



Camp Asbury

A Ministry of the East Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church



A Guide for Parents & Guardians

CAMP ASBURY: A PLACE OF FAITH

Since 1957, Asbury has been putting people in touch with creation and with God. Asbury is a place where we learn with our hearts, minds, and hands. Asbury's 433 acres, home to a diversity of northeast Ohio plants and animals, invite exploration. Woods, streams, wetlands, and meadows provide an outdoor sanctuary of natural and spiritual beauty. At Asbury we celebrate the goodness of life and give thanks to God.

The theme for summer 2008 is "**Just for Life!**" Jesus' parables will guide us and surprise us as we choose a lifestyle that does justice, loves kindness, and walks humbly with God.

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.

A "**Get Acquainted Form**" is included in this packet for you and your child to complete. **PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO CAMP ASBURY two weeks prior to your event.** Such items as birthdays, awards, special recognitions and other personal information will be helpful to your child's counselor. This is a confidential document to be used only by camp staff in preparing for your child's time at camp. 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.

Label camper's personal belongings. *Camp Asbury does not assume responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen personal belongings*

CAMPER CHECK-IN:

**Check-in for week-long programs Sunday, 3:00-4:00 pm,
Check-out Friday, 7:00 pm, following the closing program.**

*Check-in for Discovery Sunday-Tuesday Events: Sunday,
3:00-4:00 pm, Check-out Tuesday, 6:30 pm:
June 15-17, July 6-8, July 13-15, and July 27-29.*

*Check-in for Discovery Wednesday-Friday Events: Wednesday
3:00-4:00 pm, Check-out Friday, 7:00 pm following camp-wide
closing program: June 18-20, July 9-11, and July 16-18, July
30-Aug 1.*

Day Camp daily arrival at 9:00 a.m. and departure at 4:00 p.m. at Epworth Retreat Center. Day Camp families will be mailed specific day camp information

AT CAMPER CHECK-IN:

Camp Asbury staff receive luggage in the main parking area and deliver it to camper living quarters. Vehicles will not be permitted to travel beyond the main parking area. After unloading luggage campers walk to Asbury Lodge with their parents/guardians where they will be checked in, receive a health screening and meet their counselors.

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 e-mail at asburybill@alltel.net at least one week in advance.

All Campers **MUST** bring a Health Form signed and dated by a parent or guardian in order to be checked in at camp. Campers that arrive without a completed Health Form will not be allowed to stay at camp.

A limited 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, bad 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 many changes it is generally not a good idea to alter normal medication routines during a stay at camp. Parents/Guardians may authorize the Camp Nurse to administer **over-the-counter medication** by signing an **authorization form** during check-in. The Camp Nurse follows a physician's standing orders in administering over-the-counter medication.

Camp Asbury encourages all campers to participate in the entire program of their specific camping event. Temporary absences are not only difficult for the individual camper, they are also difficult for the other campers in the small group. If a camper must be temporarily absent, depart early from camp, or travel home with someone other than the camper's parent or guardian a **release form/early dismissal form** must be signed at check-in.

At Sunday check-in parents/guardians are invited to meet with a camp director (at 3:30 p.m. or 4:00 p.m.) in Asbury Lodge lower level for an introduction to camp and a question/answer session. **For mid-week check-in: Parents/guardians meet with a camp director at the Camp Office at 3:30 p.m.**

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

- Completed & signed Health Form—**DO NOT** mail health form in advance
- Signed permission slip
- All medications (prescription & nonprescription)—**In Original Containers**
- Camp Store Money (optional)—for deposit at camp

CAMPER CHECK-OUT:

Friday Picnic and Closing Worship—Residential camps, ending on Friday, conclude with a picnic and closing worship. Parents/guardians, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend these closing events. **The Friday picnic begins at 5:15 p.m. at the Lake Picnic Pavilion.** Advance reservations are requested and can be made at the time of camper check-in. The cost of the picnic for guests is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-10, children 3 and under are free. **Closing worship begins at 6:00 p.m. on Communion Hill.** Campers depart for home around 7:00 p.m. No camper should carry money in camp. Unspent money will be returned to the campers at check-out.

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.** Food allergies may affect the menu choices of campers in some camp sessions.

Camp Store—Asbury's Camp Store sells souvenir items. 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 establishing an individual Camp Store Account

Communication:

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

**Camper's Name,
Program Name ("Village", "Pioneer", etc.),
Camp Asbury, 10776 Asbury Rd., Hiram, OH 44234.**

One-way e-mail to campers: Camp Asbury utilizes Bunk1 (www.bunk1.com), a private company, to provide one-way e-mail service to your camper. The cost is \$5 for 6 e-mails payable to Bunk1. To sign-up, pay for, and e-mail your camper, visit Camp Asbury's website (www.campasbury.org). Your camper will not be able to answer your e-mail while at camp.

If you need to reach a camper with an emergency message, call the camp office at (330) 569-3171. 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 campasbury@Alltel.net. **Please limit phone and fax communications to emergencies.**

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
- Low ropes—for campers 5th 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)
- Mudslide—for campers 6th grade and older

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

- FAQ's—2008 East Ohio Camps Brochure, p. 3
- Registration process/cancellation policy—2008 East Ohio Camps Brochure, p.26
- Visit website: www.campasbury.org
- Attend Camp Asbury Open House, May 4, 2008, 2-6 p.m.
- Contact camp director at 330.569.3171 or asburybill@alltel.net
- Meet with camp director on day of camper check-in

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

- ❖ In the event of an emergency or serious accident
- ❖ When 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 camp nurse 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.

WHAT TO BRING:

- sturdy shoes for hiking
- old tennis shoes for water/rain
- socks
- underwear
- sweatshirt or jacket
- tee shirts
- shorts
- long pants
- pajamas or sleeping clothes
- water bottles (2 one-liter bottles recommended)
- swimsuit & beach towel
- sleeping bag or sheets & blanket
- pillow
- toiletries including: sun screen, soap, shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, dental floss
- towel & washcloth
- Bible
- pens/pencils
- flashlight
- insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- medications (in original containers)
- raincoat/poncho
- camera
- spending money for camp store
- For campers, 6th grade and older: throw-away mudslide clothes: must include long-sleeved shirts (more than one layer is recommended), long pants, socks, old shoes

DO NOT bring: *snacks or candy.* (Food will attract animals and insects).

DO NOT bring: *Electronic Equipment*Cell Phones*I-pods or MP-3's*Laptops
Wireless Handheld Devices

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

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