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Camp Jordan 2012 Parent Handbook

Director's Note

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Camp Jordan! For many of you, welcome back! I am very excited that your child has registered to join us at camp this summer.

We have made a few changes to our registration process this year to make preparing for camp faster and easier for you. Beyond registration changes we have expanded our teen programming selections this year, providing enhanced LIT & CIT programs, and re-introducing the Adventure Bound Trip Program.

It is my hope that this handbook will answer most of your questions regarding Camp Jordan, but please don't hesitate to call if you have any further questions.

I look forward to meeting you and your camper this coming summer.

Best Regards,

Emerald Russell
Bangor Y Camp Jordan Director
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Camp Jordan Dates

- Session 1 July 1-7
- Session 2 July 8-14
- Session 3 July 15-21
- Session 4 July 22-28
- Session 5 July 29- August 4

- Leader In Training July 15-August 4
- Counselor In Training June 24-July 14

- Adventure Bound trips
 - Climb, Hike Raft & Ropes 1 June 24-30
 - Allagash July 8-14
 - Climb, Hike, Raft & Ropes 2 July 15-21

Registration

Camp Jordan registration and subsequent paperwork will take place online this year!

- All campers are encouraged to register online at www.campjordan.org. A pdf guide will take you step-by-step through the process.
- Activity selections must be made online. Be sure to use the same email address and password you use to register for camp for your activity login.
- You will be filling out your camper's health forms at www.campdoc.com. You will be contacted by CampDoc shortly after the new year with login information and directions.

We want to provide as much guidance as needed for first-time users, so please don't hesitate to call the Bangor Y at 207-941-2808 if you have any difficulty with the online system.

Families have until May 1 to pay in full, select class preferences, and submit health information. As always, class selection is on a first come, first serve basis and we cannot make guarantees.

Registration Questions

Please direct registration questions to Maria Robshaw via email at mrobshaw@bangory.org, or by phone at 207-941-2808 until June 1, 2012 and at 207-619-4772 after June 1, 2012.

Scholarships and Fundraising

Money should never keep a young person from a life-changing experience like Camp Jordan. Contact Maria Robshaw to inquire about the following fundraising programs to help you pay for camp this year:

- Polar Plunge
- Camp Jordan Calendars
- Dear Friend Letters

Scholarships will still be available, but preference is given to campers who make an effort to fundraise for his/her tuition.

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Fee Policy

Participants who pre-register for camp must pay in full by May 1, 2012. Registrations made after May 1, 2012 must pay in full at the time of registration. After June 1, 2012 no changes may be made to campers' registrations except for adding sessions.

Fee Agreement

I understand that I am responsible for full payment of any and all weeks of camp my child is registered for regardless of attendance, unless notice is given in writing by May 1, 2012. The deposit is non-refundable. I have read or have had read to me the fee policy and agreement. I understand and accept its terms.

Health Forms

Every year parents must submit information regarding their camper's health history and medications. Shortly after the new year you will be contacted with instructions on how to submit that information to the secure site www.campdoc.com. After entering your camper's information you will receive a form that you must have your camper's physician fill out and fax to us at 888-535-4407.

Physical Exams

All campers must have undergone a complete physical exam in the past 24 months. On the years he/she does not receive a physical you must have your child's physician enclose a copy of his/her physical with the CampDoc health form.

Self-Administered Medications

Any camper who is required to have self-administered emergency medication i.e. asthma inhalers, epinephrine pens, etc. must have a signature from both a parent/guardian and primary health provider on the form provided.

Lost and Found

Parents, please check the Lost and Found when you pick up your camper. You and your camper are responsible for your belongings. Camp Jordan is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen items. Please do not pack new clothes. Camp is a place for outdoor activities and things may get dirty, stained, ripped, etc.

Drop Off

In an attempt to make check-in a faster process please arrive at the following times on Sunday. If your camper's last name begins with **A-M** please arrive at **2:00pm**, if your camper's last name begins with **N-Z** please arrive at **2:30pm**.

Camp Commencement Ceremony & Pick Up

There will be a brief ceremony on the Saturday morning of each session. This will give you an opportunity to meet your camper's counselors and watch him/her receive participation awards and possibly other accolades. Parents are encouraged to join us in the **King Dining Hall at 9:30am** and expect to leave by 10:30am.

Mail

Letters from home are the most welcome form of communication. Everyone loves mail! Please write cheerful, newsy letters that will reinforce the positive experience your child is having. Be sure to indicate the cabin name on the letter.

Camper Name, Cabin Name
101 Camp Jordan Way
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Telephone Calls

These days many campers have cell phones and parents keep in contact with their children far more often than in the past. Because of this we acknowledge that a week or more away from home may be difficult for some campers. We generally discourage phone calls from home to help campers fully immerse in their experience. That being said, if an encouraging phone call home might help a camper we will give him/her the opportunity to call you. If you would like an update on your camper feel free to call the camp at 207-619-4772 and we will either connect you with your camper or with one of his/her counselors.

Visiting

Since our sessions only last one week we do not encourage visitors during the camper's stay. Parents whose campers are staying for more than one week are welcome to pick up their child Saturday afternoon and return on Sunday.

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Cabin Assignments

Campers are assigned to cabins based on age. We do our best to accommodate cabin mate requests, but we cannot guarantee that requests will be granted.

What Should I Bring?

Each camper should have enough clothes for one week. Below is our recommended clothing list for one week of camp.

Clothing

- Socks- daily change
- Underwear- daily change
- Long pants- 2 or 3 pair
- Shorts- 2 or 3 pair
- Shirts- 5 or 6
- Sweatshirt or fleece
- Rain coat
- Sneakers
- Two pairs of shoes (sneakers or hiking boots)
- Swimsuit (one piece for girls)
- Belt
- Hat
- Pajamas
- Warm jacket

Toiletries/Bedding

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Soap and soap dish
- Shampoo
- Comb or brush
- Washcloths- 2
- Towels- 2 or 3
- Pillow and pillow case
- Sleeping bag

Other

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Stationary, pens and stamps
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunscreen
- Fan for hot nights

Optional

- Camera
- Backpack or day pack
- Water bottle for camping

Please do not bring

- Cellphones
- Gum
- Rollerblades
- iPods/Mp3 players
- Any electrical devices
- Valuables

All such items will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp. Camp Jordan is not responsible for any lost or damaged personal items.

Wednesday Night Camping Trip

When registering for activities your camper can decide if he/she wants to go on our Wednesday night camping trip. It is possible to change this decision while at camp, but we would like to know ahead of time for our planning purposes and yours. If your camper will be camping please ensure that they bring a sleeping bag (not sheets and blankets) and two pillowcases.

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, Fireworks, Weapons

Camper use and/or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, and weapons of any kind are strictly prohibited. The use of, possession of, or substantiated suspicion of use or possession are grounds for immediate dismissal from camp without a refund.

Directions to Camp Jordan from Bangor:

Take the 395 exit off Interstate 95, heading east on Route 1A toward Ellsworth and Bar Harbor. Travel approximately 15 miles on Route 1A and watch for a Camp Jordan sign on your right. Turn right onto Winkumpaugh Road and continue for approximately 0.5 miles. Turn left at the Camp Jordan sign on Hansons Landing Rd. Travel approximately 0.5 miles until you see our sign on the right. Turn into the driveway and proceed to the parking lot. Please do not drive beyond the parking lot.

Directions to Camp Jordan from Ellsworth:

Take Route 1A toward Bangor for 10.2 miles from the intersection of Rout 1 and 1A in Ellsworth. Turn left onto Winkumpaugh Road and continue for approximately 0.5 miles. Turn left at the Camp Jordan sign on Hansons Landing Rd. Travel approximately 0.5 miles until you see our sign on the right. Turn into the driveway and proceed to the parking lot. Please do not drive beyond the parking lot.

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