

Camp Ida-Haven May Newsletter

Thank you so much for the compliment of your support and patronage of Camp Ida-Haven. We are constantly striving to make your experience a positive and enjoyable one, both during the registration process and the week your child spends at camp.

To make your trip to camp easier and the registration check-in line quicker, please read the entire email.

CHECK YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

This is a good time to do a quick check of your online account. Make sure the **dates** are still good for your family and that the **activities** your camper selected are what he/she wanted. This saves time during the Registration Check-in at camp. You should take a look at your medical **forms** and update them as appropriate.

If you need to **cancel** your reservation, please do so as soon as possible. If you cancel within 7 days of when your camp session begins, you will be charged a \$100 fee, in addition to the non-refundable \$50 deposit.

Camp:	Cub	Junior	Tween	Between	Earliteen
Fee for Late Cancellation Applied:	June 19	June 26	July 3	July 10	July 17

Teen Camp has had many last minute cancellations which are then difficult to fill. Because of this, we require payment of the full camp fee for all teen camp reservations **by June 15**. Any reservations cancelled after this time will receive no refund. Spots open due to cancellations will be offered to the first camper on the waiting list.

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

On the Sunday that you arrive at camp for your week's adventure, please note that the camp gates are closed until 3:00 p.m. This allows our wonderful staff to ready the grounds for your arrival. Registration will still start promptly at 4:00 p.m. and goes until 5:00 p.m.

Registration Check-in happens in the Old Lodge. Douglas will be outside the building at the head of the line to hand you paperwork and answer questions. Inside the building the line will split into two lines—each line will be the same and will finalize the following topics:

Stop #1 – Financial: Make your final payment on camp fees, store deposit, DVD of camp week, camp photo, and bus fare (where applicable).

Stop #2 – Medical: Talk with our Camp Medical Staff. If your camper has medications, please put them in a zip lock bag, in original packaging, with written instructions for dispensing. We print a list of camper's meds for the medical staff from the medical forms, but they won't have had time to look at each camper's medical form. You will need to share information with the medical staff. If you want to speak with them outside of the registration line, please ask to do so.

Stop #3 – Camp Shirt: Receive your child's camp shirt. Possession of this shirt is the only way for your child to get into their cabin and choose a bed.

Stop #4 - Lodging: After going through the Registration Check-In line, you will go to the Cabin Circle to drop-off your camper to their counselor. At the cabin you will receive a letter from the counselor regarding mail, packages, and emails. Any desired cabin changes will be addressed by the head counselor in the cabin circle after you go through line. Please understand that while we do our best to accommodate requests, we can't overfill a cabin.

MAIL

You may drop-off cards or packages to be dispensed throughout the week to your camper. You may hand these items to any registration staff for safe keeping, as long as they are marked with the recipient's full name and cabin number.

The postal service mail and camper emails (pre-scanned for appropriate content) are dispersed each day at supper. For emails, please send text only in black and white (no color or photos). We print the emails, so please make it worth the paper. Mailing and email addresses are in the counselor letter, given to you on registration Sunday.

Candy and treats sent to your camper will be held for them until Saturday night for the big party. We have found that we have fewer discipline issues and less sickness when we all limit our intake of sugar.

VISITATION

We discourage visits during the week as many times it causes home-sickness. If your child is homesick, they may want to leave with you and go home. Another child may then wonder why their parent is not also visiting and this heightens their anxiety. Many times the parent visits because the parent is child-sick. While it is not easy, releasing your children for a week is an important step for you and your child's maturation process. Soothe those emotions with a letter.

If you choose to visit Camp during your child's stay, you will need to check in at the Camp Office. We are very protective of your children and do not allow people to wander the grounds unless they have been to the office and identified themselves. This is for the protection of every child at camp.

ELECTRONICS

We ask that your camper not bring electronic equipment with them (i.e. cell phones, iPods, etc). The camp environment is not friendly to costly electronics and we cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage. Even in this day of digital communication, campers enjoy receiving snail mail.

PICK UP TIME

Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. is pick up time. For security reasons it is important that we know who will pick up your camper. This allows us to be sure that every child goes home with the correct guardian. We will also have your camp DVD, photo, unspent camp store money, medications, and lost and found. Please be on-time. Your children are anxious to see you and tell you all about their week. Call the office if you are going to be late for any reason and we will let your child know. A sitting fee of \$20 per hour will apply after 10 a.m.

BUS RIDERS

If your child is riding the bus, we will follow the same registration check-in steps above. You will talk with the bus driver about any registration issues when you drop off your camper.

The bus arrives at 7777 Fairview Avenue in Boise for pickup/drop off each Sunday between 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. You must have a reservation in advance as space is limited. It is important that you be prompt for this service. Unresolved pickup or bus reservations are stressful for everyone involved. Please consider it your responsibility to confirm these final check-out details with us before Sunday either over the phone (208) 634-5922 or by email (darla@idahaven.org).

We look forward to a busy, safe, and exciting summer.

Douglas & Darla
Camp Ida-Haven Directors