



# POCONO PLATEAU

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

**SUMMER 2024**

## WELCOME TO SUMMER 2024!

We are excited for day camp this summer! Summer camp is a place for fun adventures, meeting new friends, and creating lifelong memories. Camp also offers an opportunity to experience God in new ways through outdoor recreation, fellowship, and challenge. Each week, campers will have time to reflect on their relationship with God and the gospel of Jesus Christ through bible discovery time and our closing campfire chapels.

For Day Camp, we have a day camp manager who will report to me as the overall center director. We also have 4 day camp counselors and a day camp chaplain who is a pastor with the Methodist church. During activity blocks, campers will be split in two groups based on age. Every morning will begin with a morning gathering, songs, and bible discovery. See below for our general day camp schedule.

If you would like more information about our camp's weekly biblical curriculum, feel free to email me at [director@poconoplateau.org](mailto:director@poconoplateau.org). You can also reach out if your family does not currently attend church and are interested in learning more. We are happy to connect you with resources and options in your local area.

Please see below for some important information about your child's week of camp.

Grace and peace,  
**Carmen O'Shea, Camp Director**

### DAY CAMP WEEKS

Week	ID#	From	To	Camp
Week 1	#120	Mon 6/17	Fri 6/21	Day Camp: Outdoor Adventure
Week 2	#130	Mon 6/24	Fri 6/28	Day Camp: Music & Arts Mania
Week 3	#140	Mon 7/1	Fri 7/5	Day Camp: Super Hero Training Academy
Week 4	#150	Mon 7/8	Fri 7/12	Day Camp: Trail Blazers
Week 5	#160	Mon 7/15	Fri 7/19	Day Camp: Space Quest
Week 6	#100	Mon 7/22	Fri 7/26	Day Camp - Water Works
Week 7	#110	Mon 7/29	Fri 8/2	Day Camp: Animal Planet
Week 8	#170	Mon 8/5	Fri 8/9	Day Camps - Wacky Wild Week
Week 9	#180	Mon 8/12	Fri 8/16	Day Camp - Summer Olympics Finale



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## GENERAL CAMP DAY SCHEDULE

Start	End	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:30	9:15	<b>The Treehouse (Birch Room)</b> Before Care - Coloring and games in Birch, morning nature walk Camper Drop Off - 9:00 - 9:15				
9:15	9:45	<b>The Treehouse (Birch Room)</b> Morning Gathering (Silly Songs, Skit or Week Theme activity, ice breaker/games)				
9:45	10:05	<b>The Treehouse (Birch Room)</b> Bible Discovery & Morning Snack				
10:15	11:00	Team Building/Games	Fishing	rafts or Tie Dy	Pedal Carts or Climbing Tower	Boating
11:15	12:00	Boating	Nature Study	Archery or Nerf Archery	Candle Making	Slingshot
12:00	12:30	Lunch - Pavilion	Lunch - Pavilion	Hiker's Lunch	Lunch - Pavilion	Pizza Party Springer Porch
12:45	1:00	Change for Waterfront - Pavilion Bathrooms				
1:15	2:15	Swim Evaluations & Slip & Slide	Waterfront	Waterfront	Waterfront	Waterfront
2:15	2:30	Change from Waterfront - Pavilion Bathrooms				
2:30	3:30	Snack & Games/Play in The Treehouse (Birch Room)				Closing Campfire Chapel w/ S'mores
3:30	4:00	Snack & Games/Play in The Treehouse (Birch Room)				Visit Camp Store
4:00	5:30	After Care - Carpet Ball, Playground/Forest Adventure, Game Room, Hike, Games in Birch				



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## GENERAL DETAILS

### PARENT COMMUNICATIONS –

You will receive a text the week prior to your child's camp session from the Remind app. This will go to the cell phones listed for camper registration. We will use the Remind app to send logistical information about drop off and pick up and any reminders or details that need to be sent out during the week. You do not need to have the Remind app installed on your phone. If you do not want to be included in the text distribution list, please email [director@poconoplateau.org](mailto:director@poconoplateau.org). You can also opt out once you receive the introductory text.

#### During the camp week:

You can call our office at 570-676-3665 or email [camp@poconoplateau.org](mailto:camp@poconoplateau.org) for general questions and communications. If there is an emergency and you need to reach someone on site off hours, call Carmen at 470-314-1515

**CAMP PHOTOS** – We will provide a camp group photo for all campers at the end of the week at no additional charge.

### CAMP STORE

Campers will have the opportunity to go to the camp store on Fridays. Parents can send money if they'd like on Friday and their counselor will hold on to it until store time. Campers can purchase ice cream, snacks, soda, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other items. **General prices:** Soda \$1.00, candy \$1.00, ice cream novelties \$1.50-\$2.00, Tshirts \$18.00, sweatshirts \$30-\$40.

### CAMPER COMMUNICATION

- **Phone:** Campers are not allowed to bring cell phones. Campers may not make or receive phone calls unless there is an emergency. The camp staff will be able to contact parents/guardians if necessary. We realize some campers are not used to this and if there is an issue with homesickness, we will permit the parent to communicate with the camper if needed using a camp or counselor phone.
- **Email:** We have an email address for overnight camp so campers can receive messages from their families. This is not something we plan to utilize for day camp since they will return home nightly.
- **Daily Photos:** We will share photos throughout the summer on our Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/poconoplateaucamp>

### SWIM EVALUATIONS

For the safety of all campers, it's important to determine swimming ability. Campers typically have swim evaluations with our lifeguards on Monday afternoons before waterfront time and will be put into one of three groups: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. All campers will wear a life jacket when on the Wibit (inflatable obstacle course).



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## WHAT TO BRING

We suggest putting your name on your luggage and sleeping bag. If you can, label your clothes with your name, as well.

### Forms Needed:

All parents/guardians should complete the online health form for their camper prior to their first day of camp. You can do this in the same place you registered: <https://poconoplateau.campbrainregistration.com/>

If you need to bring medication, please bring the following with you on the first day of camp:

**If applicable, Authorized Medical Release Form, signed by doctor. Bring medication in original container. This is only required if your child needs to bring an Epi Pen or Medication to camp.**

### Packing List: Bring a bag with the following:

- Bible (we have Bibles if needed)
- Reusable water bottle
- Beach Towel
- 1 extra change of clothes including socks
- Swimsuit (Please make a modest selection. Staff reserves the right to require swimmers with overly revealing swimsuits to wear a t-shirt.)
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen and bug repellent
- Hat (optional)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Please **NO cell phones**, electronics, iPods, etc. These detract from the camp experience and should stay at home.
- No need to bring any food, we'll supply all the meals and snacks.
- Except on Fridays, no cash. Parents/Guardians can send money on Friday and the counselors will hold the money until campers go to the camp store on Fridays. This is not required.
- Because we believe that camp should be a safe place to play and grow, the Plateau does not allow weapons of any kind, use of controlled substances, or clothing with inappropriate language or pictures.
- Vaping among teenagers has become a growing issue in our society. Please note vaping and smoking are not tolerated at the Plateau. If a camper is seen using these, parents will be contacted, and we will discuss further action. **We suggest parents check bags and back packs prior to dropping off their youth.**



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## ARRIVAL/CHECK IN PROCEDURES

Campers will begin their morning in The Treehouse, which is our indoor space reserved for Day Camp. This space has air conditioning, sofas, toys, games, and crafts.

**If your child will be late for any reason, please send a text to Carmen O'Shea at 470-314-1515.**

**BEFORE CARE DROP OFF:** Parents/Guardians can drop off anytime between 7:30am and 9:00am. There will be signs directing you to the drop off loop. At drop off, on the first day of each week, a staff member will check to see if you have any balance due or paperwork needed. If you do, we will ask you to park and check in at our camp office. If you do not have any payment or paperwork, we will help your child from the car and take them to The Treehouse.

### **VAN TRANSPORTATION PICK UP:**

- 8:15am - Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church, 12 Church Ave, Mt Pocono, PA
- 8:30am - Mountainhome United Methodist Church – State Hwy 191 & State Hwy 390, Mountainhome, PA

**9AM DROP OFF:** There will be signs directing you to the drop off loop. At drop off, on the first day of each week, a staff member will check to see if you have any balance due or paperwork needed. If you do, we will ask you to park and check in at our camp office. If you do not have any payment or paperwork, we will help your child from the car and take them to The Treehouse.

## DEPARTURE/CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Campers will end their day with a snack in The Treehouse. Pick up will be in the same location as morning drop off.

**4pm PICK UP:** Parents/Guardians can begin to form a line in the drop off/pick-up loop and we will dismiss campers at 4pm.

The first time you pick up, we will ask you to show your driver's license in the pick-up line. We will give you a pick-up sheet for future use that you can display on your windshield. Going forward, if you do not have your pick-up sheet displayed, we will ask you to provide your driver's license each time.

PLEASE BE SURE YOU COMPLETED YOUR AUTHORIZED PICK-UP INFORMATION in your camper's profile in our registration system. <https://poconoplateau.campbrainregistration.com/>. We will not release a camper to anyone not listed on your Authorized Pick Up List.

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Parents/guardians picking up at Mountainhome or Mt. Pocono UMC will need to show their driver's license and need to be listed on the authorized pick up form in the camper's profile found here: <https://poconoplateau.campbrainregistration.com/>

**AFTER CARE PICK UP:** Parents/Guardians can pick-up anytime between 4:15pm and 5:30pm.

If you arrive anytime between 4:15pm and 5:15pm, please park in the lot by the maintenance area across the street from the drop off/pick up loop. Come into the camp office and they will radio staff to bring your child from their activity area.

If you arrive between 5:15 and 5:30, please come to the drop off/pick up loop by The Treehouse.

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