



Dear Parents,

Thank you for investing in the lives of your boys by choosing Warrior Camp at Camp Caraway! Please read the information contained in this parent packet, so you will be prepared. If you have any questions after reading, call Shelly at 336.521.9210 or email at sgandy@caraway.org If you have any programming questions, contact Mark Moore, Director of Children's Programs at Camp Caraway Conference Center and Camps, 336.521.9207 or mmoore@caraway.org

Values: We use fun to pursue four values. Our values are:

- **Growing faith in Jesus**
- **Developing relationships**
- **Building life skills**
- **Serving others through missions**

We use our fun camp experience to facilitate opportunities for camper to better know Jesus Christ, connect with others, and take home teachable moments and to get excited about sharing their faith in Jesus.

Program: The boys will be grouped with other boys their age. Campers will be encouraged to participate and do their best in each activity, but the level of participation is always the choice of the camper. If you haven't already, read more about our program on our website, www.campcaraway.org We want you to be as well informed as possible.

Recreation: Recreation will include daily camp wide 'battles' (competitive group games with a purpose), swimming in the pool or lake, and other recreation options such as, zip lines, rock wall, bazooka ball, archery, air rifles, slip n' slide, sports, sling shots and more. Boys will have the option to sign up for a hike and an overnight hammock campout.

Camp Theme: We will use the Warrior theme to discover what the Bible teaches about the virtues of Integrity, Faith and Courage. Our morning quiet time devotion will introduce the word of the day, our battle times (camp wide fun competitions) will experientially teach about the word of the day, our camp pastor will teach on the word of the day from God's word, and our camp counselors will lead a devotion each evening, recapping what we learned from the Word that day. Each activity, such as worship time, missions time or recreation will experientially accomplish our 4 values.



Cabin Mate Requests: We allow up to 3 boys in the same age range to lodge together. They must be at least within a two year span in order to be able to request each other. 'Roommate' requests should be done when you are registering your camper online. You can still add a 'Roommate' request to your camper's online dashboard if you did not do this at registration. The last day to send a 'Roommate' request to another camper's parent from your camper's online Warrior registration is June 10, 2023. The requests must be emailed to the camper's parent. **As long as one parent** 'accepts' the request, they will be linked. If you can see this link for the cabin mate you have requested on your camper's Warrior Camp registration, they are linked as cabin mates.

Medical Conditions: Please document all medical conditions on the medical form online. **Any vitamins, supplements, over the counter or prescription medications that you want us to administer while your camper is at camp, must be listed on your camper's medication section in their Warrior Camp online registration or the camp nurse will not be able to administer it while he is at camp.** **Please have the medications ready to give the nurse at check in. Please make sure each medication is in the original bottle from the pharmacy with directions.** These should all be in a clear plastic bag (such as zip lock) with the camper's full name written with a permanent marker.

Also, list any allergies, such as food allergies in the medical section on your camper's Warrior Camp registration. Any additions must be made to your camper's medical section on his dashboard or medical forms on his dashboard, before 2pm on June 10, 2023. All vitamins, supplements, over the counter and prescription medications that you want us to administer while they are at camp must be listed on your camper's 'medication' section online.

Campers may NOT attend camp if they have a fever of 100 F. Please do not send your camper to camp if they have a fever or have had a fever within 24 hours of camp arrival. Contact Shelly Gandy if your camper has any illness symptoms at sgandy@caraway.org or 336.521.9210

Special Concerns: We have trained our staff to approach special concerns with campers such as medical conditions, bed wetting or homesickness with the utmost respect and confidentiality. You can help us prepare for your child's success with communicating these needs. Please list concerns on your camper's online Warrior Camp registration under 'Is there anything else we need to know about your child?' You can make any additions until 2pm June 10, 2023.



Bedwetting: Document this under 'Is there anything else that we need to know about your child' on your camper's medical form from his online dashboard. Our staff will be ready to assist your child if we know about this in advance. We suggest you consider pull up absorbent overnight undergarments or disposable bed linen covers. Both of these can be discreetly used.

Homesickness: Homesickness is normal and many campers may experience a little homesickness at some point during their camp session. Parents can help with homesickness with patience and preparation. Please consider some of these tips to help your camper deal with this in a healthy way at camp.

- Encourage your child's independence throughout the year
- Discuss what camp will be like
- Please honor our NO cell phone policy
- Send your camper a letter or email through Bunk1 throughout the week.

Arrival: Our physical address is 4756 Caraway Mountain Rd., Sophia, NC 27350. We are staggering drop off and pick up again this year. You will follow the long drive, then enter through the open gate.

Next follow the arrows along the drive and drop your camper off along with his luggage at the drop off point. We will have staff members to guide you when you arrive on the property. You will NOT get out of your vehicle when dropping your camper off at camp. If your camper has medications, you will need to have them ready to give to the camp nurse at the drop off point. **We will check picture ID's at pick up.** Make sure all 'approved drivers', other than the legal guardians that are already listed in your camper's registration, are listed under 'approved drivers'. The parent(s) listed as the guardians attached to your camper's online registration will be allowed to pick up campers. All other approved drivers must be listed in order to pick up your camper. Please add any additional drivers to your camper's account by June 10, 2023. Your camper will need to arrive as follows below, unless you have a camper to drop off at Horizons Camp, then **please drop the Horizon's Camper off first at 10 am**, then come across to Caraway for Warrior Camp drop off.

Arrival: If the camper's last name starts with the letter:

A - I, arrive at 10 am

J - R, arrive at 10:45 am

S - Z, arrive at 11:15 am



Please arrive as the schedule above for us to better serve you. Staff will be onsite to direct you and a staff member **will be taking each camper's temperature before they exit the vehicle.**

We will be staggering **pick up times** as well, if your last name starts with the letter:

A - I, pick up at 10 am

J - R, pick up at 11 am

S - Z. arrive at 11:30 am

Campers may not leave before the closing program unless prior arrangements have been made with the Camp Registrar Shelly Gandy. Parents will NOT be able to attend lunch on closing day this year, or attend the closing program. The closing program will be available on our social media and we will have a DVD that you can purchase. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the closing program, contact Mark Moore, at mmoore@caraway.org or at 336.521.9207.

Contacting Campers: If you wish to contact your camper throughout the week, we encourage you to write a letter or postcard and bring it with you when you drop him off. We will give it to him later in the week. Through our partner Bunk 1 you may send campers mail. If you choose a Bunk 1 package for your camper to reply to you during camp, please know that we will give campers their Bunk mail from you each day and strongly encourage him to reply. However it is ultimately up to the camper if they reply or not. Speak to your camper about this before camp. This is not an immediate response process and could take up to 36 hours to receive your camper's response. You can access your camper's Bunk 1 account from our online registration portal through his Warrior Camp registration! It is the 'Bunk Notes and Camp Photos' step in registration. This was recently added, so most parents will need to 'sign in to account' from the Warrior Camp page of our website to see this feature that has recently been added to registration. You can access the photos and email him all from his registration this year!

Pictures: We invite you to keep up with our week by liking us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cmvretreatcenter. However, only a few pictures will be posted on Facebook. The majority of photos, will be posted on Bunk 1. There is NO CODE THIS YEAR! You can view photos all from your camper's registration portal! You will view photos, add money to his store card and send emails through Bunk 1 all on his Warrior Camp registration in the online registration system!

Emergency Contact: Campers are NOT allowed to have cell phones, smart watches or any device at camp. We will call you using the numbers you have listed in the online forms, anytime we have concerns about your child's health or behavior. Thank you for not sending any cell phones to camp. We can deliver any emergency messages to your camper if needed.



Contact Shelly Gandy at 336.521.9210 or Mark Moore at 336.521.9207. We will check messages multiple times a day and welcome your call.

Money: You can apply money to your camper's 'Store Credit' online for daily trips to the camp store. This is a wonderful way for campers to make purchases at the camp store without needing to keep up with cash or a physical card. The amount that you pay for is the amount your camper will be able to spend. When camper checks out at the store, we will ask their name, then verify identity by looking at the photo that you have uploaded of your camper. Then the money for the purchase will be deducted from camper's store credit account.

Campers will only be able to spend the amount that you have paid for. You will not be able to add an amount and pay for it after the camp is over. This must be paid for in advance.

You can add money to their store credit while they are at camp. Any remaining money \$10.00 or higher in your camper's store card will automatically be refunded to the card you paid with the following week. (Unless you chose to donate remaining store card money when setting up their card.)

The Post Game Room & Store: Snacks, drinks, ice cream, (\$2 each); Caraway short sleeve t-shirts (\$12); long sleeve t-shirts (\$15); Caraway hats (\$15+) and MUCH more!

Lost & Found: Please label *every item* with your camper's name. There is a 'lost & found' table in Davis Dining Hall for campers and their counselors to check for lost items at each meal.

Behavior and Bullying: Campers are given clear expectations and rules for the week when they arrive. We expect campers to follow these expectations and to treat each other as they want to be treated. Bullying or 'picking' of any kind is inexcusable and will **NOT** be tolerated here. If your child does not follow our expectations and rules after disciplinary action, we will call you and will likely send your child home if they do not respond to our expectations promptly.

Sincerely,

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