# Camp American

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We have a great week planned and want your children to enjoy their camp experience to the fullest. **Please read this document carefully**. It contains **important information** for parents and campers. It also contains important contact information as well as drop off and pick-up times. If you have any questions, please call the number above before 4:00 p.m. Sunday June 15, 2014. 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.

Please pay any 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

Camp American operates on Eastern Daylite Savings time. **Check-in time** for campers will be **between 4:00p.m. and 6:30p.m**. on Sunday June 15, 2014. **Please** do not arrive early. We will be unable to check campers in before 4 p.m. 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 be required to pay a park entrance fee at the gate. Keep the receipt. Tell them you are going to the group camp. You will not have to pay again when picking your child up on Saturday if you show your receipt.

**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, 2014 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 and inspected by the ranger 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. **Everyone must exit camp no later than 1:30 p.m. Saturday June 21, 2014.**

**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.

**To be better prepared** for the camp educational program, your teen may want to read the Constitution before coming to Camp American. He/She may not understand large or small sections, but will gain a clear understanding at camp. A copy of the Constitution may be downloaded at the following site: http://constitution.org/constit .htm

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.

Fresh fruit will be available in the kitchen at all times for snacks. The Camp American office will also have a variety of snacks, candy and soft drinks as well as T-shirts for sale. The cost of most food items will be $.75-$1.50. T-shirts will cost $10. 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 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. A 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 of the cabin. All campers must help tidy their cabin everyday. Those who do not participate in the daily cleaning of their dwelling 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:
**Hawaii Night-** Break out the Hawaiian shirts, hula skirts and sandals. For one evening Lake James becomes the Pacific Ocean and Pokagon state park becomes an island paradise. Beware! Pirates have been known to interrupt the festivities.
**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". Please see the 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 once parents have left their children at Camp American**. 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 Chuck Michaelis at (614) 893-5986, before 4:00 p.m. Saturday June 14, 2014. We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

## BE SURE TO BRING

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Sleeping Bag or Bedding
- ☐ Bath and Personal Hygiene items (deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- ☐ Towels (minimum 2)
- ☐ Photo Copy of Insurance Card (if available)
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Notebook
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Flashlight (with good batteries)
- ☐ Long Pants
- ☐ Jacket or Sweatshirt
- ☐ 1 Set of Clothes to get Muddy and Dirty (and plastic bag to bring them home)
- ☐ Dress Outfit for Awards Banquet
- ☐ Hawaiian Night Gear
- ☐ Modest Swimsuit (if you wish to swim)

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

Cell Phone
Telephone Calling Card
Fan (highly recommended)
Musical Instrument
Camera and Film
Water Gun
Water Shoes
Patriotic Decorations for Cabin
Fishing Equipment (fishing license required for students age 16 and older)
Roller Skates

## DO NOT BRING

Firecrackers or Fireworks
Cigarettes
Matches or Lighters
Guns/Knives (pocket knives are okay)
Personal Entertainment Devices