

# *Welcome to Camp Kirby!*

*Summer Camp for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Youth, ages 8 to 18*

## Lions Camp Kirby Parents Handbook

Summer Camping Season for Lions Camp Kirby us just around the corner! Camp Kirby hosts more than 800 campers throughout the summer - and met one of the most stringent camping certifications in the country to become a Boy Scout Accredited Camp Facility! I hope we'll see you this summer - call today and register for one or more camper weeks!

All necessary forms must be completed and returned to the Registrar's office at least 3 weeks prior to the camper's arrival. Payment is made on a sliding scale, with discounts applied based on the date it is received. Be sure to read all Camp Kirby enrollment materials and this policy handbook. We look forward to your camper's arrival!

Alice Breon

Director of Registration

**Return all forms and fees to:** Alice Breon, Registrar  
141 Woodview Drive  
Quakertown, PA 18951

For more information, call (215) 374-1000

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### **Camp Fee and Refunds**

The camp fee includes room, meals, full use of the recreational facilities, Camp Kirby T-shirt and camp activities. Camp fee is not refundable except in cases of emergency such as medical reasons with written evidence from physician, death in the family or extraordinary circumstances approved by the Camp Director. Full refunds will not include the non-refundable registration fee of \$25.00.

### **Discipline Policy:**

In the case of disciplinary problems, no refund will be granted for any camper dismissed from Lions Camp Kirby by the Camp Director. In such cases parents or guardians will be responsible for immediate transportation home.

### **Inspection of Belongings:**

For the safety and protection of all campers, it is policy that on arrival at camp, the camp staff will inspect each camper's suitcases, trunk or duffel bags and other belongings when needed. We feel that this practice is necessary to protect every camper from misusing drugs, fireworks, knives and other hazardous items. This also applies to all non-prescription and prescribed medications. All medicines will be secured and handled by the Camp Health Provider. Any infraction will be dealt with according to the LAW and the camper will be sent home.

### **Spending Money:**

Spending money may be brought for items such as sodas, snacks, T-shirts, souvenirs and other items available for purchase at the camp store each day after dinner. A group photo may also be purchased for \$7.00 in advance. We recommend \$20 to \$50 per week. To prevent loss or theft, all camper monies are collected and held at the store until the camper leaves.

### **Camper Insurance:**

Each camper will be covered by liability insurance under Lions Camp Kirby. The camp covers camper Health & Accident Insurance.

## **Transportation:**

Parents and guardians will be responsible for the transportation of their camper to camp from camp to home. Campers will arrive on Sunday between 1:00PM and 3:00PM with Sunday dinner being their first camper meal. Departure will be Saturday morning after continental breakfast. Any exceptions will need to be approved in advance by the Camp Director.

## **Telephone Calls**

Camp Kirby will not accept collect calls. To prevent homesickness, we recommend that parents and campers do not have phone contact while at camp. Parents may call the Camp Director to check on their child. Camp telephone number is (610) 982-5731. We will ask campers to write home to tell of their adventures. Cell phones, pagers, and text devices are discouraged due to homesickness or loss/theft. For safety reasons and to ensure the campers participate in program activities, camper use of these devices is limited to cabin time.

## **Medical Services:**

First aid and minor medical care will be provided at camp by the staff or Resident Health Officer. In cases requiring emergency medical attention, the camper will be taken to Doylestown Hospital for treatment. If a camper becomes too ill to remain at camp, parents will be contacted. Camp policy requires that all campers have on record a current health history and examination form signed by the parents or guardian and a physical examination signed by a doctor. It is also the camp policy that all camper medications brought to camp are secured by the Resident Health Officer in a locked cabinet. All prescribed drugs must be in the container in which they were issued (with medical orders and physician's name intact)

## **Lyme's Disease Precautions:**

To lessen exposure to Lyme's Disease, we suggest the camper wear long sleeve garments and pants when walking in the woods, use insect spray (with less than 30% Deet Factor) and check themselves for ticks when they return to camp.

## **Necessary Forms**

No Camper will be permitted to remain in camp unless the Health History and Examination form are completed and signed.

## **Pets:**

Camp Kirby does not allow pets at the camp.

## **What to bring?**

Sleeping bag or sheets, blankets & pillow (It can get quite cool at night.)

Bath towel & washcloth

Personal care items such as toothbrush, paste & floss, soap and shampoo, deodorant (if needed)

Non-aerosol sun screen and insect spray (with less than 30% Deet Factor)

Underwear, socks, T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, shorts, and jeans

PJ's or sweats for sleeping

Swimsuit and beach towel

Sweatshirt and/or jacket, Rain gear or poncho

Flashlight and batteries

Closed-toe, comfortable shoes

### ***Optional Stuff:***

Outfit for dance

Wristwatch, Camera, Costume (Dinosaur/Bedrock theme this year)

Journal and Book to read

Writing paper, envelopes, and stamps

Laundry detergent (for 2-4 week campers)

Baseball glove

Fishing gear (not permitted in cabin)

Stuffed animal or other favorite item (nothing valuable)

Bathrobe or swim cover-up

Water shoes

Alarm clock, radio

### ***Not permitted:***

Open-toes shoes or sandals, knives, fireworks, illegal drugs, cigarettes, alcohol

# **Make your trip to or from Camp Kirby a fabulous family event!**

Within 30-40 minutes there are more than 50 exciting places to see and things to do when you bring your camper to Camp Kirby! Visit historic sites, ghostly mansions, fun factories, great theme parks and quaint theme villages! Call for a list to be sent to you via email or fax: 610-982-9250

## **Camp Kirby Directions**

*Watch for Camp Kirby Signs!*

From Valley Forge: Take Rt. 202N to Rt. 611N to the town of Ferndale. Take a right at the red light in Ferndale. Follow Center Hill Road, which will become Narrows Hill Road in the Township of Bridgetown. A Camp Kirby sign will be opposite the camp entrance on your left. The road to camp is exactly 3 miles from the light.

From Philadelphia: Take Rt. 611N to the town of Ferndale (13 miles N. Of Doylestown). Go Right at the red light in Ferndale. Take Center Hill Road, which will become Narrows Hill Road in the Township of Bridgetown. A Camp Kirby sign will be opposite the camp entrance on your left. The road to camp is exactly 3 miles from the light.

From New Jersey: Take both NJ and PA Turnpikes to the Levittown Exit. Take Rt. 13 N. which intersects Rt. 413 N. To Rt. 611 N. To the town of Ferndale. Take a right at the red light in Ferndale. Take Center Hill Rd., which will become Narrows Hill Road in Bridgetown Township. A Camp Kirby sign will be opposite the camp entrance on your left. The road to camp is exactly 3 miles from the light.

From New York: Take Rt. 22 W. To Phillipsburg, NJ. Cross the Delaware River Bridge at Easton, PA. Take Rt. 611 S. immediately after bridge crossing (a right turn). Travel S. through many river towns until you reach Ferndale. Take a left at the red light in Ferndale. Take Center Hill Rd., which will become Narrows Hill Road in Bridgetown Township. A Camp Kirby sign will be opposite the camp entrance on your left. The road to camp is exactly 3 miles from the light.