

## Overnights

1st - 2nd grades: no overnight  
3rd - 4th and 5th - 6th grades: Thursday  
7th - 8th grades: Wednesday & Thursday

### Your camper should bring:

- ▶ sleeping bag or blanket
- ▶ pillow
- ▶ pajamas or sleeping attire
- ▶ flashlight
- ▶ change of clothes
- ▶ toothbrush & toothpaste
- ▶ light jacket or sweatshirt

### Your camper should NOT bring (for camp AND overnight):

- ▶ cell phones
- ▶ iPad, iPod, mp3 players
- ▶ other electronic communication devices

**Thursday cookout (5:30 p.m.):** hot dogs (we will prepare any vegetarian hot dogs campers bring), chips, Jell-O, carrots, baked beans, brownies, cold drinks.

**Friday Breakfast (8:00 a.m.):** pancakes, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk

**Friday Lunch (varies from 12:00 to 12:30):** macaroni & cheese, applesauce, carrots, cookies, drink

**Note:** if your camper has a special dietary need, we will be happy to prepare the food **if you provide it**. Also, please list that need on the health form.

\* Menu for 7th & 8th grade camps available upon request.

**Lodging:** All campers will stay overnight in the dorm rooms of the Carriage House lodge, boys and girls on separate floors.

**Overnights are optional:** Campers who choose not to stay, or who need to leave and return, are asked to bring a signed statement from parent or guardian to their

senior counselor with the time of departure and anticipated arrival time back at camp. The camper must be signed out at the time of pickup and signed in upon return.

Decisions to not stay for the overnight should be made **prior to 8:00 pm**. Campers choosing not to stay may be dismissed at any time Thursday evening. Best times would be at **6:30 (after supper), 8:00 (before campfire), or 9:30 (after campfire)**. Calls home will generally **not be encouraged** after **8:00 pm**.

## Camper-to-counselor ratio

6-to-1 for 1st - 4th grades

8-to-1 for 5th - 8th grades

Campers are divided into smaller groups of 10 to 20, depending on camp enrollment

**Camp T-Shirts and Group Photos** are available as a memento of your camper's week of camp.

**Shirts:** Pre-ordering is the best way to guarantee a shirt in the size you desire. If stock is available, shirts can be purchased on Monday morning at the registration table or each day at checkout in the pavilion. The cost is \$15 per shirt. To assure shirts are available in the size you desire, please order at least 3 weeks prior to camp.

**Group photos** of your child's week of camp are taken on Monday and must be ordered and paid for on Monday morning or pre-ordered with registration. The cost is \$5 and photos can be picked up on Friday of your camp week at closing.

## Closing Ceremonies

A short program showing the impact of the week (about 40 minutes) is held in the pavilion for parents and families of campers on Fridays.

\* For **Kinder Kamp** and **1st - 4th grade** day camp, closing starts at 1:30 pm

\* For **Adventure Camps** closing starts at 3:30 pm

**FIVE PINES  
MINISTRIES**



## **CAMPER INFORMATION HANDBOOK**

*Everything you need to know about  
your child's week at camp*



## **Camp Hours**

### **Day Camps** (grades 1-4)

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

### **Adventure Camps** (grades 5-8)

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

### **KinderKamp**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 12:15 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm



**Camp lunches now  
provided by Five Pines**

Five Pines thanks you for the registration of your child in our day camp. Our staff strives to maintain focus on Biblical principles, family values, and your child's safety in our camps.

In order to ensure that your child has the best experience possible, **please take time to read the following information carefully.** Contact us with any questions not answered here, either by e-mail: [fivepines@fivepines.org](mailto:fivepines@fivepines.org) or by phone at (269) 815-5527.

### General Camp Policies & Procedures

**Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. on Monday** in the Harv Chrouser Activity Center (red barn).

**Please complete the following online through CampBrain:**

- ▶ **Health Form**
- ▶ **Daily Parent Release Form**
- ▶ **Camp Buddy Request**

Adventure & High Adventure Camp also need:

- ▶ **Off-Property Parental Release form**
- ▶ **Assumption of Risk form**

### Your camper needs to bring to camp:

- ☞ **Lunch is now provided by Five Pines.**
- ▶ Five Pines provides drinks, plus morning and afternoon snacks.
- ☞ **Swimsuit** (modest, one-piece) & **towel**
- ☞ **Sunscreen & Hat**
- ☞ **Bug repellent** (lotion/cream preferred)
- ☞ **Water bottle** (optional)

**Note:** *KinderKampers will only swim on Tuesday and Thursday (or the next available day if weather interferes).*

Remind campers to bring these items home daily. Unclaimed items will go to Goodwill around Labor Day. **Five Pines is not responsible for lost or damaged clothing.** Please put your camper's name on all items.

**Footwear:** For safety in woods and around camp, please have your camper wear socks and closed-toe shoes. **Sandals or flip-flops not permitted.**

### **Daily Camper Release Plan**

In order to ensure that your camper is released only to those individuals designated on your release form, please comply with the following:

- At the close of each day, you or your authorized driver is asked to park in the main parking lot, in front of the pool. Go to the pavilion to sign out your camper and others being picked up. Names are checked against those on the child's release form. **A photo ID is required as well.**

- You will get a color-coded tag with the camper's name. Take it to the table with that color sign and give it to the counselor.

- Upon receipt of tag, the counselor will release the camper for the day.

- When a custodial parent requests that a camper **NOT** be released to a non-custodial parent, please denote this when completing the online form.

- If changes require addition of a person to pick up your camper, please call our office at (269) 815-5527 as early as possible. You will not be able to change that information online, once submitted.

- If your camper needs to leave and return during camp hours, we request a written note be handed in at the checkout table in the pavilion, one day prior if possible. Include camper's name, estimated time of departure and return, and an authorized signature. Campers will be released only to authorized persons listed on your release form. Camper must be signed back in at the office upon return.

**Daytime** release - camp office

**Evening** release - camp health office (red barn)

**Late-night** emergency release - health office (red barn)

**The health and safety** of each camper is very important to the staff of Five Pines. Our Health Officer is available Monday during registration, as well as on the morning of all overnight camps, to receive medications and discuss any special needs of each camper. Please turn over to the health officer **ALL medication** your camper will be taking at camp and tell him/her of **any emotional or behavioral problems** that we should be aware of. State law requires that all medication be in the **ORIGINAL container**. Please do not bring loose, unmarked pills or medications.

On your online health form you may authorize the health officer to dispense common over-the-counter medications such as Pepto-Bismol, Tylenol, anti-itch cream, etc. **Please specify on your online health form specific items you would not like to be used.**

### **Evaluations**

We welcome your feedback. At the end of each week of camp we will send a link to an online survey regarding your child's camp experience. These surveys can be completed in 10 minutes or less. Thank you in advance for giving us your thoughts.

### **Themed dress days (optional)**

**Mondays** - Whatever you choose (most change into their camp shirts for group pictures)

**Tuesdays** - hats, hats, hats

**Wednesdays** - backwards and mismatch day

**Thursdays** - wear group colors

**Fridays** - camp t-shirts for closing ceremony