the end of the week. Camp Happyland is not responsible for lost or stolen money.

How to Register My Child?

Our camp registration is 100% online! We register through a website called Campdoc.com. While this may present some hesitancy, rest assured that this is a secure and HIPPA standards compliant website making it completely safe for your information as well as your child's.

Every camper must register through their local Salvation Army. No camper will be permitted to camp that has not been approved by the local Salvation Army representative.

The Salvation Army Camp Happyland program is for children ages 6-17 years old. Campers must be rising 1st graders through rising seniors and younger than 18.

Cabin Assignments are made based on age. Unfortunately, we can not accommodate requests to place siblings, relatives or friends together in cabins due to bed availability.

No camper will be given a cabin assignment until their registration is 100% complete and they are approved by their Salvation Army representative. If registration exceeds capacity, campers are given priority based on registration completion date, others will be waitlisted and given a cabin assignment when there is availability.

Our Summer Camp Sessions

June 17 - June 22 – Music Camp *Must be involved in a Salvation Army Music Program - Ages 8-17

June 22 - July 20 - Music Conservatory *Must be approved by Divisional Music Director through application process

June 24-29 - Community Camp 1- Co-ed, Boys & Girls Ages: 6-12

July 1-6 - Discovery Kids/Teen Boys - Co-ed, Boys & Girls Grades 1-6
Teen Boys Ages 13-17

July 8-13 - Community Camp 2/Teen Girls - Co-ed, Boys & Girls Ages: 6-12
Teen Girls Ages: 13-17

July 15-20 - Community Camp 3/Jr. Soldiers Camp - Co-ed, Boys & Girls Ages: 6-12

July 22-27 - Victory Sports Camp - Co-ed, Boys and Girls Ages 10-17

July 22-27 - Leadership Camp - Co-ed, Boys and Girls Ages 14-17
Space limited to 15.

Creating Partnership

TRUST

You may have chosen Camp Happyland because of its location, facilities, programming, or because of The Salvation Army's presence in your community. We want you to feel confident that you have made the right choice and that your child will be cared for while attending Camp Happyland. We want to ease your concerns as you prepare your child for his/her camp experience, and we want to know that we have your trust and cooperation as we prepare to welcome your child. This manual is designed to help you enter a partnership with Camp Happyland that will lead to a healthy, secure, successful and enjoyable experience for your child.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

Preparing for camp takes both physical and emotional energy. The physical energy is easy – we provide you with plenty of information and lists about what to bring (and not bring) to camp. The emotional energy will assure a smooth adjustment. You will help your child by asking yourself the questions that you think he faces: "Who or what will I miss at home?" "Will I be liked?" "Will my counselors be nice?" "Will I have fun?" As a parent, you need to find a balance between validating your child's concerns and treating the concerns rationally and calmly.

Dwelling on a child's fears can lead to panic. It is important that you are encouraging and positive. For example, an encouraging response could sound like this, "It is only natural to miss home a little at the beginning, but you will make lots of new friends and have a wonderful time."

HOMESICKNESS AT CAMP

The best people to help a child deal with homesickness are the counselors. Our counselors are compassionate and trained to take great care to help all campers adjust to their new environment. Many are former campers themselves and can draw upon their own experiences. If you receive a letter from your child saying he/she is homesick and wants to come home, please do not immediately jump in your car to come and get them. Try not to be in panic. We know it is difficult, upsetting and frustrating to know that your child is dealing with homesick. Remember that a few days have passed since the letter was written, and probably, our summer staff took care of your child to alleviate the situation when you received the letter.

Visiting Camp Happyland

Visitors are not allowed in the camp at any time. These are guidelines set down for the safety of the children. If you show up to visit, you will be politely asked to leave. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Camp Health Camp While at Camp

It is essential that we have complete and up to date medical, insurance and contact information for all our campers. Our Nurse will review each camper's medical history in order to proper care for every child. Campers with incomplete or missing information will not be permitted to remain on the campgrounds. Specific information about the required medical forms and information is set forth below.

TELL US EVERYTHING

It is the absolute responsibility of a parent to let us know everything emotionally, physically, psychologically or medically important and relevant regarding your child. This will only assist us in working with your child in a sensitive and caring manner. Please be pro-active. If we are informed, we can do our jobs. All the information gathered is securely stored on our online database and is only assemble by camp administration.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Our infirmary stocks basic over the counter medications for common camp complaints. If a camper must go to the doctor while at camp, and require medications from a pharmacy, we will secure those medications and will include them on the camp insurance amount. Any prescription medications your child brings to camp must be listed on their online camper profile, be clearly marked with the following, secured in a Ziplock bag and **must also be in the original container from the pharmacy.**

1. The name of the drug
2. Specific instructions of dosage
3. The name of the prescribing physician
4. The name of the child

NOTE - If the medication is not listed on the online profile it will not be given to your child.

A Typical Day at Camp



7:00 a.m.	Rise and Shine
7:45 a.m.	Flag Raising
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
10:00 a.m.	Cabin Clean-up
10:30 a.m.	Elective 1
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Afternoon Praise at Pavilion
1:15 p.m.	Elective 2
2:30 p.m.	Change for Swimming
2:45 p.m.	Girl's Swimming/Boy's Recreation 1
3:30 p.m.	Boys Canteen
3:40 p.m.	Boy's Swimming/Girl's Canteen
4:00 p.m.	Girl's Recreation 1
4:45 p.m.	Change for Dinner
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:15 p.m.	Cabin Recreation 2
7:00 p.m.	Juice Break
7:20 p.m.	Flag Lowering
7:30 p.m.	Night Program
9:00 p.m.	Vespers at the Cross
9:15 p.m.	Call to Cabins
9:45 p.m.	Lights Out

Track Programing

Each week campers will be broken up by their grade in school and exposed to a variety of activities and experiences such as:

- **Wilderness Survival** – Hiking and Campfire
- **Arts and Crafts in Nature** – Different Arts
- **Sports** – Basketball, Human Foosball, Gaga Ball, Team Sports, etc.
- **Taking Aim** – Archery, Rock Wall, Challenge Course, Euro Bungee
- **God's Green Earth** – Bible Study, Nature Study, and Other Activities
- **Taking it to the Water** – Swimming, Paddle Boating, etc.

If you are concerned, please call the camp office and we will check on your child for you. It is our policy that we do not allow campers who are homesick to call home. It is our experience that phone calls home only compound the issues. Please refer to the "Telephone Calls" section of this guide.

SUCCESS

There have been a few cases where a child remains inconsolable and left camp early. In most cases this happened when parents forced the adjustment process to end prematurely and insisted on picking up their child. Our experience has taught us that even when campers feel that they might not return in the future, they need to finish what they started, even if it means just being able to say "I did it." Small accomplishments add up and strengthen a child's self-esteem. When a child overcomes his/her fear and remains for the full week, there is personal growth, success and accomplishment.

Our Philosophy

SAFETY

At Camp Happyland we take every precaution to ensure everyone's safety. We thrive in fresh air, with nutritious food and a well-rounded activity and recreation program.

RESPECT

At Camp Happyland we respect others and ourselves and learn to value the world that we live in.

TRADITION

At Camp Happyland we introduce the Lord into the daily lives of the children. It is our hope that everyone develops a deeper relationship with the Lord.

COMMITMENT TO GROWTH

Replacing a world of boredom for outdoor experiences creates opportunities for growth in each camper. This is what Camp Happyland is all about. The purpose of The Salvation Army's camping ministry is to help each individual, young and old alike, to grow – physically, socially, educationally and spiritually. Kids of all ages from the inner cities to the Blue Ridge mountains, to the Coastal regions learn about each other, nature and most importantly, a loving, personal God.

Our Programs and Facilities

Camp Happyland is nestled in 657 acres of lush woodland just off the historic Rappahannock River in Richardsville, VA. We have 20 sleeping cabins (12 boys or girls per cabin), each with their own bathrooms and showers.

The Camp facilities include:

- A modern dining hall and conference facility
- Swimming pool
- Boating and fishing areas
- Hiking trails
- Athletic Fields
- Volleyball, Basketball, and Tennis courts
- Arts and Crafts Building
- 2 Playgrounds
- Archery
- Primitive Camping sites
- Challenge Course, Climbing Wall and Euro Bungee
- Outdoor Pavilion and Nature Center

Since 1921 Camp Happyland has provided a haven for children who otherwise would never go to camp. Each is offered opportunities to be challenged and to be successful in meeting those challenges for new self-confidence.

During the Summer we also offer a four-week Music Conservatory program that offers music and creative arts instruction for those who are involved in Salvation Amy music programs and in their local communities.

The Power of Camp Study Research Project

This summer, our camp is participating in an exciting research project called the Power of Camp Study. The study assesses the impact of the summer camp experience. Campers will voluntarily be asked to complete a short questionnaire on the first, last and post camp days. No names or other identifying information of campers will be used in any research documents or publications. Email addresses collected as part of this project will be kept confidential and only used to send the follow-up survey. Parental permission is required.

Camper Correspondence

MAIL

Kids love mail, adults love mail too! So send letters to your child – send them even before your child is at camp so they will be here when they arrive. It is very important for both campers and parents to send and receive mail. We urge you and your child to write each other. Please mailing address as follows:

Camper Name
Camp Happyland
21457 Happyland Dr.
Richardsville, VA 22736

Please be sure to send a supply of envelopes, paper, pens and stamps with your child. It is easier for them to write home if they are equipped with pre-addressed and stamped envelopes or postcards. They will have the opportunity to write each day during rest period.

PACKAGES

If you mail a package to your child, please do not send food as we do not allow campers to have food in the cabins. Also, make sure the package has a return address listed on it. Any packages without return addresses will not be opened for security reasons and will be passed onto the proper authorities.

Emails and faxes will be delivered once a day with the regular mail delivery, and should be addressed as follows:

TELEPHONE

Campers will not be permitted to speak with you on the telephone unless it is an emergency. If you have any concerns, you may contact the Camp Director, Kyle Chones or Camp Office Manager, Wendy Wade. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Camp Office - 540-399-1197