

Dear Parent of a Ridge Haven Camper:

Please double check the date and camp you have registered your camper for and that they are attending the same camp as their friend, church and age group. If your plans change, and your camper cannot attend camp for any reason, please notify our office immediately. **All cancellations are to be handled through our office. Please do not pass on your cancellation to your church or to your friend to fill. Ridge Haven often has its own waiting list.** If Ridge Haven is not notified prior to first day of camp about a cancellation, and the camper has paid in full, there will be NO refund. Registration Fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Please make final payment at least one (1) week prior to the start of camp. This helps make registration run much faster and you will avoid a **\$10.00 Late Fee**.

FOR REGULAR CAMP – BRING:

1. **Bedding:** Sleeping Bag or twin sheets, pillowcases, (pillow provided), towels, toiletries, Bible, notebook, pen
2. **Clothes:** plenty of grubbies, casual clothes for informal meetings, modest one-piece swimsuit, jacket, and laundry bag
3. **Shoes:** tennis shoes and hiking or sturdy outdoor shoes, sandals with heel strap for rafting and water shoes for pool if you desire
4. **Money** for sodas (\$1.00) sport drinks (\$1.25) and Camp Store items: souvenirs, and camp t-shirt
5. **Medications:** Any medications your camper takes or might need to take while at camp (see details in Step 2 of registration instruction below) Emergency medical attention is available at all times. Special instructions should be sent to camp for those taking medications or those with special dietary needs.
6. **DO NOT BRING** electronics, cell phone, snacks, alcohol, tobacco (any form), drugs, firearms, knives, t-shirts with questionable advertising or sayings.
7. **Mark all items** with camper's full name.

FOR JUNIOR GREAT ADVENTURE CAMP – BRING THE ABOVE, AS WELL AS:

Sleeping Bag, flashlight, pillow, long sleeve shirt and long pants. (*Sleeping one night in a tent*)

FOR JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH GREAT ADVENTURE WEEK – BRING THE FOLLOWING CAMPING EQUIPMENT:

Sleeping bag, bed roll, pillow, mess kit with mug, a back pack to attach sleeping bag, insect repellent, long sleeve shirt and pants, hat, good hiking shoes, clothes pins, flashlight, towels, toiletries, and 2 water bottles. Remember you will be staying in a tent all week so come prepared. **DO NOT BRING** electronics, cell phone, snacks, alcohol, tobacco (any form), drugs, firearms, knives, t-shirts with questionable advertising or sayings. Mark all items with camper's full name.

FOR SENIOR HIGH APPALACHIAN TRAIL ADVENTURE – BRING:

Shorts and hiking pants with zip off legs, t-shirts, 2 extra pair of socks, light jacket, change of clothes at the end of the day, (its recommended not to wear cotton), good hiking boots, flashlight, towel, toiletries, personal first aid kit and medicine, travel roll of toilet paper, large zip lock bag for dirty clothes, and 2 water bottles. Optional Items: small camp pillow, shoes or sandals for evening, if you prefer something other than oatmeal for breakfast you may bring grits etc., or bring tuna or chicken in packets for lunch and your very own special trail mix in a plastic jar. Mark all items with camper's full name.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION - Please follow carefully!

DIRECTONS TO RIDGE HAVEN: Double click or go to this link - <http://www.ridgehaven.org/rhdirections.html>

Do not stop at the office, but follow the registration road signs as you enter Ridge Haven.

MONDAY: Registration is held between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. (NO EARLY ARRIVALS)

SATURDAY: Camper Pick-up is required BEFORE 10:00 a.m.

STEP 1 - Registration: The area will be roped off and the camper ONLY will weave in and out of this area just like a theme park. Each camper will receive his/her dorm assignment and will turn in a card with emergency phone numbers for parents not staying at home/work while the camper is at Ridge Haven. Also, this is where it will be determined if the camper will need to check in with the Camp Nurse/Medical Person. All accounts should be paid in full before the first day of camp unless other arrangements have been made by the Guest Services Manager. However, if you have not paid, this is the station where payment will be collected along with a \$10.00 late fee per camper. Please be sure the camper has their medication and camp store money before entering the line. In almost all cases, if you have followed the instructions given above, the camper will be able to give us all the information we need.

STEP 2 - Camp Nurse: Emergency medical attention is available at all times. Special instructions should be sent to camp for those taking medications or those with special dietary needs. Here the camper will turn in any and all medications to the Camp Nurse/TLC. If bringing medications, they should be placed in a labeled zip lock bag with instructions inside. (Please bring the medications to registration and do not leave them in the car, van, suitcase etc.)

STEP 3 - Camp Bank: All Junior and Junior High campers are required to put their money in the Camp Bank for safekeeping. The bank is also available to Senior High campers, but not required. Please read Ridge Haven Bank instructions below. The camp bank is open whenever the camp store is open. Hours will be announced the first day of camp.

DEPOSITS: The Bank will be open for deposits during registration AND camp store hours.

WITHDRAWALS: During Camp Store hours, money for stamps, candy or sodas may be withdrawn from your account.

To make a purchase from the Camp Store:

1. Pick up your bank card from the bank and bring it into the Camp Store.
2. After choosing your purchases, bring the cashier your card and the amount of your purchase will be subtracted from your card. You will initial this amount on your card.*
3. Return your card to the bank. The banker will pay the Camp Store for your purchase.
4. **Any money left in your account should be withdrawn the last night of camp and after supper.**

**Each time you make a deposit, withdrawal or a Camp Store purchase, you must agree with the amount in the account or the amount of the purchase and put your initial after each item. It is very important that you and the banker or the Camp Store salesperson agree on the balance left in your account and/or the amount of your purchase. When you initial your card, you are agreeing with what is on your card.*

RIDGE HAVEN CAMP RULES AND REGULATIONS

Every camper receives focused one-on-one ministry from his/her counselor. Ridge Haven counselors are thoroughly screened in the application process and undergo two weeks of intensive training. These young men and women exhibit godly lifestyles and loving concern for young people, providing a tremendous role model of faith in Jesus Christ. As a Christian Camp, Ridge Haven stresses mutual respect and teamwork. All campers are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. A list of camper Rules and Regulations are listed below and should be read to each camper. They are expected to know, understand, and follow these rules.

Campers: The Staff at Ridge Haven wants you to have the best experience possible while you are here; therefore, we have established some guidelines for you to follow. For fun times at camp please read and remember the following:

1. Campers (Senior Highs) that drive to camp must leave their car parked for the entire week.
2. All weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, and fireworks are forbidden.
3. Campers are not allowed to enter the cabins of the opposite sex.
4. Campers must gain permission from their counselor before playing any pranks.
5. Campers must be in bed with lights out at the appointed time. No other activities are allowed after lights out.
6. Campers are discouraged from going to the rooms of chaperones (including parents) that are staying at Ridge Haven during camp.
7. Campers must accept the authority of the counselors and staff of Ridge Haven.
8. Fire extinguishers are to be used for putting out fires ONLY.
9. Only modest one-piece bathing suits are allowed.
10. Female campers will not be allowed to wear crop tops, and spaghetti strap tops.

Definition of crop tops: A blouse or T-shirt that reveals the stomach.

Definition of spaghetti straps top: A blouse or T-shirt that has thin straps that come across the shoulders.

FACILITIES FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH WORKERS

Facilities are available for youth leaders and parents to stay at Ridge Haven during camp. However, reservations MUST be made through the office PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. Youth workers, pastors, and/or parents wishing to stay at Ridge Haven during the time their camper is at camp must contact the Ridge Haven office to make a reservation for a room. (Please have limited participation with camper.)

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