

Information for Campers & Parents



Summer Camp



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

How do I register a camper?

See "How to Register" page.

Is scholarship aid available for campers?

See "How to Register" page



PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY!

Health Information Requirements



A Health Information & Permissions Form is required for all campers attending Laurel Ridge. Verification that the camper has had a health examination within the last 24 months is also required. Please read the form carefully and send the required information and attachments with the Form.

Laurel Ridge has a nurse on staff during the summer. If a camper takes medications or has special medical concerns, the details should be reported on the Health Form. The nurse will go over this information at registration and the information passed to the counselors & staff. At registration, the nurse will collect ALL medications and administer them to the camper as directed. **NOTE: ALL MEDICATIONS MUST COME IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTAINER. PLEASE DO NOT USE PILL CASES FOR YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION.**

Campers are insured by Laurel Ridge for outside medical treatment resulting from accidental injuries. Campers are **not** insured for outside treatment resulting from illness. If a camper requires such treatment, the fees will be the responsibility of the camper's personal insurance. Parents or guardians will be notified immediately in the event of injury or illness.

If for religious or other reasons, persons have alternate health and medical practices, a "Waiver, Refusal & Emergency Information Form" must be submitted. **Call or email the registrar to request this form.**

How does the roommate request policy work?



We believe that an important part of the camp experience is to make new friends and become fully involved with the whole camp. We also understand that young people want to be with a friend, especially if they are coming to Laurel Ridge for the first time. Therefore, **a camper may request one roommate and that person must request the camper for the two to room together.**

Campers may not request counselors except in Pre-Junior Camps. Most counselors have asked that they have different campers each year so that both counselors and campers have new experiences.

If you have a concern about cabin assignments, note that on your registration or call our office **before the Registration Deadline Date**. We will be unable to make changes after that date as all the information we provide deans, counselors, medical and camp staff prior to camp must include cabin assignments.

Do you need transportation?

Van service will be available for campers needing transportation to and from Laurel Ridge for all sessions **except Pre-Juniors**. Van Service is \$30.00 round trip or \$15.00 one way. This non-refundable fee must accompany the registration form. Vans depart at 2:15 pm & return at 11:30 am to the parking lot of the Salem Fine Arts Center. Parents requesting transportation will be sent an information sheet with more details.

When should camper arrive for camp?

Campers should arrive between 3:00 & 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoon. (Pre-Junior 2 campers should arrive between 4:00 & 5:00 pm on Friday.) Check-in closes at 5:00 pm. **All campers should check in at the Activity Center before going to their cabins.** If camper is not able to arrive by 5:00 pm, please contact the Registrar **by Friday before session begins.**



When should campers be picked up from camp?

For camps ending on Saturday, campers should be picked up between 9:00 & 10:00 am on Saturday morning. Pre-Junior 1 campers should be picked up at 3:00 pm on Tuesday and Pre-Junior 2 campers, 3:00 pm on Sunday.

How do I send mail to a camper?



Address your letter or card to:
Camper Name, Laurel Ridge, 124 Pendry Drive, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 and put the name of the camp (example: Junior 1) on the envelope. Mail early in the week and be sure to include a return address in case your letter does not arrive by Friday of the camp week.

How may I contact a camper by phone?



To leave a message for a camper, call the Laurel Ridge office at (toll free) 1-888-831-5922 and leave a message with staff or on the answering machine. **If your call is urgent**, call the summer camp kitchen at 336-359-2237, explain that your call is urgent, and request that your message be delivered immediately to the camp dean or director.

Will my camper need money?



Junior campers should bring about \$10 for spending money at the canteen. Junior High & Senior High campers may wish to bring \$20. Pre-Junior campers should bring \$1 for one trip to the canteen.

A group photo of each camp session can be ordered at check-in for \$5.00. Permission to be included in that photo must be given by parent on the Health & Activities Permission Form.

Each camper will receive a free T-shirt. Additional shirts & sweatshirts can be purchased for \$12-\$25 at the canteen, which will be open during arrival & departure times.



What should campers bring to camp?

Please label each item a camper brings to camp with the camper's name.

- sleeping bag or bedding for single bed (including warm blanket)
- shorts, shirts, socks, underwear, etc for everyday wear
- jeans, long pants for hiking and cool nights
- jacket and/or sweaters
- at least 2 pairs of shoes, one of which can get wet. Tennis shoes are required for participation in certain activities, so make sure your camper has a pair.
- rain gear: poncho, jacket or coat
- pajamas and some cover-up for trips to the shower
- shower shoes (flip-flops)
- swim suits
- towels (for both bath and swimming), washcloths
- toiletries: such as soap, shampoo, toothbrush/paste, deodorant
- band instruments
- Bible, pen or pencil & notepad – also, envelopes and stamps for letters.
- camera, if you wish
- WATERBOTTLE



Important:

Please instruct your camper to be sure they leave camp with all their things. Laurel Ridge can not be responsible for lost items or anything left at camp.



What things may campers NOT bring to camp?

Laurel Ridge is a drug, alcohol and smoke free environment.

Camper bringing illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages to camp will be sent home immediately. Weapons, personal sports equipment, & animals are also prohibited.

Camper are expected to abide by the no-smoking policy.

Camper should not bring: radios pagers
 boom boxes electronic games
 cell phones MP3 players

We will confiscate them and return them at the end of the week.



PLEASE NOTE: cell phones are not allowed at Laurel Ridge. If you wish to take pictures, bring a camera. If you want to get up on time, bring an alarm clock.

IPods & Walkmans are not permitted at Junior or Pre-Junior camps. Small sound systems with earphones are permissible at Junior High and Senior High camps **but may only be used at certain times of the day with counselor permission.**

Camper should not bring large quantities of snack food or candy, since there is no good way to store it **and it attracts mice and insects**. Also, too much snack food encourages camper to skip meals.

Other Important Information

All camper must arrive on Sunday.
(Friday for Pre-Junior 2)
No Late Arrivals.

A camper needing to leave camp early must have permission from the director.

For camper protection, it is camp policy that **no visitors are allowed during the camp week.**



How do I get to Laurel Ridge?

Laurel Ridge is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, about two miles off of Highway 18 between North Wilkesboro, NC and Sparta, NC

To reach Laurel Ridge from Winston-Salem and points east, travel Highway 421 to North Wilkesboro and take the Business 421/Highway 115 exit (#282). Turn right and proceed about 3 miles to the junction with Highway 18. Turn right and follow Highway 18 North from North Wilkesboro for about 19 miles and turn left onto Darnell-Woodie Rd. (State Road 1620) Travel about a mile and look for signs directing you to Laurel Ridge facilities.

From Charlotte and points south, travel I-77 to Highway 421 North to North Wilkesboro. Then follow the directions above.

From Asheville and points west, travel I-40 East to I-77 North to Highway 421 North to North Wilkesboro. Then follow the directions above.

From Virginia and points north, travel I-81 to Wytheville, VA and follow Highway 21 South to Sparta, NC and turn right on Highway 18 South. Turn right on Darnell-Woodie Rd about a mile after crossing under the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Laurel Ridge is the camp, conference and retreat center of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province and an agency of the Board of Christian Education, who's Christian mission is to provide opportunities for people to grow spiritually through living in community in an outdoor setting.

For more information, contact:

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