

# Camp American

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Dear

We have a great week planned and want our students to enjoy their camp experience to the fullest. **Please read this letter carefully.** It contains important information for parents and campers. Be sure to keep this letter until your student returns from camp. It contains important contact information as well as drop off and pick-up times. If you have any questions, please call before 4:00 p.m. Friday June 13. After that time, no one will be available to take your call. Please do not call the Pokagon state park office. They will not be able to answer questions pertaining to Camp American.

Your camper registration and tuition deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ have been received. The remaining tuition balance due is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please pay the remaining balance upon check-in. You may also pay the remaining balance through pay pal on the Camp American web site at [www.campamerican.com](http://www.campamerican.com)

Camp American operates on Eastern Dayline Savings time. **Check-in time** for campers will be **between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** on Sunday June 15. **Please** do not arrive early. We will be unable to check campers in before 6:00 p.m. The Camp American staff is unable to take possession of the camp facilities before 3:00 p.m. the day camp begins. There is an incredible amount of set-up to be done in a very short amount of time. For this reason, if campers (and parents) arrive before 6 p.m., they are in danger of being put to work;) Also, due to the late check-in time, there will be no dinner served on Sunday evening. **Please eat dinner before you arrive at Camp American.** There will be a snack served after the campfire.

Upon arrival at Pokagon state park, you will need to tell the front gate personnel that you are going to the group camp. The park office has stated that you will not have to pay the regular park entrance fee.

**No linens provided.** Students will need to bring a sleeping bag or linens. Mattresses are made of foam and plastic. For this reason we also suggest a mattress pad under sheets or sleeping bags.

On the final day of camp, Saturday June 21, students may **check-out between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.** Unless prior arrangements are made, please do not pick-up your camper early. The camp must be cleaned before campers may leave. Students who must leave before the regular check-out time will be assigned closing duties, which must be performed on Friday evening.

**Lost and Found** items left on the last day of camp will be held at the Camp American office for 90 days. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Postage must be paid before items left behind will be returned. The staff of Camp American is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Enclosed is a booklet, which contains the **Constitution**. **Please be sure your teen reads the Constitution** before coming to Camp American. He/She may not understand large or small sections, but will gain a clear understanding at camp. It is important that your teen read this document before arriving at camp in order to receive the full benefit of the course curriculum. **Students must bring this booklet to camp.**

The Pokagon state park **group camp** telephone number is **(260) 833-9910**. If you call your child, please try to call between 12:30 and 6:00 p.m. to avoid interrupting classes and group activities. The only telephone in the group camp is a pay phone. Your child will need a phone card should he wish to call home. If you have an emergency and cannot reach the group camp, you may call the park office at (260) 833-2012. **Please use the park office number only in an extreme emergency.**

Students may bring **cell phones** to camp, but they must be turned off during class time, campfire, and after lights out. Students who are unable to follow these simple rules will have their cell phones confiscated by the camp director. Confiscated phones will be returned on the last day of camp.

On the last night of camp, students will have the option of ordering pizza for a midnight snack. Campers who wish to order pizza with their cabin mates will need to bring an extra \$4.00-\$5.00. Soft drinks will be provided.

Free fresh fruit for snacking will be available in the kitchen at all times. The Camp American office will also have a variety of snacks, candy and soft drinks as well as books, posters and T-shirts for sale. The cost of most food items will be \$.75-\$1.50. Books, t-shirts and posters will vary in price from \$5.00-\$15.00. Students will have the option of keeping track of their own money or depositing it in a camp store account with the office manager on the first day of camp

**Insurance Cards**-Please be certain to leave a photocopy of your child's insurance card upon check-in at camp.

**Food**-Campers may bring snacks from home however there is **no space for refrigerated items**. The only exception will be for students with very specific dietary needs and restrictions. Prior arrangements must be made in this case. Students bringing snacks from home must keep them in a closed suit case or the raccoons **WILL** eat them. Snacks will be available for sale at the Camp American office. A free snack will be served each evening, after campfire. Camp American

offers well-balanced meals which always include fresh fruits in the morning and fresh vegetables for lunch and dinner.

**Cabin Inspections-** Cabins will be inspected daily for tidiness by the head counselor or the camp director. All campers are responsible for their personal possessions, bunk, and the general appearance the cabin. All campers must help tidy their cabin everyday. Those who do not do their share will have extra cleaning duties during recreation time.

**Personal Entertainment Devices-** Students **must not bring** i-pods, radios, personal stereos, televisions, video games or any other items of this nature. Just because it isn't on the list, doesn't mean you can bring it. Remember the spirit of the law! Students may bring video cameras, but we do not recommend it for security reasons. Camp American is NOT liable for lost or stolen items.

In addition to 4 interesting classes each day, Camp American students will also enjoy a wide variety of wholesome, afternoon recreational choices, a nightly campfire, and the following lighthearted evening activities:

**Boston Tea Party Night-** Dress like an Indian, a lovely maiden in a colonial gown, a patriot gentleman, a Redcoat (boo hiss), or be just be creative and surprise us.

**Roller Skating Night-** You can bring your own skates or use the stinky, smelly ones at the rink—your choice. Oh, by the way, don't forget socks.

**Cabin Competition Night-** Campers will need to bring old clothes that can get dirty and muddy for this great adventure. They will also need a plastic bag to put muddy clothes in for the trip home. Water shoes are suggested for this event.

**“Not Necessarily Talent and Skit Night”-** If you have real talent, GREAT! If not, fake it! If you play a musical instrument, bring it. If you tap dance, bring your shoes. If you sing, bring your voice. If you don't it doesn't matter. It's all just for fun. Each cabin will be responsible for performing a skit.

**Friday Banquet and Awards Ceremony-** Campers should bring one dressy outfit. Church clothes are a good choice. Some young ladies choose to wear party or prom style dresses for the banquet as well.

**Clothing Requirements-**Students must bring enough clothing to last 7 days. There are no laundry facilities at the group camp. **Shorts/Jeans and regular t-shirts, or clothing which reflect the standards of your faith** are best. Northern Indiana weather can be quite warm or quite chilly. Students should be certain to bring **long pants and a jacket or sweatshirt** as well. It is vitally important that **you and your teen** read the modesty code and the “shirt test” enclosed in this packet.

Please see the enclosed check list of essential items for Camp American.

We take the care of your children VERY SERIOUSLY. For this reason, **students are not permitted to leave the group camp without adult supervision for any reason.** There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule!! Students who choose to break this rule will be sent home immediately, and will not be permitted to attend future sessions of Camp American. With the exception of using the restroom, **students are not permitted to leave their cabin after lights out.** Students who break this rule will be sent home immediately, and will not be permitted to attend future sessions of Camp American. Students who break these rules on the last night of camp will not be permitted to attend future sessions of Camp American. Our security team patrols the camp grounds both day and night.

If you have any questions, please call Noelle Dielman at (502) 361-9496 before 4:00 p.m. Friday June 13. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

Blessings!

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