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Time to Pack the Bags! Please freshly launder** and dry 30 minutes on high heat all bedding (including pillows) before packing them. It is best to label everything (socks & underwear too!) with the camper's name!

Camper Packing list for five night stay

Water bottle	Backpack (Not a drawstring bag)	Socks (9 pair)
Waterproof boots	Underwear (daily change)	Pajamas
Shorts (3-4 pair)	Swimsuits (one piece or Tankini)	Hat/Sun visor
Long pants (2-3 pair)	Closed Toed Shoes/Sneakers/Boots (2 Pair)	Shirts (daily change +1 or 2)
Sweater/Sweatshirt (1 or 2)	Rain gear (poncho or rain coat)	Warm jacket
Slippers for use in sleeping space	<u>Masks of preferred style</u> —One for each day of camp (5)	

Remember camp is a place for exploring and playing hard. Campers should be able to get wet and dirty without undue concern for clothing. Old clothes are the best option.

Laundry bag	Bible* camp has for campers without	Health Form* (if not completed online)
Flashlight/Fresh batteries	Freshly Laundered Sleeping bag** or 3 blankets	Medications* in original containers
Pencils/Pen/Notebook	Freshly Laundered Extra blanket** for cool nights	Towels (2)/Washcloth**
Insect repellent*	Freshly Laundered Pillow & pillowcase**	Shower Bag
Book for rest time	Freshly Laundered Sheets**	Soap & Soapbox
Sunscreen	Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Shampoo
Brush/Comb	Pre-addressed, stamped envelopes	Stationery/Stamps

An outfit (including footwear) that can get REALLY MESSY/MUDDY

Alumni campers: Your Wanake Nametag & Pins from a prior year(s)

****Freshly Laundered** Freshly Laundered = at least 30 minutes in a dryer on high heat and packed immediately into a sealed bag or inspected luggage (duffle bags may also be treated in a dryer on high heat).**

Optional: Camera, Sunglasses, Hand Sanitizer, Items for the Mission Project and Wanake's Craft Shop

Leave at Home

Cell phone/Valuables/Money	Vehicles/Animals
iPod/MP3/iPad/laptop	Video games/Electronic devices
Hair dryers/Curling irons	Weapons/Fireworks
Expensive clothing/Bikini	Tobacco/Drugs/Alcohol products
	Food/Candy/Snacks

Other items which detract from your full participation in camp.

Dress Code: We ask that all clothing be modest and free of mottos, sayings, or advertisements that conflict with a spirit of Christian community (offensive language, drug promotion, sexual innuendo, etc.). All clothing should cover one's underclothing completely and be of a proper fit for active wear. Swim trunks are required for males and one piece swimsuits (tankinis are fine) for females. Your cooperation will aid in a successful week.

Bibles are provided for any camper who doesn't have one.
Contact Wanake to have one ready for your camper.

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**** Freshly Laundered = at least 30 minutes in a dryer on high heat and packed immediately into a sealed bag or inspected luggage (duffle bags may also be treated in a dryer on high heat).** Bedbugs have become a prevalent problem in northeast Ohio & across the US. Wanake wants to protect campers and guests and their families and the camp itself from expensive and inconvenient treatments. Please make sure that all linens, sleeping bags, and pillows are freshly laundered immediately prior to your arrival at Wanake. Laundering should include at least 30 minutes in a dryer on high temperature. Wanake has a protocol in place to respond rapidly to any incident involving bedbugs. It's a good idea, between any overnight destinations, whether vacation or camp, to inspect luggage and to launder all bedding, drying for at least 30 minutes at on high heat.

Please do not send valuable items with campers to camp. Wanake and the Wanake staff are not responsible for the loss or destruction of campers' personal property/vehicles/sports equipment/ animals.

More specific information about Check-In and Check-Out times and procedures for COVID-19 management will be sent out closer to your arrival date. General information is provided below and on page 3.

Check-In Information

- Check-in will be on Sunday afternoon between 3 and 4 PM. Check-in for:
 - Grades 1-4 is at 3:00 PM.
 - Grades 5-6 is at 3:15 PM.
 - Grades 7-12 is at 3:45 PM.

If you are bringing multiple campers with different check-in times, Wanake will check-in everyone in your vehicle at the same time.

- Check-in will be accomplished in a drive-through, drop-off style in your vehicle.
- Please only bring necessary family members to check-in, as all passengers will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and no one will be exiting the vehicle except for the camper(s). (Restrooms will be available for all as needed.)
- At check-in, campers will be checked for temperature and lice, undergo a health screening, and be signed-in. This will happen in/near your vehicle.
- Campers will be signed-in by the adult dropping them off. This adult will designate a sign-out person.
- Once at your camper's living location, only the camper and their luggage will exit the vehicle. Their counselor will help them with luggage.
- There will be opportunities to leave mail for campers and shop in the camp store.

Mission Project 2022:

- This summer Wanake campers are raising funds to assist child refugees around the world through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- Donations may be made at a curbside drop box during check-in or check-out in the form of cash or check.
- Also, Wanake campers will be collecting school supplies, for local children in need. All school supplies are needed, including: backpacks, pencils, markers, tissues, folders, notebooks, etc. There will be a curbside drop box for these items.
- In 2021 Wanake campers raised funds to buy a sheep and a goat through Heifer Project International to help a family in the world become self-supporting and gave many school supplies for local students.
- Thank you for your generosity!

Check-Out Information

- Check-out will take place on **Fridays** and will be a curbside check-out/pick up.
- Each camper's family group will have a designated time (**either 4:30 or 5:00 PM**) which will be shared with the adult dropping off the camper at check-in.
- Discover Camp! will check-out on **Friday, July 8 or Tuesday, August 2, 2021**. (See above for time.)
- Curbside pick-up includes signing out campers.
- **Parents/Guardians or a parent-designated person must sign the camper out.** Campers will not be released to individuals other than the person(s) designated on the check-in form without prior notice by parent/guardian.
- There will be opportunities to shop at the camp store and talk with camp staff. Families are welcome to take a walk or hike with their camper after check-out.
- To reduce large gatherings, Wanake will not be hosting an in-person closing program in 2022.

If you picking up multiple campers with different check-out times, please come at the 5 PM time to pick them up at the same time.

If there is a concern about your assigned check-in or check-out time, please contact Wanake.

Wanake encourages all campers to participate in the entire program. Temporary absences during a camp session generally can not be accommodated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wanake Camp Store and Money

- The Wanake Camp Store sells a variety of items and is open during check-in & check-out
- The Camp Store will be set up to shop from your vehicle.
- Please note: The Camp Store will be open only when parents are present. Campers will not need to have cash or bank money at check-in.

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Healthcare at Wanake

- Campers may only attend with a completed, signed health form.
- Health care is provided through the on-site health director and all staff have training in their health care responsibilities. The staff follows the Camp Doctor's standing orders for minor illness & injury, including first aid and over-the-counter medications.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted when the Health Director determines that a camper requires treatment outside the camp's Health Center. The camp will attempt to contact a parent/guardian prior to transporting campers but will not delay urgent care if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. A parent/guardian will receive notification if their camper receives any injuries or contracts any illnesses which may require further treatment/ follow-up care after camp.
- All medications are kept locked in the Health Center or a medical lock box and are administered by medical staff. The Health Director monitors campers to make sure medications are taken as prescribed and that health care needs are met.

All medications (prescription & non-prescription) are collected by the Health Staff at check-in. All medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter (including vitamins), must be in the original container labeled with the camper's name or bubble packed by a pharmacy.

Meeting COVID-19 Challenges

The Wanake staff is preparing a summer camp program that meets Wanake's vision of sharing God's love and will keep all those involved having fun, while managing the challenges that COVID-19 brings.

Approximately one month before camp, you will receive communication about the specifics of what Wanake will be asking campers and their families to do to manage the risk of COVID-19 at camp. Until then, here are some important notes related to COVID-19 and summer camp.

- Campers/Households at High Risk – If your child is at a higher risk for complications related to COVID-19, or lives with someone who is at higher risk, please make a careful and informed decision and consult your physician before sending your camper to camp this summer.
- Wanake will be following the guidance for summer camp operations of national and local authorities. See examples in the next column.
- Wanake will be following all state mandates and rules.
- There is a thorough schedule for disinfection of sleeping, eating, program and restroom areas at camp.
- Wanake's cancellation policy and waitlist procedures have been altered to meet the needs of our families, as we function in this pandemic. See page 4 for details.

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Medical, Behavioral, Dietary and Social/Emotional Needs at Wanake

Please notify Wanake now, if your camper has any of these needs. This will give Wanake staff and you family time to plan and prepare together for an excellent experience.

- **Medical Needs or Routines**
- **Dietary Requirements** (food allergies, gluten-free diet, vegetarian/vegan, Lactose intolerant, etc.)
- **Social-Emotional Needs**
- **Behavioral Needs or a Behavioral Plan**
- **Other Needs** that may affect your camper's adjustment to camp

Contact Wanake at info@campwanake.org or 330-756-2333.

Wanake is able to accommodate special medical, behavioral, dietary and social/emotional needs for which the camper is able to provide some self-care and self-regulation with a pre-arranged plan.

Wanake can provide a balanced diet for those with special diets and/or food allergies (gluten-free, vegetarian/vegan, lactose intolerant, etc.) with a pre-arranged plan.

If a camper is on medication or follows a behavioral plan during the school year, Wanake recommends that the camper continue the same medication or behavioral routine while at camp. Part of the fun of camp is adapting to a new environment and a new daily routine. Since campers experience so many changes it is generally not a good idea to alter normal medication or behavioral routines during a stay at camp. Wanake asks that campers on psychotropic medication who have had a change in medication or dosage within three months prior to their arrival at camp notify Wanake.

Camp Plans in Light of COVID-19

- Outdoors – We will be outdoors for most of our day.
- Mask Wearing – We will be wearing masks when needed.
- Small Groups – In the Wanake tradition, we will be in our small groups throughout our time at camp.
- Social Distancing – We will practice keeping a safe distance from each other as we enjoy camp.
- Large Groups – We are minimizing activities that gather us in large groups. When gathered in larger settings, we will remain in our small groups and keep at a safe distance.
- Families will be asked to monitor camper health ahead of camp.
- If a camper exhibits symptoms of COVID-19, they will be removed from the camp population and a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick them up as soon as they are able.
- Wanake reserves the right to change COVID-19 practices and procedures based on the latest guidance and recommendations from public health professionals, the American Camp Association, or the CDC.
- Even with Wanake's best efforts, someone may contract COVID-19 while at camp and spread it to someone else at camp. A camper could return home as an asymptomatic carrier of COVID.

Visit Wanake and See Camper Living Spaces

- The Resurrection Egg Hunt & Summer Camp Preview Day is Saturday, April 23, 2022. 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 of your camper's arrival at camp 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 Shyanne Zitkovic 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 days. Families may visit camp after check-out.

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.

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