

Visit Wanake

and See Camper Living Spaces

- The Resurrection Egg Hunt & Summer Camp Preview Day is Saturday, April 10, 2021. This is a great time to visit.
- Schedule a visit & tour any time. Contact the Wanake office by phone or e-mail to schedule.
- Visit Wanake on the web for photos and more information.

Get Acquainted and Parent-Staff Information Forms

- If you registered online, you have already completed these forms. Thank you!
- If you registered by mail you can still go into the online system at least 1 week in advance and fill out the get acquainted and parent-staff information forms.
- If you have received this by US mail, please take a few minutes to read and fill out the enclosed forms about your camper and send them to Wanake *prior* to your child's arrival at camp.
- If you are more comfortable sharing information by phone or in person, please contact Julie Lutt or Leigh Mensi at Wanake.

A Note About Insect Repellent & Mosquitoes

Know that Wanake takes many steps, including working with Ivy Oaks Analytics to help control the mosquito & tick population and coordinating with community, county and state agencies, to alleviate mosquitoes but the best protection for your child is to use mosquito repellent.

All insect repellent is not created equal! Purchase insect repellent that has deet content and does not smell "fruity or flowery." We find that good smelling repellent attracts rather than repels! Bounce dryer sheets work well to keep mosquitoes away! Try drying clothing coming to camp in Bounce and placing dryer sheets in your camper's luggage. Repellents do not have like effects on each person, so Wanake has other options available for campers at no charge.

Cancellation and Waitlist Policies

- East Ohio Camp's cancellation policy has been revised to allow greater flexibility to our families when plans need to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- You can view the East Ohio Camp's cancellation policy on the East Ohio Camps website: www.eastohiocamps.com. Contact us with questions.
- Wanake will attempt to fill vacated spots at camp as soon as they are vacated, by contacting waitlisted campers.

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My Child is at Camp: What should I do?

- Pray for your child's experience.
- Please **don't phone** your child as contact with home tends to heighten adjustment problems. If there is an **emergency**, your message will be conveyed through the Director. Likewise, staff will contact a parent/guardian if there is an emergency or particular concern about the camper.
- **Write letters.** Remember, it can take a few days for a letter to get to the site, so write letters early — even before your camper leaves home. **Wanake is happy to receive letters on check-in day to be delivered later in the week!**
- Please **do NOT send packages**, especially food, candy, or snacks as they disrupt camp and attract rodents & insects.
- To send an **e-mail** to your child at camp, follow these instructions: (1) Send the e-mail to mycamper@campwanake.org. (2) At the top of the body of the e-mail, include your camper's full name, name of their program, and day of the week you want the e-mail delivered. (3) Each camper may receive up to 5 e-mails per week. (4) E-mails sent after 12pm (noon) will be delivered the following day.
- **Visits** may be made ahead of camp to see the site and tour living locations. Unfortunately, no one may visit camp or walk the grounds during the summer camp program week or on arrival & departure days due to COVID-19 risk management.

Homesickness — is part of the adjustment some children make in being away from home and family. **We are sensitive to homesick campers and "camper sick" parents, and work hard to support families through the adjustment.** As camping and youth development professionals, we want your child to develop independence in a healthy, safe way. Working together we can make your camper's experience a successful one.

- **Encourage** your camper by sharing with them how much fun their week of camp will be. Tell them how proud you are of them for taking this step. Share with them that their counselor and camp director are here to help them have fun, make new friends, and grow in their faith. Encourage them to discuss their feelings with the camp staff, if they are feeling scared, homesick, or bad in any way. Tell them you are looking forward to seeing them on the last day of camp for pick up.
- Studies show that campers who practice being away from home experience fewer or less dramatic symptoms. Wanake has found that bringing a favorite stuffed animal is helpful.
- Let your camper know that we are unable to allow campers to call home. Please don't tell a camper "if you want to come home, call me and I'll come get you." This negative empowerment teaches children to run from problems. A Wanake staff member will call parents if homesickness becomes a concern.

Consider Wanake for your next family reunion or group event.
Contact Wanake for details.