



CHAPERONE INFORMATION

Listed below are the responsibilities of Camp Kern Chaperones:

- Accompany children on the school buses.
- Two-Three Chaperones/Parents will be assigned to each cabin of 6-10 students
- Never allow a child to go anywhere alone. A child may not be left alone in the cabin.
- An adult must accompany children to and from the cabins, restrooms and lodge.
- Boys and girls must remain in their own designated areas.
- Children may not visit other cabins.
- No food or electronic devices are allowed in the cabins.
- Children are required to keep their cabin clean.
- No pillow fights, horseplay or roughhousing in cabins.
- Lights out by 10 pm.
- Assign two children to "KP" duty each meal.
- Sit with the children during meals and encourage good table manners.
- If a chaperone has a behavior problem with any child, take that child directly to TMCS Representative – Joanna Pitttenger and Rebecca Schinaman
- If a child is currently on medication, becomes ill or gets hurt send him/her to the TMCS Joanna Pitttenger, TC Paramedic.
- Parents will need to participate in the organized activities (please refrain from helping students on group-building activities).
- Adults may help themselves to coffee, tea or hot chocolate anytime.
- Cabins must be swept and all luggage and sleeping bags packed up and out on the porch by Saturday morning before breakfast.
- **Keep clothes at least three feet away from heaters.** Do not turn heaters all the way up. They will shut off!!!!
- Join in or help with organized activities
- Enjoy the kids and have fun

Thank you for volunteering your time to help make this a positive, unforgettable experience for your child.



CAMP RULES

1. Follow all school rules.
2. Respect all adults
3. Respect nature – stay on trails, don't litter
4. Be quiet when an adult raises his/her hand. Listen to all directions
5. No child is to go anywhere alone.
6. No child is to be in the cabin area without adult supervision
7. No child is to be in any cabin other than his or her own.
8. Stay in designated areas: boys in boys' area and girls in girls' area.
9. Stay away from propane tanks.
10. No Food in cabin
11. No Pillow fights.
12. Lights out at designated time.
13. No electronic devices. (Includes cell phones)
14. Keep restrooms and cabins neat and orderly
15. Use good table manners. Don't waste food.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN
BEING SENT HOME WITHOUT A REFUND.**

Discipline Form

(Please fill out and return this form)

Child's Name _____

In the event that my child does not follow the Camp and TMCS rules for expected behavior while at Camp Kern. I am aware that I will be called and will be expected to pick up my child immediately.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. As a convenience to parents, L.T. Ball's doors will be open at 7:30 am the day of departure to drop off gear and medication. ALL gear is to be taken to the CAFETERIA and put with the correct cabin number sign. ALL SLEEPING GEAR, CLOTHING AND LUGGAGE MUST BE MARKED WITH NAME AND CABIN NUMBER. NOTE: Each Student may bring one suitcase, plus bedding.
2. Students need to be at the School by 8:30 am. **Buses will leave promptly at 9:15 am**
3. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 7:45-8:30 AM, **ALL MEDICINES ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL AND GIVEN TO THE TMCS NURSE. MEDICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ANY EARLIER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**, 7:45-8:30 AM. All medicines must be in a plastic baggie, labeled in the original container with the student's name, cabin number, dosage and when it is to be administered. Medication will only be given by the volunteer nurse.
4. The **"PARENT RELEASE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL" form MUST BE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN FOR ANY PRESCRIPTION OR OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES.** If you have a form on file at the school, a parent may request a copy of their child's medication form. Please remember that the medicine form on file at school only covers medicine taken during the day, if a child has other medication that needs to be taken, a new form needs to be completed by a physician. Please return this form to the TMCS office.

NO FORM = NO MEDICINE GIVEN, not even a cough drop.

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP MEDICINE, AERSOL MACHINES, ETC. UPON RETURN FROM CAMP

5. **Students will return on February 19th to L.T. Ball School between 5:30-6:00 pm.** A One-Call Now will be placed once the buses are loaded and have left Camp Kern. If you plan on picking up your own child from camp, please let us know in writing so we can arrange for the correct number of buses on the return trip.
6. **NO CHILD MAY RIDE HOME WITH ANY ADULT OTHER THAN HIS OR HER OWN PARENT.**



PARENT'S GUIDE

Camp Kern Outdoor Education Center

We are excited that your child will be participating in our outdoor education program. Our goal is to instill a deeper respect for the natural world as well as for other people, while having fun at the same time. Hopefully, this sheet will answer some of your questions. If you have any questions, please feel free to call anytime.

PROGRAM: Your child will be participating in a highly-organized learning experience. We teach about the outdoors by being outdoors. He or she may go on a fossil hunt, meet costumed “pioneers” from the year 1810, walk through our peaceful 200 year old Beech forest, and/or collect and study critters from our ponds.

FACILITIES: Camp Kern is accredited by the American Camping Association, having met high standards of excellence in staff, administration, program, health and safety. The facilities are completely winterized and kept in excellent condition by our maintenance staff.

SUPERVISION: The camp naturalists and chaperones combine for a ratio of about one adult leader to every 6-10 children. The children are actively involved in supervised programs the entire day. Parent Chaperones provide overnight supervision in the cabins.

FOOD: The wholesome meals, served family-style, have earned Camp Kern’s kitchen an enviable reputation among camps coast to coast. Designated children act as “hoppers”, setting the tables and keeping platters full. **If your child has food allergies the parent must contact the Camp Kern Kitchen Director at 513-932-3756 ext. 1516.**

MEDICAL: Minor health problems are taken care of by the Camp Kern staff, our teachers, or the volunteer nurse in the camp Health Center. The Bethesda Care Center is located just six miles from camp and is open 24 hours to handle any possible emergencies. Parents are immediately notified of any necessary care.

CLOTHING: It is very important that your child has clothing that will suit whatever weather may occur (see “Packing List”). We will do indoor activities if it is bitterly cold or if there is a thunderstorm, but will venture out in “normal “ amounts of wind, rain, snow or cold. Clothing that is left behind when the group leaves camp will be stored at Camp Kern for one full week.

LOCATION: Camp Kern is located six miles east of Lebanon, Ohio, on State Route 350 (about ten minutes north of King’s Island, off I-71). Our phone number is 513-932-3756. Feel free to call during office hours if you have any questions (or anytime if it is an emergency).



PACKING LIST

1 SUITCASE OR DUFFEL BAG (CABIN NUMBER AND NAME ON IT)

1 BAG OF BEDDING (CABIN NUMBER AND NAME ON IT)

Cabin number tags will also be available that morning at the school.

ESSENTIAL CLOTHING (in case of rain/snow)

- 1 Pair of warm waterproof boots – NO UGGS
- Waterproof raincoat or poncho

OTHER CLOTHING

- 2 Pair of jeans/old pants
- 1 Pair of sneakers – not recommended for cold weather
- 3 Changes of underwear
- 4 Pairs of heavy socks
- Sweater or sweatshirt
- Pajamas
- Laundry bag or pillowcase (Can be heavy duty plastic bag)
- 1 Shirt (long-sleeved)
- Camp Kern Shirt
- 1 Long-sleeved turtleneck or shirt

EXTRA CLOTHING (in case of cold weather)

- Hat/scarf 2 pairs of gloves or mittens
- Heavy Coat or several light-weight coats to be worn together
- Long underwear

EQUIPMENT

- Toothbrush and toothpaste Deodorant Soap and shampoo
- 1 washcloth and towel Pillow Flashlight
- Water bottle Comb or brush Fanny pack
- Pencils Notebook
- Twin fitted sheet to put on mattress (even if you bring a sleeping bag)
- Sleeping bag or 1 twin fitted sheet, 1 flat sheet and blanket (cabins are heated)

DON'T BE SORRY – PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERYTHING!

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: SPRAY INSECT REPELLENT, SNACKS, GUM, FOOD, MONEY, HATCHETS/KNIVES, RADIOS, HEADSETS, OR ELECTRONIC GAMES.

Items left at the school, will be held for one week. Unclaimed items will be disposed of.