Dear Father-Son Participants,

Thank You for making time to be with your son/boys in your life at Camp Caraway! We hope you feel welcome and at home while you are here. After reading this document, please ask any questions: mmoore@caraway.org or 336-521-9207. You can also contact Shelly in the Camp Office, with any questions you might have: sgandy@caraway.org or 336.521.9210.

Program: The fun of the Father-Son Retreat helps us to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ, develop relationships, learn life skills, and serve others.

The camp counselors that will be serving you have been carefully screened and trained. We as a staff will do everything that we can to help make this camp the best experience possible. Attendees will be encouraged to participate and do their best in each activity, but the level of participation is always the choice of the participant. Please contact us with questions.

Medical & Release Forms: The medical and waiver forms are now online. The custodial parent or guardian must complete all of the forms for their child. All forms must be completed two weeks prior to the arrival date.

Background checks are required for all adults: Every adult that attends an overnight camp must have a background check completed. If you have completed one for us in the past 2 years, you do not need to complete one this year. We must have a current background check every 2 years. Please have this completed two weeks prior to camp. The name you use in your background check must be the same name you registered online with, so that we can identify you. If you have not already done so, complete the background check here: https://www.ministryopportunities.org/CarawayCC (you will need to copy an image of the link and then paste in your browser, or type in the link above, because this document is in pdf form.)

Arrival & Departure: Arrival is Friday, between 4-5 p.m. If you must arrive later than 5:30 pm, please let us know in advance. Supper will be at 6 pm at the Camp Dining Hall. Departure is Sunday after lunch. Lunch will be at 12pm on Sunday. If you are lodging at the Conference Center in the hotel style bedrooms, bedroom check out is at 10am. You will need to check out of your hotel style bedroom by 10am and put your luggage in your vehicle, and then go to the camp side of the property for the remainder of the morning.

Check-in: There will be signs and staff members directing you once you arrive on our property. If you are lodging in the hotel style bedrooms at the Conference Center, you will bear right towards the Conference Center, after driving through the gate, stay right to drive in between Hollifield Hall and the Conference Center. Unload your luggage into Conference Center lobby, check in, and then go park your car in the parking lot behind Hollifield Hall. If you will be lodging at the camp, you will need to drive towards the left hand side after entering the gate. A staff member will direct you to your assigned cabin. The meals, recreations and praise and worship, will be on the camp side of the property. Our physical address is 4756 Caraway Mountain Rd., Sophia, NC 27350

Lodging: If you have requested to lodge with another family when you registered online, you will be placed with the father/son pair in a cabin. If you want to do this and have not, you must have this done 2 weeks prior to camp arrival. Hotel style bedrooms are limited and would have been chosen as a ‘lodging option’ for a $75.00 extra fee when you registered. The hotel style bedrooms are booked on a first come, first serve basis.
COVID Information:

Please read our COVID update on our website: https://campcaraway.org/caraway-conference-center-and-camps-covid-update/

Campers may not attend camp if you have tested positive for COVID in the past 14 days. You may not attend camp if you have been exposed to someone that has tested positive in the past 10 days. Do not attend camp if you have had any COVID symptoms in the past 10 days, such as fever, cough, etc.

Each participant, including adults, must take their temperatures the night before departing for camp. Temperatures MUST be below 100 degrees Fahrenheit. If a camper has a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or above, they will NOT be able to attend camp. We will also check temperatures and do wellness checks upon arrival on each attendee. Contact Shelly at sgandy@caraway.org or 336.521.9210, if you cannot attend due to illness.

Contact: If someone cannot reach you, while you are at Caraway, they are welcome to call my office at 336-521-9207 or email me at mmoore@caraway.org. I will check both several times a day.

Pictures: We invite your family or church to keep up with our weekend by liking us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/campcaraway. We will post pictures at least once a day, and will share about some of the fun that we are having!

Money: Everything is included in your camp fee except optional snacks, gift purchases and our missions offering. We will have a missions offering to teach the importance of giving. Giving to the missions offering is optional.

Camp Store: The Post Store will be open twice a day. Items approximate costs include: snacks, ice cream & drinks ($1-$2 each), New Caraway T-shirts ($12), New Caraway Hats ($18), water bottle ($10-18), backpack ($20), assorted toys ($5), and more.

Special Concerns: Adults are responsible for the children that they bring. Our staff are trained to approach special concerns with campers such as medical conditions, bed wetting, or home sickness with the utmost respect and confidentiality if the adult requests assistance from us, however, it is the adult’s responsibility to care for the children they bring. Children should never be alone and adults should never be alone with children that are not their own.

Medical Conditions: Please document all medical conditions, allergies, medications, and any other pertinent issues in the online medical forms. Also, please include all food allergies in the online medical forms. The parent/guardians are responsible to administer the daily medications to the child you bring.

Behavior: Participants are given clear expectations and rules for the weekend when they arrive. We expect all participants including adults to follow these expectations and to treat each other as they would want to be treated. Adults are responsible for the children that they bring including their behavior, and any medications that need to be given. Children should not be left unattended or alone at any time. Our staff are well-trained in motivating and disciplining campers appropriately and are available to assist the adults if needed, but the adults are ultimately responsible for the child that you bring to camp. Bullying or picking of any kind is inexcusable and not tolerated here.
**Tobacco Free:** Our Father/Son Camps are tobacco free with the exception of the designated smoking gazebo located on the back side of the Conference Center. Thank you for honoring this throughout the weekend!

**Payment:** The full balance of the registration fees must be paid 4 weeks **prior to your arrival at camp.** Deposits are non-refundable, the remaining fee, is only refundable if there is an illness or death in the immediate family. You can pay the balance from your family account online. After clicking the ‘Sign In to Pay Balance/Complete Remaining Forms’ button, you will need to click “Sign In” on the upper right hand side of the screen when you enter the online registration portal. You will ‘Sign In’ with the email address and password you used to register. For payment questions contact Shelly Gandy- 336-521-9210 or sgandy@caraway.org.

We are praying for you and your son! We hope this retreat will be fun and will draw each of you closer to God and each other! Please scroll down for more.

Sincerely,

Mark “Hound Dawg” Moore,
Children’s Program Director
Caraway Conference Center & Camps
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Caraway Conference Center & Camps Registrar/Reservations Manager
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Camp Caraway Father/Son Camp Packing List

- Bible
- Face covering
- Clothes* Bring clothes appropriate for the weather/time of year you are attending, and pack clothes that can get dirty!
- Toiletries: (shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Modest bathing suit *If coming in summer*
- Pool/beach towel (Caraway towels are not allowed at pool/lake)*If coming in summer*
- 1 rain coat or poncho
- Jacket/Sweatshirt appropriate for cooler weather
- 1 pair pajamas or night clothes
- Flashlight
- Money for optional snacks & gifts at the Caraway Store and a missions offering
- Sunscreen and Bug Spray
- **If lodging in a cabin**, a sleeping bag, or fitted sheet, blanket, all linens (such as bath towels/wash rags) and a pillow
- **If lodging in the Conference Center** hotel style bedroom, no need to bring linens for bath or bedding

What not to Bring

- Electronics (if adults have a phone, please keep on silent and do not speak where you are a distraction)
- Personal sporting equipment (only exception is fishing equipment during free time)
- Tobacco, alcohol, vapes, or illegal drugs
- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Animals or pets

Additional Reminders

✓ *We will be mostly outside; pack and dress appropriately for hot, cool or damp weather and getting dirty.

✓ **LABEL** all clothing & belongings with the person’s name.

✓ Camp Caraway is not responsible for any of your personal items or sports equipment you choose to bring.

✓ Linens are provided at the Conference Center, except for swim towels.
Father-Son Sample Schedule

Friday
4 -5:00 pm  Check in and Free time
6 pm  Dinner in Camp Dining Hall
6:45 pm  Opening Program with Worship
7:45 pm  Get ready for Night Activity
8:00 pm  Night Activity
9:30 pm  Showers and Bed time!

Saturday
7:00 am  Rise and Shine!!!
8:00 am  Breakfast in Dining Hall
8:45 am  Father-Son Quiet Time
9:15 am  Worship
10:15 am  Snack time break
10:45 am  Skill Classes
12:00 pm  Lunch in Dining Hall / Get ready for Swim Time
1:00 pm  Swim Time (*If coming to summer session)
3:00 pm  Change/Camp Store Open/Break
4:00 pm  Afternoon Rec
5:30 pm  Dinner in Dining Hall
6:30 pm  Father-Son Fireside Talks/Free Time
7:30 pm  Night Activity
10:00 pm  Showers/Bed Time

Sunday
7:00 am  Rise and Shine!!!
8:00 am  Breakfast in Dining Hall
8:45 am  Father-Son Quiet Time
9:15 am  Skill Classes
10:30-ish  Pack up time/ put belongings in vehicles
11:00 am  Worship /Optional missions offering
12:00 pm  Lunch in Dining Hall/Depart when finished