



DAY CAMP**SUMMER 2025**

WELCOME TO SUMMER 2025!

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. Campers will come home tired after a day of play and learning in a community that supports and nurtures their development!

Our general day camp activities include:

- Waterfront/Lake, Fun Ballfield Games, Pedal Carts, Fishing, Nature Center, Crafts, Music, Archery/Slingshot, Mud Kitchen, Hammock Hangout, Playground, and more!
- Boating, Climbing Tower (8 years +)

Each week has a theme as well – Thursdays will be our camp themed activity days (for example, we'll shoot model rockets off for Space Explorers week and we have a mobile petting zoo for Animal Planet week). Our crafts and daily bible lessons will also tie into the weekly theme.

We have United Methodist clergy volunteering each week of day camp to provide daily bible discovery time and Friday chapel. If you would like more information about our camp's biblical curriculum, feel free to email me at 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.

Our Day Camp Manager, Laura Bailey, is returning from last summer. Laura works in the special education field in the Pocono Mountain School District. She is also a professional photographer and loves capturing weddings and families. We're so excited to have Laura back with us for this season!

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

Grace and peace,

Rev. Carmen O'Shea, Camp Director



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GENERAL DETAILS

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS –

Please check your email before, during, and after your camp week as this will be our primary means to communicate broadly with families. If there is an immediate need or concern, we will use the phone numbers provided in the registration profile and emergency contacts.

During the camp week:

You can call our office at 570-676-3665 or email camp@poconoplateau.org for general questions and communications. If there is an emergency and you need to reach someone after trying the office, call Rev. Carmen O'Shea at 470-314-1515

PARTIAL WEEK CAMPERS

If you registered your camper as partial week, please email Carmen at director@poconoplateau.org to let us know what days of the week you plan to send your camper(s).

CAMPER ARRIVAL and PICKUP

- Our Day Camp Dropoff and Pickup loop is off our main road just before you get to our main site buildings. There will be a sign directing parents.
- Drop Off is between 8:55am and 9:20am. If you arrive after 9:20am, please park and check in at our camp office. Pickup starts at 4:00pm and ends at 4:20pm. If you arrive later than 4:20, we may add an additional charge for campers repeatedly picked up late.

ACCOUNT BALANCE PAYMENT

Each week, our check-in staff person will let you know if you have a balance due for that week of camp. If you do, we ask that you drop off and then park to go into the camp office to handle payment. If you need to arrange a payment plan, please contact Carmen at director@poconoplateau.org.

You can also pay online by accessing your account here: <https://poconoplateau.campbrainstaff.com/>

BEFORE/AFTER CARE

Before Care begins at 7:30 and you can drop off in the same place as noted above. Generally, morning before care will be in the Day Camp room inside. After Care pick up is between 5:00 and 5:30. If you arrive between 4:00 and 5:00, campers may be outside and you will need to check in with our office or call 470-314-1515 to have your camper brought to you.

VAN TRANSPORTATION

The van will pick up in the parking lot of Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church at 8:30am and drop off is at 4:30pm. Please be on time for drop off and pick up! If parents are continually late, we will remove those campers from our transportation because our staff have other duties and cannot be stuck waiting for a parent to pick up or drop off.



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

CAMP STORE

Day Campers are allowed to go to the camp store on Fridays. Parents are welcome to send some money on Friday in their backpack. If campers do not have any store money, we always have a candy bowl available for them to grab a few treats.

General prices: Soda \$1.50, candy \$1.50, ice cream novelties \$2.00, Tshirts \$18.00, sweatshirts \$30-\$40.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

- **Phone:** We do not allow campers to have cell phones on property. Please do not send a phone in their bag. If you need to be in touch with us during the day, you can call our camp office at 570-676-3665 or Director, Carmen O'Shea at 470-314-1515.

SWIM EVALUATIONS

New this year, we will no longer have swim evaluations. We have decided that all campers will wear life vests at all times. There will still be a very shallow 'red zone' marked for little swimmers. Our lifeguards reserve the right to remove a camper from the larger swimming area or obstacle course if they are not strong enough swimmers, even if they can float with the life vest.

WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack that they can carry throughout the day
- Reusable water bottle
- Campers should wear closed toed shoes/sneakers. Please do not send them in crocs, sandals, or flip flops as they will not be able to participate in all the activities in these shoes.
 - Campers can have a pair of slides/flip flops/crocs in their bag for waterfront time.
- Change of clothes in a plastic bag
- Swimsuit and beach towel
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Store Money on Friday (optional)
- Lunch – we will not have access to a microwave for lunches. Campers need to bring a lunch that is self serve, picnic style.
 - We will provide a pizza party lunch for campers every FRIDAY.
 - We will provide a morning and afternoon snack DAILY.