

FAQ's About Summer 2019 Camp Asbury Resident Camps

- ❖ ***Where do campers eat?*** Asbury Dining Hall. (Adventure Base campers will eat some of their meals at their campsite; trip campers eat off-site; a small group cookout or two is a scheduled activity within most programs).
- ❖ ***What do campers eat?*** Three healthy family-style meals and an evening snack each day. Camp Asbury works with Birdsong Farm, Hiram, OH, a local organic grower to provide fresh salad bar greens. No pop, candy or snacks are sold in the camp store.
- ❖ ***Where are the bathrooms?*** Otterbein Retreat Center and Asbury lower level for the cabin area. (Day campers utilize Epworth Retreat Center, Adventure Base campers and some special theme camps utilize Shaw Retreat Center or Epworth Retreat Center).
- ❖ ***How often do campers shower?*** Usually every other day, or as needed.
- ❖ ***Where do campers sleep?*** In gender-specific cabins. (At the Adventure Base, campers sleep in gender-specific tipis or Adirondack shelters).
- ❖ ***What is the ratio of staff to campers?*** 1: 6 for ages 6-8; 1:8 for ages 9-14; 1:10 for ages 15-18.
- ❖ ***Will my camper use the mudslide?*** Campers in 6th grade and up may use the mudslide. For some programs, “to do or not to do” the mudslide is a group choice. Younger campers may use Asbury’s version of a portable slip-n-slide.
- ❖ ***Should my camper bring snacks to camp, or can I send a care package during the week?*** The ants and critters will love you for it. Your fellow campers will probably be upset by it. Bringing snacks to camp is discouraged.
- ❖ ***Where is the swimming pool?*** Asbury utilizes a health department approved natural waterfront for on-site aquatic activities.
- ❖ ***What is a “Home in the Woods”?*** Every small group is assigned a unique destination in Camp Asbury’s woods for their week at camp. A “Home in the Woods” can be visited multiple times for such activities as a cookout, a Bible study, a sleep out or a small group campfire.

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- ❖ ***Can I e-mail my camper?*** Families can send a daily one-way e-mail to info.campasbury.org. E-mails are printed and delivered once per day with other mail. **Campers still love to receive real mail at camp! It's the best.**
- ❖ ***Does our family need to be United Methodist to attend Camp Asbury?*** No, Camp Asbury welcomes families of all Christian communions and families with no church connection to participate in Asbury summer camp programs. Asbury's staff represents a variety of Christian communions. Camp Asbury welcomes all.
- ❖ ***How do you deliver the summer 2019 theme: "Welcome Home?"*** Home is a safe, secure, and happy place where we are all free to be who we really are, free to be the people God intends us to be. Camp is a place where we can learn what it truly means to feel at home. A morning devotion introduces the theme each day, campers in their small group participate in a daily Bible study, and camp-wide worship (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evening) connects with the theme. Teachable moments, experiential activities and learning areas develop the spiritual theme.
- ❖ ***How does the weekly theme affect my camper's experience?*** The weekly theme is a way to bring the whole resident camp together for fun, creative and goofy camp-wide activities—usually in the evening. The weekly theme is a way of adding distinctive "flavor" to each week—especially for campers who return for multiple weeks of the summer. Regardless of the weekly theme your camper will have the opportunity to do all the classic camp activities that Camp Asbury has to offer. No two days at camp are ever the same. No two weeks are the same either. Campers don't have to be in "love" with the weekly theme to enjoy their week at camp—it's just a way of adding spice to the week.
- ❖ ***How is health care handled?*** Camp Asbury utilizes a resident camp nurse. The camp nurse is in charge of community well-being including the administration of medication, treatment of minor and routine health concerns. Small group counselors are trained in first aid, CPR, AED.
- ❖ ***How many campers does Camp Asbury serve?*** Camp Asbury is committed to building relationships in small groups. An average camper population of 40-80 campers per week is organized into 6 to 9 small groups. Camp Asbury's organization and population size affords your camper plenty of individual attention. Your camper will not get lost in the "crowd." We consider this a good thing.

You're invited to direct any questions that you have about Camp Asbury or its programs to camp director, Bill Graham, by phoning him at 330.569.3171 or e-mailing him at bill@campasbury.org.

