



Camp Asbury

A Ministry of the East Ohio Conference
of the United Methodist Church



A Guide for Parents & Guardians

CAMP ASBURY: A PLACE OF FAITH

For over sixty years Camp Asbury has been putting people in touch with creation and with God. Asbury's 450 acres of woods, streams, wetlands, and meadows invite a response of wonder, caring and thanksgiving. Asbury is a place where learning happens with hearts, minds, and hands. Camp Asbury provides a safe environment for campers and staff to explore and grow in the Christian faith through shared outdoor experiences and small group conversation. Helping people develop habits and a lifestyle that reflect Christ is the goal. At Asbury we care for one another, care for creation, celebrate the goodness of life and give thanks to God. Protecting the safety and health of all campers and staff is part of Camp Asbury's faithful witness as we learn to live with COVID-19.

PRIOR TO CAMP:

Prepare your camper through conversation. Encourage your camper to develop realistic expectations about camp. Tell them how proud you are about their decision to go to camp. Let them know that they will do new things and meet new people at camp. Help them anticipate a new place and new routines. It often takes two or three days for first-time campers to adjust to camp. **Begin monitoring your camper's health 10 days prior to camp.**

A "**Get Acquainted Form**" is part of the online registration process. This is a confidential document to be used only by camp staff in preparing for your child's time at camp. Such items as birthdays, awards, special recognitions and other personal information will help introduce your camper to her/his counselors. Please help Asbury staff work effectively with your camper by letting us know if there are behavioral, emotional, or physical concerns that we should be prepared for at camp. We expect all campers to be able to take care of their personal needs and to be able to effectively interact with members of their group.

Label all of your camper's personal belongings. *Camp Asbury does not assume responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen personal belongings. Campers are not allowed to share with or borrow the personal belongings of other campers.*

Launder sleeping bags and bedding. Bedbugs have become a prevalent problem in northeast Ohio and across the United States. Camp Asbury wants to protect campers and their families and the camp itself from expensive and inconvenient treatments. Please make sure that all linens, sleeping bags and pillows are freshly laundered immediately prior to your camper's arrival at Camp Asbury. Laundering should include at least thirty minutes in a dryer on high temperature. Camp Asbury has a protocol in place to respond rapidly to any incident involving bedbugs. It's a good idea, between any overnight destinations, whether vacation or camp, to check luggage and launder all bedding, drying for at least 30 minutes at high temperature.

CAMPER CHECK-IN:

Check-in for week-long programs Sunday, 3:00-5:00 pm
Grades 8-12, 3:00-3:30 pm
Grades 6-7, 3:30-4:00 pm
Grades 4-5, 4:00-4:30 pm
Grades 1-3, 4:30-5:00 pm

Check-in for short-term "Discovery Mini" Wednesday,
3:00-3:30 pm
(July 7-9, 2021, Wed-Fri)

AT CAMPER CHECK-IN:

Upon arrival in Camp Asbury's main parking area, campers and one accompanying parent/guardian will be screened for COVID-19 and be checked for a temperature. After the initial health check, luggage will be received in the parking area and delivered to the camper living quarters. Vehicles will not be permitted to travel beyond the main parking area. Campers will walk to Asbury Lodge with their accompanying parent/guardian where they will be checked in, receive a health screening and join their counselors. The accompanying parent/guardian will not be allowed beyond the dining hall. A parent/guardian visit of camper residence accommodations will not be allowed.

A parent or guardian is required to sign forms at check-in. If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany camper at check-in, please call Camp Asbury at 330.569.3171 or send an e-mail to director at bill@campasbury.org at least one week in advance.

If you registered online, you filled out a **Health Form** that Camp Asbury will print prior to camper check-in. If you registered by mail you need to bring a completed and signed **Health Form** with you for camper check-in. No camper can remain in camp without an approved current health form.

Bring to check-in for all over-night camps ...

- All medications (prescription & nonprescription)—
In Original Containers.
- Camp Store Money (optional)—for deposit at camp.
 - Health Form—only if not completed online.

A health screening will be conducted at camper check-in. A check for head lice is routinely part of the health screening. The camp director in consultation with the camp medical staff reserves the right to turn away campers who in their opinion are ill or jeopardize the health of other campers e.g. fevers, flu, colds, contagious illnesses, head lice, or a health condition that cannot be treated in camp. If your camper is ill the director will be glad to suggest alternative camp events later in the summer.

At check-in, all medications (prescription and nonprescription) will be collected from campers. **The camp will only accept medications in their original labeled container.** Please bring only the amount of medication needed for the camper's length of stay at Camp Asbury. If a camper is on medication during the school year, it is suggested that the camper continue the same medication routine while at camp. Campers on psychotropic medication should be on the same medication at the same dosage for at least three months prior to their arrival in camp. Part of the fun of camp is adapting to a new environment and a new daily routine. Because campers experience so much change at camp it is generally not a good idea to alter normal medication routines during a stay at camp. Parents/Guardians may authorize the camp health care manager to administer **over-the-counter medication** by signing their camper's health form. The camp health care manager or designate follows a physician's standing orders in administering over-the-counter medication.

At camper check-in, a camp director will be available to speak the accompanying parents/guardian and answer any questions about Camp Asbury's program or operation. A camp director will be happy to discuss any particular concerns a parent/guardian has about their camper.

CAMPER CHECK-OUT:

To reduce large group gatherings Camp Asbury will not host family picnics or closing services of worship in summer 2021. Camper-check out will be on a staggered schedule.

Check-out Friday, 4:00-6:00 pm
Grades 1-3, 4:00-4:30 pm
Grades 4-5, 4:30-5:00 pm
Grades 6-7, 5:00-5:30 pm
Grades 8-12, 5:30-6:00 pm

Discovery Mini, July 7-9, 2021 Check-out Friday
Friday, 4:00 pm

Camp Asbury encourages all campers to participate in the entire program of their specific camping event. Temporary absences during a camp session generally cannot be accommodated during the COVID-19 pandemic. An emergency temporary absence needs to be arranged directly with a camp director. A full health screening will be required upon the camper's return to camp.

Where do I find answers to my questions about Camp Asbury?

- For FAQ's— Visit website: www.campasbury.org
- Registration process/cancellation policy— visit www.EOCSummercamps.org
- Attend Asbury's Open House & Summer Preview: April 25, 2021, 2:00-5:00 PM
- Contact camp director at 330.569.3171 or bill@campasbury.org
- Meet with camp director on day of camper check-in

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Food Service:

Asbury food service provides campers with three nourishing meals per day plus an evening snack. **Please contact Camp Asbury at least two weeks in advance regarding any special dietary needs or food allergy information. (e-mail info@campasbury.org or call Asbury dining hall at 330-569-7585)** Food allergies may affect the menu choices of all campers in some camp sessions.

Camp Store:

Asbury's Camp Store sells souvenir items. Campers will have one opportunity to visit the camp store during their week of camp. The Camp Store does not sell snack items or beverages. Camp store items generally range from \$5-\$25. Camp store money will be collected at check-in (cash only), establishing an individual Camp Store Account. No camper should carry money in camp. Unspent money will be returned to the campers at check-out. The camp store will also be open at check-out on Fridays (cash, check, or credit card).

Communication:

Handwritten notes are the best way to encourage your camper. A "letter writing station" will be available at Sunday camper check-in for families who wish to leave notes for distribution during the week.

Mail: A letter mailed from home brightens a camper's day. Please address camper's mail to:

Camper's Name
Program Name ("Explorer", "Adventurers", etc.)
Camp Asbury
10776 Asbury Rd.
Hiram, OH 44234

E-mail to campers: One time per day, Camp Asbury will distribute one-way e-mails to campers. Send e-mails to info@campasbury.org with your Camper's name and program in the subject line. Please limit e-mails to five per week per camper.

If you need to reach a camper with an emergency message, call the camp office at (330) 569-3171, 8 AM-5 PM. After 5 PM call director on cell (330) 235-3418. At Camp Asbury, campers do not have direct access to a phone to call home. Camp Asbury can be reached by fax at (330) 569-3148 and by e-mail at bill@campasbury.org. **Please limit phone and fax communications to emergencies.**

Parents/Guardian Notification by the Camp Asbury director or camp nurse:

- ❖ In the event of an emergency or serious accident
- ❖ Before a camper is transported off-site for medical treatment
- ❖ When more info is needed to deal with homesickness or an issue of physical or emotional health.
- ❖ When a camper requires referral to a medical professional beyond Camp Asbury

The health care manager or their designee will be available at camper check-out if parents or guardians have questions about a camper's healthcare during a session of camp.

Age and Stature Requirements:

Camp Asbury operates a progressive program of activity options. Some camp activities have age and physical stature requirements:

Archery—for resident campers 4th grade and older

Off-site travel—for resident campers, as described in summer 2021 program descriptions.

Low ropes—for campers 4th grade and older

High ropes & climbing tower—for campers 6th grade and older (must fit in seat harness)

Giant swing—for campers 6th grade and older (must fit in seat harness)

Creek Hike or Mudslide—by campers choice, 6th grade and older

WHAT TO BRING: (please identify items with camper's name using permanent marker)

- sturdy shoes for hiking
- old tennis shoes for water/rain (2nd pair of shoes)
- socks
- underwear
- sweatshirt,
- supply of face masks, at least one for each day at camp
- fleece or jacket
- tee shirts
- shorts
- long pants
- pajamas or sleeping clothes
- water bottles (2 one-liter bottles recommended)
- swimsuit & beach towel
- freshly laundered sleeping bag or sheets & blanket
- freshly laundered pillow
- toiletries including: soap, shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, dental floss (please label your camper's toiletries)
- towel & washcloth
- Bible
- pens/pencils
- flashlight
- insect repellent and sun screen (non-aerosol)
- medications (in original containers)
- raincoat/rainsuit/poncho
- camera
- spending money for camp store
- For campers, 6th grade and older: throw-away clothes for a creek hike

For Horseback riding programs: campers should bring long pants and boots with heels. (Hiking boots are okay). Camp Asbury or Sand Hill Stable will provide a riding helmet.

DO NOT BRING: snacks or candy
(Food will attract animals and insects)
Electronic Equipment*Cell Phones
***Tablets or Wireless Handheld Devices**

PROHIBITED AT CAMP:
Fireworks*Tobacco/Alcohol Products*Illegal Drugs
or Paraphernalia*Firearms, hunting knives, and
other weaponry

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