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2024

SUMMER CAMP

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SPRING CREEK,
PA 16436

Join fellow TPS students, staff and teachers for a week of summer fun in the "old west" village of Miracle Mountain Ranch (MMR)! TPS Summer Camp is a great place to experience Christian discipleship and fellowship in a fun and family-friendly environment. It is the perfect opportunity to meet other TPSers, enjoy fun summer activities, and deepen your walk with the Lord while building lasting friendships.

WHEN IS TPS SUMMER CAMP?

June 2 to June 8, 2024 (arrive between 3:00-4:30pm on June 2 and depart 9:00am on June 8).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER CAMP?

TPS students, their siblings, parents, and friends! Please see registration form for more information.

WHERE IS SUMMER CAMP LOCATED?

Miracle Mountain Ranch in Spring Creek, PA. We are excited to offer you this opportunity in partnership with MMR, who has over 50 years of experience in offering excellent Christian camps and events for teens, adults, and families. The leadership and staff at MMR hold values consistent with those of TPS.

[Learn more about our partnership with MMR](#)

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK?

Students should arrive at camp between 3:00-4:30pm on Sun, June 2 and depart at 9:00am on the morning of Sat, June 8 (pick-up is also available on Fri, June 7). Each day will include group games and activities, meals, chapel, cabin devotions, and "free time" activities, which include options such as trail rides, craft shop, field games, and more. Throughout the week, MMR's trained counselors will lead students through the daily schedule, participate with them in activities, and get to know the students for discipleship and encouragement. (See last page for sample schedule.)





WHAT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES DOES MMR OFFER?

Craft shop, ropes confidence course, archery, team sports, trail rides on horseback, lots of creative team games in the field and gym, rock climbing wall, a hayride, sporting clays, paintballing, horsemanship lesson, and more! (Additional fees apply for sporting clays, paintball, and horsemanship.)

The emphasis will be on group activities and face-to-face fun and friendships. We recommend students leave their phones at home, but those brought to camp will be kept in the MMR office for the week to encourage face-to-face fun and for privacy considerations (no cameras in the cabins, bath houses or other personal spaces). Students may access their phones to call home if needed. Along the same lines, exclusive relationships (romantic or otherwise) will be discouraged so that everyone may enjoy building non-exclusive friendships with brothers and sisters in Christ.

Graduating senior student? Come be a part of the TPS High School Graduation and commemorate this special occasion with your friends and fellow students! Ceremony will be held on the evening of Friday, June 8! For more information:

<https://support.at-tps.org/graduation/>



WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS?

Parents of campers are encouraged to share the excitement of the week with their kids, while also using the camp as their own relaxing break or a chance to get a little work done in a laid-back setting (there is sufficient internet for email and web-browsing - no streaming). Most of the activities are open for parents to participate with the kids if they choose, and the after-dinner game each day is specifically designed for parent participation. Everyone is encouraged to attend evening chapel.

There is also optional special programming just for parents! See the link below for our Parent Schedule and information:

<https://support.at-tps.org/summer-camp/summer-camp-parent-information/>

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS?

Campers will be housed in bunkhouses on the MMR campus. There will be 6-10 campers per cabin, with cabins grouped by age and biological gender, and two counselors in each cabin. Campers may make rooming requests when they register (not when they arrive), but due to cabin size and age-gender grouping limitations some requests may not be accommodated.

Parent accommodations will be in bunk houses with other parents (males and females housed separately). We have a limited number of private family rooms and cabins for parents bringing young children or for special accommodations.

CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL NEEDS AND DIETARY RESTRICTIONS?

Because the camp is serving so many, it's not always possible for them to accommodate every special need or dietary restriction. If you or your child has food allergies that require a special diet or other dietary needs, please contact us before registering to see how we can meet your camper's needs.

GENDER, AGE, AND SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS?

The camp is offered as an inclusive social, relational, and spiritual opportunity for students to build platonic friendships outside of cliques, exclusivity, or social hierarchies. Single event gatherings based on shared interests (e.g., TPS French students eat at the same table for a particular meal) will be encouraged and supported. Exclusive groups (e.g., small group of students who spend all unscheduled time together exclusively) will be actively discouraged. "Couples" behavior, both physical and non-physical, between students will be proactively prohibited for the entire duration of the camp, even if the students are in a long-standing relationship and both students have parental approval to behave as a couple.

For security, safety, and privacy reasons, bunkhouses are segregated by biological age group and gender. Bathhouses are segregated by biological gender. The camp is a rugged and rustic setting with no facilities or provisions for other age or gender considerations. There is also limited family housing available for parents with small children (below camp participation age), but family housing may not be used to include older students (i.e., students old enough to be registered as a camp participant). A certified camp staff adult will be assigned to each bunkhouse, but no other adults (including parents) will be permitted in the student bunkhouses.



HOW MUCH DOES TPS SUMMER CAMP COST?

Individual Student:

\$445 per-person for one camper

Family (2 - 4 students / parents):

\$410 per-person

Large Family (4+ students / parents):

\$1640 total (capped)

Age 5-11 yo (accompanied by parent):

\$285 per-person

Note: Activity fees apply for some optional activities (see below) and are additional to the above base costs.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS?

There is a small additional fee for the following optional activities: paintball, horsemanship lesson, and sporting clays. These activities must be selected and paid at registration to ensure availability.

On some days, the camp "Snack Shack" or "Buckboard Store" will be open during free time, so campers may purchase snacks, drinks, ice cream, t-shirts, and small souvenirs. Students may wish to bring some cash for these opportunities.





CAN I PURCHASE A SWEATSHIRT AHEAD OF TIME?

Yes, you can! While registering, you can select a size and purchase the 2024 TPS Sweatshirt before camp. At the start of camp, the sweatshirt will be made a part of your student's welcome package upon arrival.



CAN YOU SUPPORT STUDENTS FLYING IN FROM OUT-OF-STATE?

Yes! MMR will provide transportation to and from the Erie (ERI) airport. Additional fees apply. Just indicate on your registration form that you are taking advantage of this option.

PHONES, TABLETS, AND PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS?

Devices distract students from the rustic context and relational opportunities of the camp, and also introduce privacy concerns where photos, videos, and information about others may be recorded without their permission (or knowledge). Students are not permitted to use phones or tablets during most of the days and nights, and the devices are held for safekeeping by camp staff. Students will be given access to their devices for short periods at the end of each day (e.g., to call home) and allowed to use them only in visible public spaces away from bunkhouses, bathrooms, or other private areas. For those who want photo and video memories of the week, camp staff photographers will actively shoot photos and videos all during the week and make the content available for download at the end of the camp.





HOW DO I REGISTER?

<https://support.at-tps.org/summer-camp/summer-camp-registration/>

QUESTIONS?

We're glad to answer any questions you have! Additionally, if you feel you have a special situation that needs unique consideration, please feel free to ask. We want to make TPS Summer Camp work for you! Please email support@pottersschool.org to discuss options.





SAMPLE SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

7:30am	Wake Up
8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Bunkhouse Devotions
9:30am	Morning Games
9:30-12pm	Activities for Parents/Teachers
12:00pm	Lunch
1:30-5:30pm	Rotation of Activities by Hour-Slots
2:00-5:00pm	Activities for Parents/Teachers
6:00pm	Dinner
6:30pm	After-Dinner Game
8:00pm	Chapel
9:00pm	Free Time
10:00pm	All In
10:30pm	Lights Out