

FAMILY CAMP INFORMATION PACKET

Welcome to Family Camp!



Thank you for choosing Camp Susque Family Camps. We are excited your family will be camping with us.

Family Camp is a special community of folks that share similar interests, a passion for fun and a love for God! Not only will you develop closer bonds within your family unit, your circle will expand to include new camp friends.



We encourage you to get involved as much as possible. Join us at chapel, host a campfire, play volleyball or participate in an activity class. Perhaps you will prefer to relax on the front porch of Hemlock Hall or Susque Lodge enjoying the view or chatting with other families. Whatever your plans, be sure to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more comfortable and enjoyable!

Check-In

- Please plan to arrive between 3 - 5 PM
- If you will be arriving later than 5 PM, please let us know so we can prepare for your late arrival.

NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

If this your first time at Family Camp, you are invited to an informational meeting at 5:30 pm in the pavilion.

CAMP OFFICE HOURS

9:30—5:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday

After you are all checked in and settled,
Join us
@ 6:00 p.m. on Sunday
for a hot dog roast!

WHAT TO BRING

This list is not all-inclusive. It is simply a suggestion of things that may be helpful or you may forget.

- **COOKING STOVES, UTENSILS, & SUPPLIES**--If cooking your own meals. NO camp kitchen or lodge cooking utensils may be used for campers personal use at campsites. Please do not remove any items from the kitchen areas.
- **BED & BATH LINENS**--Camp does not provide bed or bath linens including pillows.
- **SWEATER AND/OR JACKET**--These are recommended due to the chilly evening air.
- **SHOES**--It is advisable to pack a few pairs of shoes as our fields are typically wet with morning dew. Creek shoes are recommended when swimming or canoeing in the creek.
- **BUG SPRAY & SUNSCREEN**
- **CAMERA**--You will want to capture all the fun and beauty at Camp Susque!
- **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**--this is optional but helpful in enhancing worship as well as campfire times & talent shows.
- **RIFLERY & ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**--While permissible to bring your own, all personal firearms & archery equipment **MUST** remain locked in your vehicle with the ammunition locked in a separate container/ area (i.e. trunk or glove box) when not in use. **NOTE: Only .22 single-shot rifles are permitted**
- **FISHING EQUIPMENT**--Fishing is available in the camp pond and nearby Lycoming Creek. Valid PA fishing licenses are required for anyone 16 and older.
- **LAWN CHAIRS**
- **BICYCLES**--are welcome with restrictions. Riding on porches and between parked cars is **NOT PERMITTED**. On camp property, for safety concerns, we highly recommend the use

Modesty @ Camp

At Susque we strive to convey a mindset of Christian modesty. To help accomplish this, we ask that clothing cover undergarments and private areas. Shirts should also be long enough to cover the midriff area.

REGARDING SWIMWEAR:

Boys: Loose fitting shorts

Girls: One to two piece that covers the midriff area

of helmets by adults and children; however, should you choose to ride on nearby roads, **helmets are required by PA law for children 12 & under**. When attending activities at Hemlock Hall, bicycles should be parked at the end of the porch. At all other locations, bicycles should not block entry ways or walk paths.

- **SWIMWEAR**--See modesty statement for guidelines on swimwear. Swimming is available in our pool, nearby Lycoming Creek and off-site at a favorite swimming hole known as Rock Run. Pool hours will be posted on the schedule given at check-in. **Children 9 & under MUST be supervised by an adult at all times.**
- **EXTRA FUNDS**--While mostly everything is covered in your lodging and meal fees, extra funds via cash or credit card may be needed in the following cases:
 - ⇒ **A snack bar**, located in the pavilion, will be open each evening.
 - ⇒ **Ice & firewood**. Ice is available with prices to be posted. Please check with the office staff for its location. Firewood is stacked near our maintenance shed and is free with a donation accepted. Please track your purchases and pay at the camp office at the end of your stay.
 - ⇒ **An honorarium** is collected to cover expenses for our speaker.
 - ⇒ The **Trail's End Camp Store** will be open each day for souvenirs, camp apparel, beverages and snacks.

DOGS--are permitted with the following guidelines:

- They **MUST** be kept on a leash or in a kennel under your supervision at all times
- Clean-up is your responsibility
- They are **NOT** permitted in the dining hall unless serving as guide dogs.
- They should not create a disturbance or nuisance. Excessive barking is a disturbance.



USEFUL INFORMATION

- **Daily Events, schedule changes and phone messages** will be posted on the bulletin board on Hemlock Hall porch as well as in the pavilion. Please check regularly to keep up to date on important information.
- **Chapel Services** are held each morning. It is our desire that each family will attend the service. **The basketball court is OFF LIMITS during chapel time.**
- **The Rifle & Archery Ranges** will be available on a limited, scheduled basis, to be announced.
- All **off-camp travel** is done without responsibility to Camp Susque. Camp does not sponsor any off-camp trips. You are encouraged to notify someone of your plans in case of emergency.
- If you wish to purchase an **additional meal**, payment should be made at the camp office. Reservations must be made the day before the day of desired meal.
- If your family hosts a **guest youth (under 21)**, that camper **must be housed with the host family.** The host family is expected to exercise basic parental authority and is responsible for the enforcing of curfews and camp guidelines.
- **Canoeing** will be available at designated times with a lifeguard present. Posted safety instructions are expected to be followed. NO horseplay of any kind is permitted. All **campers under the age of 18 MUST BE accompanied by an adult in the canoe.** A Personal Floatation Device is required to be worn by each person in the canoe. Campers using the canoes are responsible for any damage to the equipment. You are permitted to bring your own canoes and kayaks, however, if they are launched from our dock, all camp guidelines as outlined above must be followed.
- **Camp Laundry Facilities** are for camp use only.

What NOT To Bring

- **FIREWOOD**--To reduce the risk of transporting invasive wood-boring insects such as the Emerald Ash Borer, we ask that you do not bring your own firewood. Bundles of firewood will be available at a minimal cost. You are also welcome to gather dead wood from the forest at no cost!
- **ILLEGAL DRUGS OR ALCOHOL**
- **ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES**--including 3 & 4 wheelers & motor bikes are prohibited on Camp Susque property as our liability insurance does not cover their usage.



- **Office phone** is for CAMP USE ONLY and should only be used in the case of emergency when a cell phone is not available. Cell reception is excellent on camp with Verizon and AT&T service and therefore, make a viable option for phone use.
- **All visitors** are required to check in at the camp office and receive their visitors badge before going to camp sites. An \$18 per day per family commuter fee applies to all visitors. If arrival is after office hours, host families should notify one of the camp directors upon guest's arrival for check-in and to pay fee.
- **Quiet time** in all areas of camp begins at 10:00 p.m. Hemlock Hall will be closed at 11:00 p.m. Everyone should be in their respective family areas and children should not be roaming around the camp.

DO's & DON'Ts

- Do **NOT** trim or cut bushes or trees without permission from camp administration
- Do **NOT** enter the Maintenance Building. This area is OFF LIMITS to all campers. If you are in need of any tools, our Facilities Manager will be happy to assist you.
- Do **NOT** burn trash in the fire pits including diapers.
- Please bag burnable and non-burnable trash separately. Deposit in designated cans in each camping area. Recycling cans are available for clear glass, aluminum cans and certain plastics.
- Parents **MUST** accompany small children through the meal line.

On-Call Staff

Peter Swift — 570-560-0513

David Vest — 570-881-0654

Should you need assistance after “programming hours” or have an emergency, please contact either of the above listed directors. If it is a life-threatening emergency, please dial **911** first!



THE TRAIL'S END CAMP STORE

Visit our camp store, The Trails End! Open daily and stocked with great items to take home to remember your stay with us.

The Trail's End

20% off
Entire Purchase

Expiration Date: August 21, 2023



Emergencies & Medical Care

Emergencies, such as fire or severe storm, are communicated by continuous ringing of the dinner bell. When you hear the bell, please report to Hemlock Hall for further instructions by camp administration. Parents are responsible for securing all family members.

Families are responsible for their own medical care and transportation, other than by ambulance. Camp administration will assist in securing emergency medical services, if needed. **Should a major injury or medical emergency arise, please notify camp administration immediately.**

Most Susque staff are certified in CPR and First Aid. An AED is also available in the infirmary.

A first aid kit is available outside the infirmary for adult access only. For families going on a hike, portable first aid kits and radios are available. Please see a staff member to obtain.

Camping at Camp Susque is a wonderful way to start a lifelong tradition with your family. We hope your experience with us is memorable and treasured always.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We enjoyed our stay so much we want to come back next year. Can we reserve our spot before we leave?



Absolutely! Each family is given the opportunity to reserve their lodging (or a new spot) for the following year by completing a registration form and submitting a \$100 deposit. This deposit is refundable through March 30th of the following year should your plans need to change. After that date, your deposit becomes non-refundable as mentioned above.

1. What size linens should I bring?

Our tents, cabins, & Nature Den contain twin size beds. Most beds in Susque Lodge and Laurel Lodge rooms are twin size as well. However, some of those rooms also have double beds. It is advisable to contact our camp office to know for sure what your room is equipped with.

2. What payment options will be available at check-in to pay my balance?

For your convenience, we accept cash, checks, money orders as well as Mastercard, Visa and Discover credit cards.

3. What if I need to cancel my reservation?

You should contact the camp office by phone or email as soon as possible to cancel so we can open up your spot to other families.

4. If I cancel my reservation, is my money refundable?

Cancellations made prior to April 1 is totally refundable. Cancellations made after March 30th and up to seven (7) days prior to the registered camp date allows for a full refund of any monies paid, minus the deposit. After that date, all monies paid are non-refundable.

5. Is medical care available on camp grounds by a licensed nurse or physician?

During family camps we do not staff a licensed nurse or physician. Please see the Emergencies and Medical Care section for more information.

6. Some of my family members have food allergies. Can you accommodate our needs or should we prepare our own meals?

We can accommodate most restrictions, but not all. For those campers with dietary restrictions, we will offer alternative food choices. You **MUST** indicate all food allergies and/or dietary needs (vegetarian) on your registration form, at least two weeks prior to arrival, in order for the kitchen staff to accommodate your specific needs. If an allergy or need arises after the registration form is submitted, please contact us by phone or email to discuss accommodation.

7. Are there activity classes for our children/family to participate in?

We offer activity classes during Susque Family Camp only. Small children must be accompanied by an adult. Class sizes vary and will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign up will occur Monday morning. Examples of classes offered in the past include photography, riflery, camp craft, pottery, canoeing, nature, rocketry, archery, ropes course, arts & craft and orienteering. Please feel free to organize activities amongst the other families such as volleyball games, skit night, etc...Please see our Program Director for any equipment needed or to schedule activities.

8. Is there access to computers?

There are no computers accessible for families to use. However, we do have WIFI available if you would like to bring your own computer/tablet.

WI-FI LOG-IN

Network: Lodges
Password: whitepine

