

Teens To Go Summer Camp

General Camp Information

This document consists of important information you will need regarding your camp program. During camp, keep an eye out for any additional information that may be sent home (either with your camper and/or via Email).

Drop off/Pick up times: The staff will be at all of the locations by 8:30 each morning. Please note, there will be NO Camp Staff on duty prior to 8:30. The bus will leave at the time noted on the itineraries (sent as a separate email). We understand “things” happen. So if you are running late, please call the phone number for your site (a list of numbers will be provided prior to the start of your session). As for pick up, please understand that many of the staff have other obligations and depend on the campers being picked up on time. We understand that there are times when circumstances are out of your control, if something does happen, please call us.

Pick Up/Drop Off Locations: No participants are allowed to enter the buildings without an adult. Our contract with MCPS allows us permission to use the parking lots **ONLY**. Please try to take care of bathroom breaks and fill up water bottles before you leave the house. Also, the administration staff at all of the schools are still working throughout the summer, so please do not park in the School Staff designated parking spots.

On the First Day: **Please do not leave without checking-in your camper and signing any papers that we may need.** If the campers are not properly “signed in” they may not be allowed to participate in any activities—as regulated by our insurance and state license. If you are missing anything, we will address this by emailing you reminders of any missing documents. Arrive at your selected site and look for our staff (dressed in Dark Green TTG shirts). Please feel free to ask any questions/concerns you may have. We will have a camp orientation with the campers when we get to our trip destination.

T-shirts: Each camper will receive a Teens To Go shirt (shirt or tank top that you selected) on the first day of camp. They are dri-fit material camp shirts. This camp shirt is required on all trips (unless noted in the itinerary) for safety and supervision purposes. If a camper shows up to camp without a shirt, they **MUST** buy one to participate that day. If you are interested, you may purchase additional t-shirts for \$10.00 each. You can order extra shirts by calling us or emailing us. You can also purchase extra shirts during camp - let the staff know how many and what size extra shirt you want and we will get them to you. The shirts CANNOT be altered.

Bad Weather Procedures: If the weather does not look good, there are three ways you can find out what changes may take place. **After** 7:30 a.m., you can call the TTG Weather-Line **(301) 250-7098** or check the website at **WWW.TeensToGo.Org**. Finally, we urge you to opt in for our mass-texting service (directions will be sent prior to the start of your session), a text will be sent out with any changes. We will have alternate plans set at that point if necessary. Trips will be cancelled **ONLY** if the contractor or location closes. Regardless of cancellations or the weather, we will have camp every day.

Medication: Any camper taking medication at camp, must fill out the MD State Medication Form. This applies if you want our staff to hold on to the medication during camp. A form is attached to this email or you can go to our website (**www.TeensToGo.ORG**), then to “I Have An online Account” and download the TTG Medication Form. As per our licensing standards, all medication **MUST** be given to us in its original container.

Lunch Money for Campers: On most trips, campers will have the option of bringing or buying lunch. This information is detailed in the itinerary. There is no refrigeration available. Packed lunches should be non-perishable. **Please NO Glass Containers.** If buying food, plan on \$10-\$15 per meal depending on what your child gets. What we also recommend is to send a lunch/snack for the bus rides. We know that food at most of these parks can be expensive, so pack a lunch to eat on the bus – this way you do not have to spend as much.

Water Bottles: The campers will be getting a free TTG Water Bottle. **PLEASE** bring a **FILLED** water bottle **EVERYDAY!** We will have a limited quantity of water available each day on the bus. The best thing to do is fill a water bottle half way with water, freeze it overnight, and fill it the rest of the way with water in the morning.

Emergency Fund: We have an optional emergency fund set up for campers. Give the staff an envelope with the camper's name on it and \$10 CASH on the first day of camp. This money will be held in a lock bag throughout the session and used only in case of an emergency (Food ONLY – no games, toys, or souvenirs). If the money is not used, it will be returned to your child on the last day of camp.

Your Valuables: Teens-To-Go Inc., its affiliates, and its staff are NOT responsible for any theft, damage, or loss that may occur during camp. For your protection, write the camper's name and phone # on their valuables. Many times campers will leave their belongings (backpacks, extra clothes, shoes, . . .) where staff members are stationed (our "Base Camp") – please understand that we are there to watch the campers, not their belongings. Therefore, at NO TIME will the staff be responsible for any camper possessions, even if the camper is in a "Chaperoned Group". Electronic items (phones, tablets, games, . . .) also have a higher risk of damage and theft – so please use your best discretion in what you send to camp. They can also leave items on the bus which will be locked whenever we are not on it.

Chaperoned Group: All JUNIORS are automatically in a "Chaperoned Group". A "Chaperoned Group" is an option for the REGULAR program - for parents who would like extra supervision during certain camp trips (amusement parks, beach, and any other wide open areas where the outing is not contained). There is a \$10 (non-refundable) charge for this option. This cost covers the whole week. For more information on the "Chaperoned Group", please call us or visit the website (www.TeensToGo.ORG) and under "Summer Camps", click on "Regular Program". Please note – if a camper wants to be with another camper in a "Chaperoned Group" he/she must also be registered in the "Chaperoned Group". To sign up for a Chaperoned Group, please call, email us, or let us know on the first day of camp.

Structured Freedom Groups: If the campers are not in a "Chaperoned Group" – they will be in a "Structured Freedom" groups. This is where the campers will get into groups of 2 or more. They will be required to STAY in their groups. The campers can switch groups at anytime as long as no camper is left alone. Everyone will be responsible to make it on time for check-ins.

Extra Money: On many of the trips, there are a lot of opportunities for the campers to spend money on (arcades, games, food, souvenirs, . . .). Please send money accordingly. The itinerary will detail money the campers will *need* and suggest how much. The camp cost covers ALL of the entrance fees and packages. Please convey to your camper how you would like the extra money you send to be spent.

Backpacks: Many of the campers bring a backpack to keep their belongings. We will have a "Base Camp" where we will have staff at all times and campers can leave their bags there. However, please understand the staff is NOT there to watch the backpacks, but instead are there to watch the campers. The staff is NOT responsible for the camper's backpacks at any time. Many of our destinations have a public place to hold backpacks while on a ride or attraction – either a cubby or a locker they can share. Please make sure the camper's name is on the backpacks.

Come Prepared: The itinerary sheets provide details of all the items you will need for each day. The staff will also go over this information prior to each trip, but we need your help in preparing the campers. Aside from what is listed, there are 4 very important things a camper must do to prepare for camp each day:

Sunscreen – bring some to put on later on in the day. We suggest using a brand that is water-proof. We will be reminding and enforcing this during each check-in.

Water – fill your water bottles half way and freeze them overnight for cold water throughout the day.

Food – eat a healthy breakfast and feel free to bring some snacks for the ride. Bring a lunch if listed in the itinerary (bag or money).

Camp Shirt– unless noted on the itinerary, the camper MUST wear his/her TTG Camp shirt.

Eating & Drinking on the bus: Normally, the bus company does not allow food or drinks on the bus. However, they are making an exception and are allowing the campers to have snacks and drinks on the bus – with a few exceptions. Water ONLY. No messy meals on the bus. NO GUM...PERIOD. If the bus is not kept clean, this privilege may be taken away.

Food Allergies: We often have campers/staff that are **HIGHLY** and **SERIOUSLY** allergic to peanuts. We know (and recommend) that campers bring snacks to eat on the bus. We are asking that none of the snacks that will be eaten on the bus contain peanuts. The slightest touch of peanuts (or peanut products) can start a serious reaction that will need immediate medical attention. The campers/staff that may have these allergies are aware of how to be careful, but all it takes is a simple mishap. We want to make sure that not only does everyone have a fun time at camp, but even more important - a safe time. Good examples of “safe” snacks are: Goldfish, fruit snacks, pretzels, fruit, Cheez-its, and popcorn to name a few. Because of the severity of the possible outcome, we will be mentioning this to the kids on the first day and monitoring the bus to avoid any medical emergencies. It may seem an inconvenience not to eat the snacks you want to, but think about the **EXTREME** risk/danger this can present to some people.

Late Bus: If we are running late (we all know how traffic can be around here) and are running more than 15 minutes behind schedule, we will try to get this information out to the parents in several ways:

- “Broadcast Call”. We will do this by informing all of the campers how late we are running. Then the campers will call their parents to inform them. If a camper does not have a cell phone, they can use the staff phones. We will have phone numbers handy (that you have provided us).
- “Text-Blast” – a text will be sent out with any delay information. A separate document is attached to explain how to enroll in this texting option.

We understand how valuable your time is and how you may have other obligations. We will do everything we can on a daily basis to get back at the scheduled time. However, there are times where certain situations are out of our control (traffic due to weather, accidents, construction, . . .).

Departure to Home notifications: As we are departing each trip to head home, a “text blast” will be sent out. It will include any important information on the trip and if there are any expected delays we are aware of.

“Close to Home” notifications: On each trip, we will notify the campers when we are 15 minutes away from each stop so that they can contact you. If the campers do not have access to a phone, we will let them borrow a camp phone.

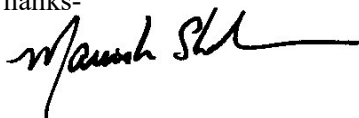
Text Blast Notifications: Prior to the start of camp, you will receive an email with directions on how to enroll in our text-blast service. It is the best and most efficient way for us to get in touch with all of you with any important information. We urge you to sign up.

Bus Videos: On board our luxury coach buses, we have TV’s and a DVD player. On occasion (especially on the longer trips), we will have a movie on for the camper’s enjoyment. We will be watching only G, PG, and PG-13 rated movies that are suitable for the campers. During sessions that have the Juniors, only G and PG rated movies will be shown. A list of the movies will be emailed to you prior to the start of your session. If you have any objection to any of the movies listed, please let us know and we will not show it. We will NOT accept DVDs from campers, so please do not bring them.

And Finally...: We hope that this has provided you with the information that you will need. If you have any questions, or concerns, please give us a call at (301)-540-4356. We will do everything possible to make your camp experience enjoyable. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you during camp.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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