

# IMPORTANT 2018 CAMP INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Please read the following information and review the camp policies and what to wear with your child.

**CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT** Registration on the first day of camp is from **10AM to 12PM**. When you arrive at camp, please come to the gymnasium located on the left side of the property once you enter the gates. Lunch will be served on the first day at 12:30PM. Student orientation will begin at 2PM. Check-out time on the last day of camp is 10AM. The Camp will close at 11AM on the final day of camp.

**CAMP AGE** All 4 weeks are for students entering grade 7 thru 12 and High School graduates as of June 2018. During recreation, there will be age sensitive events.

**MEALS** Meal times will be at 8AM, 12:30PM, and 5:30PM. The Shack (snack bar) will be open 2 times a day in case campers would like some candy or sodas, so you may choose to send \$3-5 per day for concessions. \$10 Snack Shack cards will be available for purchase and can be used in the Shack for concessions. *No lunch will be served on Friday.*

**CAMP REGISTRATION FEES** The price of camp includes: registration, tuition, lodging, meals and secondary insurance. If the registration process is not completed prior to the postmarked deadline, add a \$25 late fee. There will be no extensions. We strongly recommend early pre-registration. There is limited space at our facility, and the state will not permit an overflow position. The only way to guarantee your space is to pre-register. Any transfer of funds – other than the deposit - from one student to another must be done in advance and not on-site.

**PRE-REGISTRATION** No phone registrations or partial registrations will be accepted. Only a deposit with a completed online registration and camper consent & agreement form will hold a spot. Walk-ins may be accepted based on our capacity. Students or groups registering by the early registration deadline must pay the correct deposit amount to be eligible for the early registration pricing.

**REFUNDS** Due to programming costs, refunds for students who are unable to attend a full week of camp must be requested a minimum of seven days prior to the first day of camp. Refunds must be requested via Email [youth@penflorida.org](mailto:youth@penflorida.org). Refunds will be issued at the end of the camping season minus the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$50. We cannot refund monies for partial attendance to a week of camp. No refunds will be given for expelled students.

**WAITING LIST** Many camps fill up. If you pre-register and the camp is already over capacity you will be contacted and placed on a waiting list. Any cancellations will result in those beds being given to campers on the waiting list. Forfeited beds cannot automatically be claimed by new campers on registration day. Registration funds will be refunded if a bed is not available.

**LICE POLICY** Due to very close living conditions, major disruptions occur when there is a health problem. Lice is nearly impossible to treat in a dorm community such as camp. If a student is found to have lice, we will have to ask that they be picked up from camp, treated, and be nit free for 24-hours before returning to camp. It is recommended that these situations be monitored before leaving for camp. All camps will have complete checks before registration takes place. Please help us avoid embarrassing situations of having to either not admit or send a camper home.

**MEDICATION / SPECIAL MEDICAL REQUESTS** Please be sure to fully complete the *PFYouth Camper Medication Form* on which you must list all medications your child will be bringing and any special needs the First Aid Director should be made aware of. *This form is to be placed in a Ziploc bag with the medications and submitted to the First Aid Director on the first day of camp.*

**HOUSING** All students will be assigned to dormitory style rooms before arriving on the campgrounds on a first come first serve basis. Add-ons cannot be guaranteed to be housed with their group. We will do our best to accommodate housing requests, but with **NO GUARANTEES!** If the camp sells out you will be offered another week to attend, if available. There may be an opportunity to *pay an additional \$35* to stay at a local hotel or to displace a staff person to stay off-site at a hotel.

**NON-CAMPER POLICY** PFYouth summer camps are **CLOSED** camps. All camp activities including evening services are open only to registered campers and staff. Any child, student or adult violating this policy will be asked to leave the grounds.

**LOST & FOUND** Any lost and found items left on grounds after the conclusion of camp will be held for one month. If not claimed during that time period, they will be given away. Items will be shipped back to their owners at their owners' expense.

**CAMP PROPERTY DAMAGE** Charges for items broken/damaged during camp will be billed to all parties/individuals involved.

**CAMP POLICIES** By registering for camp, you agree to abide by all rules set forth by the Pen Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God, Masterpiece Gardens Campground, and the District Youth Director. Policies are given as guidelines for every camper to follow. This code of conduct has been established for your student's protection and the benefit of every person present. The lack of cooperation, unnecessary roughness, lack of respect for property, or an unwholesome attitude on the part of any camper will result in expulsion from camp. The expense of transporting the expelled camper(s) home from camp is the responsibility of the parents/guardians.

- We should strive at all times to conduct ourselves as Christian ladies and gentlemen with proper consideration shown for others.
- Attendance at all scheduled activities is compulsory.
- Room and grounds must be kept clean. Take care of property. Campers are responsible to pay for damage to dorms and camp property. Should an offender not be found, the dorm room members will be charged equally.
- Campers must be in bed and quiet at "lights out."
- Campers are not to enter another dorm without the counselor's permission.
- Due to security issues, we have a closed camp.
- No camper shall be allowed to leave the grounds or go out of bounds without proper permission from a camp executive.
- No fireworks, firearms, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, airsoft or paintball guns, improper reading materials, or pets will be allowed on the grounds.
- Lockers are provided in each room. Campers wishing to provide additional security may bring their own padlocks. Such locks are not provided by the camp or staff. Campers agree that their property may be checked if there is suspicion of theft or improper material.
- No excessive practical joking. Hazing and destruction of property will result in dismissal from camp.
- Bullying. Zero tolerance for bullying. Immediate dismissal of students bullying other students.

#### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Bible, Notepad & Pen
- Recreational Clothes
- Gym shoes
- Sleeping bag or twin bed sheets, blanket, pillow
- Towels & Wash Cloths
- Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Hairdryer
- Modest swimwear
- Spending money for snacks & camp store
- Water Bottle (refillable with name clearly marked)
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray
- Dirty Clothes Bag

Please clearly label all items. Campers are responsible for personal belongings. PFYouth is not responsible for lost/stolen items.

**WHAT NOT TO BRING** No electric devices, laptops, video games, Silly String, shaving cream, water guns, water balloons, tape, spray paint products. We encourage you NOT to bring cell phones, iPods, etc. If they are used during the service or planned activities, they will be secured by our staff.

#### **WHAT TO WEAR**

- *Abbreviated Attire* such as half shirts, backless or halter-type dresses or shirts, spaghetti straps or extremely tight garments will not be allowed by campers or staff.
- Shoes must be worn at all times – including to and from the pool.
- Shorts of modest length may be worn
- Bathrobes or a large towel must be worn over bathing suits to and from the pool. Guys, this includes you. T-shirt to cover chest must be worn to and from pool.
- Recreation during the day is often messy. Keep this in mind when you are planning what clothes to bring. You will want to bring older clothes and shoes that you can get wet, muddy and generally dirty. Ladies may want to wear a bathing suit under their clothing or a dark colored t-shirt for recreation.
- Pajamas are NOT allowed for recreation activities.
- If a camper's clothing is deemed inappropriate they will be asked to change.

**QUESTIONS?** If your student is coming with your church or another group, please contact the youth pastor or church directly with questions.

**CAMP LOCATION** Masterpiece Gardens is located at 3900 Great Masterpiece Rd, Lake Wales, FL 33898

**CAMPER MAIL** If you are interested in sending your camper mail while at camp, please forward it to the student c/o Masterpiece Gardens, 3900 Great Masterpiece RD, Lake Wales, FL 33898-8659.

Camper Mail address is given for the purpose of sending mail to the campers. **DO NOT MAIL REGISTRATIONS TO THIS ADDRESS.** Late fees will apply if delay is due to sending registration material to the campground address.