



CAMP FRONTIER

Florida's Summer Camp since 1999

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2016 Camper HandBook

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From the Camp Directors

Greetings from Camp Frontier. We have a very exciting summer ahead.

This 2016 Camp Handbook contains all the information parents and campers will need to prepare for the summer at Camp Frontier.

Our eighteenth summer, brings an outstanding staff, many new programs and activities and a record setting number of returning campers. We welcome all our new Campers, and their parents, to the Camp Frontier family. We look forward to becoming your child's summer camp home for years to come.

Please know that we, and our entire staff, are here to provide your child an outstanding summer camp experience. We are honored that you have chosen Camp Frontier.

Please share with us any and all information which will be helpful. Feel free to contact us by phone, email or chat, via the web site, at any time.

~ Brian and Dianne Collar, Camp Directors

ABOUT CAMP FRONTIER

Camp Frontier, located in the Tampa Bay area of Florida USA, has provided an outstanding traditional American residential summer camp experience since 1999. It was founded by and is lead by a dedicated team of OverNight Camp professionals with decades of experience.

"Camp Is For The Camper" is our philosophy: We are deeply rooted in the American Summer Camp tradition yet we constantly update our programs and activities to meet the ever changing needs and interests of our Campers. Personal growth, life-long friendships and memories are the result.

Camp Frontier celebrates the uniqueness of each Camper as they contribute their own personality, abilities, and interests to the camp community. Learning to live, work and play side-by-side with respect, dignity and compassion for others, is an everyday part of the OverNight Camp experience and, perhaps, its most beneficial.

Camp Frontier is proud to have been the summer home for Campers and Staff from many faiths, from forty-five Countries, and from many US States and Territories.



PACKING FOR SUMMER CAMP

Required Items

Clothing

- ☐ Play clothes for 2 weeks. Older comfortable clothes recommended.
- ☐ One “nicer” set of clothes for the dance/party
- ☐ At least one bathing suit. A modest one-piece bathing suit is required for girls

Shoes

- ☐ 2 sets of tennis shoes or sneakers
- ☐ Flip flops or water shoes for the showers, waterfront and canoe trips

Bedding (All cabins have bunk beds with standard twin size mattresses with a plastic cover.)

- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Top sheet
- ☐ Fitted bottom sheet
- ☐ Cloth mattress pad (suggested)
- ☐ Lite blanket (suggested)
- ☐ Sleeping bag (Needed for movie nights and should the Camper choose to go tent camping.)

Other Items

- ☐ Poncho or Raincoat
- ☐ Two towels: one for showers and one for waterfront.
Those staying longer than two weeks should bring a third towel.
- ☐ Bug Repellent (non-aerosol spray)
- ☐ Sunblock or sunscreen (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Soap, shampoo, personal toiletry items
- ☐ A small container or tote bag for toiletry items to be carried to and from the bathhouse
- ☐ Laundry bag (We recommend a net bag rather than cloth. Please no standing hampers.)

Recommended Items

- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Small rug to place on the floor next the Camper’s bunk bed.
- ☐ Many campers, of all ages, like to bring a favorite stuffed animal
(Yes, even the older boys and most of the Counselors.)
- ☐ Pen, postcard, stamps, paper and pre-addressed envelopes
- ☐ Swim mask, snorkle, goggle
- ☐ Books, magazines, puzzle or activity books
- ☐ Spending money. Campers do not need money while at camp. Daily Camp Store snacks is included in the tuition. Campers may bring souvenir money for theme parks.

Optional Items

- ☐ Medication (See *Medication* page 6)
- ☐ Digital cameras (which do not have communication abilities)
We recommend inexpensive digital cameras or disposable cameras.
- ☐ Wrist watch
- ☐ Any items to be used in the talent show
- ☐ Personal equipment for sports, performance, art, etc. (Some items may be held at the office.)
- ☐ Cell Phones (See *TechTime*, page 5)

Items Not Permitted

- [] Electronics, such as; music devices, electronic games, tablets and so on, are not allowed so as to promote interaction among Campers and a better camp experience.
- [] Knives or other weapons
- [] Fans (Cabins are air-conditioned and have fans)
- [] Extension cords (Cabins do not have extra outlets)
- [] Waterbottles (No need to bring one. Every Camper will be given one upon arrival)
- [] Water balloons, shaving cream for pranking, other such items
These items will be provided if needed as part of camp activities
- [] Alcohol, illegal drugs, substances and drug paraphernalia
These items will be turned over to authorities and the Camper expelled.

Laundry

Laundry service is provided every two weeks for campers staying longer than a one session. Naturally, in emergency situations, laundry service will be provided as needed. A limited amount of loaner clothes and towels are available.

Labels

Please label all items with the Camper's name.

Lost and Found

While at camp, Campers will be asked to regularly check the lost and found table. We will make every effort to return by mail items (other than socks and underwear) left at camp which are labeled with the Camper's name. All un-labeled items will be held for one week after which items may be donated to a local charity or retained for future use. Camp Frontier is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

How Much to Bring

Campers will need to bring two weeks of clothes to camp. Please follow the previous lists closely.

How To Pack

After years of experience, we find that packing in a large rubber or plastic tub to be the most efficient use of storage space in the cabin.

ARRIVAL DAY

A great experience starts with a great first day!

Years of experience have developed an Arrival Day process and schedule which provides the best start to the OverNight Camp experience. Each two week Session begins on a Sunday.
2016 sessions begin on Sundays: June 12, June 26, July 10 and July 24.

Arrival Times: Please do not arrive earlier than the times indicated. In order to best welcome each Camper there are different arrival times for each Camper Group. Parents with more than one child attending camp, should arrive with the oldest Camper.

12:00 PM C.I.T.'s (only those enrolled in the Counselor In Training Program)

1:00 PM All Adventurers (High Schoolers to age 17) and Pioneers (ages 13 and 14)

2:00 PM All Explorers (ages 10 to 12) and Trailblazers (ages 7 to 9)

Upon Arrival

Parking: Please park in the "Auto Corral" and bring your camper to the Lodge (lakeside dining hall). Bring only spending money, camper cell phone, medication, paper work and tuition payments, if any. Please leave all other gear in the car.

Check-In: Once inside the lodge, Parents and Campers are asked to stay together as they sign-in, receive a name tag, and check in any spending money and cell phone. Parents will be asked to confirm and update all contact information. Campers and Parents will meet with the infirmiry staff where health issues and medications are reviewed. All medication is checked-in to the Infirmary. Prescription medications must be in the original container with current dosage. Campers will receive a camp shirt.

Loading Into Cabins: After checking in, Parents will be able to drive near the assigned cabin where staff will assist with move in. Campers will select a bunk bed and move in. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with the Cabin Counselor(s). Please share any information which will help the Staff to provide a great experience. Campers will change into their camp shirt.

Back At The Lodge: Parents and Campers will meet many of the Staff and other Campers. There are games to enjoy and refreshments are available for everyone.

Parent Departure: At this point, parents are encouraged to say goodbye to their Camper. It is our goal to have all Campers moved-in and all parents departed by 3:30pm at which time the Session begins.

PICK-UP (DEPARTURE) DAY

Each Session ends on Saturday morning. Please arrive for pick-up at 11:00am. All departing Campers will be in the Lodge just shortly before 11:00am. Please do not arrive early as the Campers and Staff have many chores and tasks to complete before check-out may begin. If an alternate check-out time is needed, please notify the office in advance.

2016 sessions end on Saturday, June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 6

STAY OVER CAMPERS

A Camper staying for longer than one session is called a "StayOver Camper". They will depart camp mid-morning for a field trip. Upon returning to camp, all will enjoy a restful evening and good night sleep to be ready for another great session which begins the next day.

FLYING TO AND FROM SUMMER CAMP

Transportation to and from the Tampa International Airport is available at a cost of \$50 each way per Camper. Please coordinate with the Camp office before booking flights.

Arrival: Flights between 11:00am and 2:00 pm work best on Arrival Sundays.

Departure: The best departure times are between noon and 4:00pm on departure Saturdays.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Camper growth at an OverNight Camp comes, in part, from the independence experienced while being “Away at Summer Camp”. Campers of every age, unplugged from electronics, away from regular school friends and the family back home, become a part of a Camp Community making new friends, relying on their Cabin Counselors, and growing in self-confidence. Continuous communication with home would prevent the personal growth unique to the OverNight Summer Camp experience and increase homesickness.

We understand, however, that Parents back home desire to stay informed of their Camper's progress.

Based upon decades of experience, we have established the following practices and policies which allow parents to be informed of their camper's progress and insure that they have the full benefit of the OverNight Summer Camp experience.

Telephone Access – “TechTime”

Campers may bring a cell phone to camp. Cell phones are collected on Arrival Day and kept in the Camp Office. Twice each week for 30 minutes, Thursday evening and again on Sunday afternoons, Campers will have their cell phones for “TechTime” during which they are required to call their parents first. Parents should discuss with the Camper how they may use any remaining time. Parents should be prepared to receive calls during these times.

Campers without a cell phone will be given access to a phone to call home during TechTime. Skype can be made available to our international Campers.

A Camp Frontier Staff member will never allow a Camper to have telephone use outside of TechTime. The Camp Director may authorize telephone use in the event of an emergency.

Your Direct Connection For UpDates - Checking-Up via Text

New this summer, parents will be provided a cell number through which they can text directly with the a Staff member at any time. While we never put Campers on the phone (outside of TechTime), parents can receive text updates on their child. Please understand that the Staff's full attention is given to the Campers and activities. A reply will be sent as soon as possible. The text-only number will be sent to parents by email prior to arrival.

Email

Email is printed each afternoon and given to the Campers following dinner. Campers do not have the ability to reply to email. Send email to **camper@campfrontier.com**. Please insert the camper's name in the subject line (not as part of the email address). Please do not include attachments as only the email itself is printed.

Care Packages and Mail

Campers love to get mail and care packages of toys, books and games. If sending food or candy, please send enough to be shared with all cabin mates. Do not send mail certified or mail requiring a signature. Do not mail to the Camp's physical address. Please only send letters and packages to

Camp Frontier, [Camper's Name]
P.O. BOX 2555
Riverview, FL 33568

Campers may mail cards and letters home at any time. We have found that many of our Campers do not know how to properly address an envelope. Please review this with your child and/or send pre-addressed and stamped envelopes or post cards. International letters can be scanned and emailed.

YouTube - [YouTube.com/CampFrontierFlorida](https://www.youtube.com/CampFrontierFlorida)

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FaceBook - [Facebook.com/CampFrontierFlorida](https://www.facebook.com/CampFrontierFlorida)

Photos will be posted on FaceBook most every day. You do not need a FaceBook account to view pictures. Please LIKE our page and SHARE posts on your page for families and friends.

Camp Frontier will not tag Campers in photos.

Visitors Day

Camp Frontier operates a "closed camp". While we do not permit visitors to camp during the week, families are invited to visit camp each Sunday between Noon and 3:00pm.

If parents plan to take a Camper off-camp, please first sign-out and sign-in upon return. Written permission must be provided in order for a Camper to leave camp with an adult other than Parents or Guardians. For the majority of our Camper's living too far for visitors, there are activities and games planned during this time. Late afternoon and evening programs follow Visitor's Day for all Campers.

Smile and Relax: Remember - *No News is Good News.*

We will contact you should there be any serious problems or in the case of an emergency.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The Infirmary provides for the health, first-aid and medical needs of all at camp. Parents are notified of illness or injury if other than minor occurrences. Emergency care is provided at a nearby hospital and parents are notified after arrival. The cost of medical services, is the responsibility of parents.

Campers participating in waterfront activities are given ear drops to prevent ear infections.

If Campers have medical insurance please provide a copy of the insurance card. No physical or governmental health form is required.

Medication: Campers do not bring any medication to the cabin. Prescription medications must be in the original container. Camp Frontier will distribute only as instructed on the label. Distribution is managed and recorded by the health care provider. Campers may carry a prescription inhaler if needed.

CAMP FRONTIER FACILITIES

Over 200 pristine acres of wilderness with miles of hiking and horse trails

Arts and Craft Shack

Basketball/Tennis Court, Soccer Field, Sand Volleyball Court, Fields for sports and games

Bathrooms w/ private showers

Cabins (900 sq foot) are air-conditioned and have bunks, lights and fans, Girls and Boys Camps

Campfire area with a torch-lit stage

Challenge/Ropes Course with 3 levels (up to 40 feet) and over twenty activities

Equestrian Center includes large arenas, stalls and pasture

The HangOut: 4000 sq ft air-conditioned activity building with classrooms and a "Great Room"

Infirmary: air-conditioned first-aid facility for meeting a camper's healthcare needs

Lodge: An air-conditioned lakeside dining hall and Game Room

Marksmanship Range includes Archery, Archery Woods-Walk, B-B-Guns area

PaintBall Course with 12 dedicated acres

Waterfront: Lake Dot with floating Water Park, swimming, sailing and canoeing

Little Manatee River for canoe trips

Wood Working Pavilion

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

“Emergency Contact, Medical History, Enrollment Agreement” form must be completed by all camper’s parents/guardians and sent prior to arrival at Camp Frontier. No camper will be admitted to camp without this form on file. This form must be notarized.

A copy of the Camper’s **health insurance card** is to be attached to this form.

Field Trips

There is no additional cost for any of the FieldTrips and outings. All transportation, admission and food is included in the tuition of each program.

Theme Parks Trips: On the second Monday of each two week session, all Campers and Staff enjoy a day off-camp at one of Florida's theme parks. Admission, travel and meals are included in the tuition.

2016 Theme Park Schedule:

Session 1 - Busch Gardens

Session 2 - Universal Studios or Island Of Adventure

Session 3 - Walt Disney World

Session 4 - Universal Studios or Island Of Adventure

Campers choose a ThemePark group based on the type of rides they want to do. Each group of campers (ages 7 to 14) are accompanied by counselors. Adventurers enjoy the theme park in small groups. Each group is given food and beverage money which is managed by the Counselor.

Theme Park Pass: Does your child have a pass to a theme park which will be attended while at camp? Please consider sending it to camp. Please check in any passes on Arrival Day. For each child with a theme park pass, Camp Frontier will contribute \$50 to “Send A Hero’s Kid To Camp” which provides scholarship assistance to the children of Military and First Responder Heroes.

Beach and Bowling Party

During the late afternoon of the middle Sunday of each two week session, following Visitors Day, all Campers a field trip to a local bowling alley or to the beach.

Session 1 & 3 - Bowling Party

Sessions 2 & 4 - BeachBash & CookOut

Meals and Snacks

Three nutritious camper-friendly meals are served daily. Snacks are available during Camp Store each afternoon. (There is no additional money needed for Camp Store). An Evening Snack is provided just before the end of each day.

If there are any special dietary needs or restrictions, please reply with that information so that we may prepare prior to your arrival. (i.e. food allergies, vegetarian, religious requirements, etc.)

Spiritual Life

It is our hope that our campers and staff, of many faiths and backgrounds, may develop a spiritual foundation on which to be better prepared to deal with the decisions of today's world. There is a song of thanks-giving before all meals and a daily virtue theme is shared at morning flag.

A few times each session, Campers and Staff have the opportunity to participate in LateNight, a non-denominational praise and worship time. All are invited but not required to attend.

HomeSickness

Feeling homesick is a natural, common and healthy part of OverNight Camp. Staff will help Campers through homesickness by keeping them active in programs, and assuring them that they are safe and able to enjoy time away from home with their new camp friends. While it may seem that a phone call home would help, years of experience has taught us that contact with home makes homesickness worse.

We strongly discourage removing a child from camp due to homesickness as it also removes this unique opportunity for growth.

Conduct Code - "Respect for Self and Others"

The conduct of our Campers and Staff is imperative for a fun and safe experience for all. Thus, everyone must contribute to an atmosphere of patience and respect at all times. Campers choosing to be disruptive or who seriously diminish the experience of another, will be sent home. Expulsion can be for violence, bullying, theft, possession of weapons, drugs or alcohol, vandalism, refusing to obey Staff, leaving the cabins at night without permission, continued use of profane language, or endangering self or others.

Search and Seizure

Should the Camp Directors become aware that prohibited items may be in the possession of any Camper or Staff member, persons and belongings may be searched and prohibited items removed.

Refund Policy

Any and all deposits, fees or tuition paid is non-refundable should the camper not attend, go home during camp, or be expelled for any reason. Campers not completing a session for which they are registered will have the unused time (prorated) on credit for another time. In the event of expulsion these funds are forfeit as the Camper will not return to Camp Frontier.

"The Camp For Good Kids"

While we applaud camps with programs for children with behavioral issues, Camp Frontier is designed for those often overlooked children who are on track and possess age-appropriate self-control. We believe that they deserve a summer with other great kids.

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