



DRIFT CREEK CAMP

2022 Summer Camp Information

Drift Creek Camp was established to provide a formative experience for youth where faith could be nurtured and community be built. The experience offers a break from life's hectic routine where kids are free from the burden of technology and demanding schedules. DCC is located in a temperate rainforest setting that speaks eloquently of God's handiwork. There is no cell-phone service or computer access. Time at DCC offers the opportunity to slow down, reflect, and engage in face-to-face conversations. Joy can be found in relationships with mentors, friends, worship, nature and investing in personal growth. DCC is operated by the Mennonite Camp Assoc. of Oregon and is a member of the Mennonite Camping Association and Christian Camp and Conference Association. To view Drift Creek's Philosophy of Ministry, visit http://www.driftcreek.org/Home/About_DCC.

Staff: Worship leaders and the camp pastor lead chapels and firesides. A medical professional attends to health needs. Water activities are supervised by Red Cross certified lifeguards. And we strive to hire mature college-age counselors with a heart for serving children for each cabin. *Reference and background checks are performed on staff members.*

Cabins: Building community is a priority. Typically cabins are composed of ten campers and two counselors. We want every camper to have a positive experience. We appreciate that campers bring friends to DCC. However, we cannot always accommodate extensive lists of friend requests. *Campers can count on having at least one cabin friend.* When large groups of school/church friends are together, it can come at the cost of others feeling excluded. Our goal is for every child to feel part of the camp community. ***We appreciate that you entrust your child to our care and we take this trust seriously.***

Food: Your camper will enjoy plentiful meals and two daily snacks so it is unnecessary to send extra food. Snacks are not allowed in cabins; they attract unwelcome critters! **Please let us know if your child has special dietary needs.** We can work with you to figure out substitutions, but we depend on you to partner with DCC to meet your child's needs. Due to our remote location, camp is limited in providing unplanned menu alternatives. We cannot keep extra supplies between camps when rental groups come in for weekends. Please contact the camp office at info@driftcreek.org for menus. Once you know what substitutions are needed, you and your child can plan accordingly. Substitutions will be collected at registration. **Please label your child's food with his/her name and instructions.** We will do our best, ***but please recognize that DCC's kitchen staff is comprised of a new group of hard-working volunteers that change weekly.***

Speaking of food....when we set the prices last fall for the 2022 season, we had no idea that we'd be facing rising inflation. Food prices have increased significantly as well as the cost of diesel for the generator. *Donations to help offset these rising costs are always appreciated.*

Facilities: The lodge contains the kitchen, dining tables, indoor recreation, chapel, nurse's station, office, staff rooms, and two "cabins" on third floor. Five cabins and one yurt house twelve people each in bunk beds. A bathhouse provides private showers, toilets, and sinks. The Activity Center contains a climbing wall, fireplace, and playing court. Outdoor meetings are in the amphitheater or fireside ring. *Did you know that DCC's electricity comes from a generator?* At "lights out" it is turned off for the night so it is helpful for your camper to have a personal flashlight. Some cabin groups will have the opportunity to camp overnight at pre-approved sites within the creek loop. The entrance is closed nightly.

Communication: Mail call is important! Send letters early so they will arrive while your child is at camp. It is unlikely that mail will be picked up on the last day of camps so be sure that letters can be delivered early in the week. *(Letters sent in advance will be distributed accordingly.)* **Please do not send candy.** Phone calls will be limited to medical reasons or in cases of extreme homesickness. Campers do not have access to e-mail. We do our best to post photos on the Drift Creek Camp page on Facebook, so be sure to "like" our page so you can receive news of camp happenings! ****Please notify the camp staff at registration if you prefer that your child's photo not be included on Facebook posts or used in future camp publications or on the DCC website.***

Group Pictures and Camp Merchandise: A group picture will be taken each week. These 8 X 10 photos will be ready to go home at the end of each camp. The \$5 photos must be ordered at registration. *T-shirts and other merchandise are also available.*

Activities: Each day there will be 2-3 activity periods with options including hiking, nature activities, crafts, climbing wall, archery, tubing, field games, etc. If your child does best with quiet activities, an optional quiet reading & drawing time will be offered. Our climbing wall has been engineered and professionally installed. Our staff is trained to use and teach safe climbing techniques. We use all necessary safety precautions as well as approved climbing equipment. The **Grade 9-12 camp** will travel to the beach with transportation to Fogarty Creek State Park.

Parents: Registration begins at 4pm on the first day. Campers should be picked up by 11:30 on the last day. There will be rental groups using the facilities between camps so it is important that campers be picked up promptly. *Please provide written authorization at registration if someone other than you will pick up your child from camp.*

Things to Bring: The weather in the coastal mountains can be cool and wet, even in the summer. Please pack accordingly.

- ☐ **Enclosed Health Form*** (please complete a new form each year!)
 - ☐ sleeping bag and pillow
 - ☐ 3-5 long pants, 2-3 pair of shorts, 2-3 sweatshirts or warm outerwear
 - ☐ t-shirts (no spaghetti straps), socks, underwear, pajamas
 - ☐ modest swimming suit; towel for swimming
 - ☐ shoes for short hikes and old sneakers or sandals for creek hikes (campers will not be allowed to participate in field games wearing flip flops; **shoes are REQUIRED.**)
 - ☐ shower shoes, soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, comb or brush, shower towel and washcloth
 - ☐ sunscreen and bug repellant are highly recommended
 - ☐ Bible, blank journal or notebook and pen or pencil; novel or sketchbook for quiet activity periods (*Campers will have the opportunity to spend time alone during cabin time to reflect, pray, listen, write, draw, etc. It will be most helpful if campers come prepared with a blank pad for writing.*)
 - ☐ garbage bags for dirty and wet clothes; Drift Creek cannot provide plastic bags for campers
 - ☐ face mask(s) in case the mandate is reinstated during camp—and kids who feel more comfortable wearing a mask are always welcome to do so!
 - ☐ **FLASHLIGHT, WATCH!**
- Optional:
- ☐ disposable or inexpensive camera
 - ☐ money for postcards, stamps, t-shirts, or camp picture
 - ☐ battery-powered alarm clock; wrist watch—*waterproof is best!*

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

7:00	Wake-up Bell
7:15	Polar Bear Swim
7:50	Morning Devotions
8:00	Breakfast
	Morning Chapel/Devotions
	Cabin Activities
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Cabin Quiet Time
	Activities/Snack
	Free Time
6:00	Supper
	Group Games
	Snack
	Evening Campfire/Worship
10:00	Lights Out (earlier for younger campers)

Things to Forget: DCC provides adequate meals and snacks; additional food is unnecessary. **Leave behind electronic devices such as radios, cell phones or games; as well as water guns, knives, fireworks or prank supplies.** Inappropriate or divisive pictures or language on clothing are not acceptable. Camp is a place to build bridges, not find things to separate us. Modest clothes and swimming apparel are appreciated.

Lost and Found: It is important that campers gather ALL belongings before leaving. It is helpful to write your child's name on his or her belongings or consider including a packing checklist? **Things can easily disappear with rental groups coming between camps. If something is left behind, there is no guarantee that it will be found. We can hang onto items through July 15. After DCC's camp season, the facilities will be used by other groups and lost and found items will be donated.**

Directions: DO NOT USE GPS, IT MAY DIRECT YOU TO A ROAD THAT NO LONGER EXISTS.

A map is available at www.driftcreek.org.

- Turn off Hwy 101 onto Drift Creek Road at "Drift Creek Falls Trail" sign.
- Follow Drift Creek Rd. 2 miles (you will come to a soft T, continue right) to Forest Service Rd. #17 which is a **paved single lane fork to the left**, with a gradual climb (this first turn is easy to miss. The road signs are on the right side of the road, but this turn is to the left.) From this point on there is a sign at every major intersection.
- Follow Forest Service Rd. #17 4.5 miles to Forest Service Rd. #1929 (posted as #1924) which is a **right turn onto gravel**.
- Follow Forest Service Rd. #1929 (#1924) for 3 miles to Forest Service Rd. #19.
- Follow Forest Service Rd. #19 for 2.7 miles to Camp.
- The camp driveway is to the right, just after the "Siuslaw National Forest, Drift Creek Camp" sign. Cross the bridge and the follow road into camp.

In order to keep the registration line moving, please complete the enclosed **Health Form** at home and bring it with you to give to the nurse at registration.

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