# CAMP DEER RUN peevee compass

# welcome

Thank you for choosing Camp Deer Run this summer! We're so excited to welcome your little ones to PeeWee day camp. We know that they're going to have so much fun, see God in His creation, and feel the love of Christ in their time at Camp.

Before your camper's PeeWee session starts, we want to help you get ready for the week. Here are a few tips to help things go as smoothly as possible for you and your PeeWee.

Label their clothes, towels, and everything they bring to Camp. PeeWees are very prone to losing things! It helps your camper and the PeeWee staff if their things are labeled so that when things get misplaced or mixed up, it's easier to know which things belong to which camper.

- Talk to your camper about what they'll be doing at PeeWees. Tell them about the daily activities (listed below) and the theme days (listed below) and let them ask questions!
- Have a conversation about Swim Time. Many PeeWees want to swim without a Puddle Jumper (life jacket) but many overestimate their swimming abilities. Please look over the swimming guidelines below and have a conversation with your camper about what they should expect at swim time based on their age and their swimming ability.
- Send a waterproof bag with your camper (ziploc bag or grocery sack are fine) to put their wet clothes in after swim time and water activities.



## preparing for camp **PACKING LIST**

### **CLOTHES**

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Tennis shoes (no sandals or crocs please)
- Socks

#### LUNCH

- Bring a sack lunch each day except Wednesday.
- Lunches will not be refrigerated.
- Drinks will be provided each day at camp.
- On Wednesday the campers will go for a hot dog cookout for lunch.

### SWIMMING

- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sunscreen (if needed)



## preparing for camp CHECK-IN



Check-in begins each morning at 9:00 a.m (Monday - Thursday). PeeWee Staff will be ready for your arrival at 8:45 a.m. Please do not arrive earlier than this unless you plan to stay with your camper until staff members are available. Follow the signs for PeeWee Check-In when you arrive at camp. You'll park your car and then staff will direct you to the Check-In table near the PeeWee playground. After Check-In, you'll take your camper to put their bag in their cubby before dropping them off at the PeeWee playground to start their day.

The PeeWee Camp Director will be available near the Check-In table if you need to pass on any camper medicine and/or any special instructions concerning your camper. Campers will play in the playground area until all PeeWee campers have arrived.

## PICK-UP

Camper pick-up is at 3:00 p.m. each afternoon (Monday - Thursday). Please make every effort to be here on time or even a few minutes early for camper pick-up. Please have your photo ID ready when you come to pick up your camper. We will check IDs to make sure that every camper is being picked up by an authorized person. To authorize someone to pick up your child from camp, please log in to your <u>parent dashboard</u> or <u>contact us</u>. Campers will be picked up in the same area where they are dropped off each morning.

After you check out your camper, you will take them to get their things from their cubby. If you have any questions or need help finding anything, please feel free to ask one of the PeeWee staff. We'll be happy to help!

## during the session DAILY ACTIVITIES

Each day PeeWee campers will participate in a number of activities. Daily activities include swimming, crafts, Bible lessons, Hymn Time, group games and a snack break. At least once a week each PeeWee camper will have the opportunity to go on a short halter-led horseback ride. The size of the PeeWee session will dictate if campers are able to ride more often than once a week.

## SWIMMING

PeeWees will get the opportunity to swim each day at camp. Lifeguards are on duty during all swim times, and Puddle Jumper lifejackets are available for all PeeWees. The following guidelines will apply to all PeeWees at swim time:

- All 5 & 6-year-old PeeWee campers must wear a puddle jumper during swim time.
- All 7 & 8-year-old PeeWee campers must pass a simple swim test in order to swim without a Puddle Jumper lifejacket. The swim test is simple: campers must be able to swim the length of the pool without aid.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Items left at Camp will be held for three weeks after the session before they are donated to charity. Camp Deer Run will not forward, ship, or mail items left at Camp until we have received payment for the full cost of shipping the items. To inquire about an item that has been left, please email office@campdeerrun.com.

## during the session THEME DAYS

Each day at Camp has a theme. Along with each theme comes different group activities, fun costumes, and special traditions. Here's a quick introduction to each of the theme days, including tips on special clothes or costumes you might want to pack! Of course, it is completely optional to dress up for theme days.



#### MONDAY

On Goofy Game Day, campers enjoy all kinds of exciting and funny games to help them get to know the other campers better in a fun and low-pressure way.



WILD WATER DAY

### TUESDAY

Time to head to the creek! On Wild Water Day, the PeeWees take over Killi Creek for lots of splashing and water games the main event is the "PeeWee Carwash!" Please send an extra shirt for your camper to wear over their swimsuit in the creek.



CAMO COOKOUT DAY

#### WEDNESDAY

You don't need to pack a lunch for your camper on Wednesday, because we're headed out into the woods for a good old fashioned hotdog cookout. Since we'll be out in the woods, its a great day to wear Camo!



**CRAZY COLOR DAY** 

### THURSDAY

On the last day of PeeWees, we cap off the fun with a big crazy colorful waterbaloon fight! On Crazy Color Day, campers should wear all their favorite colors. The crazier, the better!

## during the session GIFT SHOP

We will open the gift shop one hour before checkout on Thursday afternoon. You may want to send money for your camper to shop with, or we invite you to come and shop with them at the appropriate time. Most items that day campers enjoy buying range from \$1 - \$25.

### **PHOTOS**

Camp Deer Run uses a service called Waldo to share photos of your camper's experience. With Waldo, parents can sign up to receive notifications from the Waldo app every time your camper is in a photo that we take throughout the session.

#### How to Use Waldo:

Using the information from the graphic to the right, parents can enroll for Waldo's face detecting service (free of charge) before their camper's session. This way, every time your camper's face is found in a picture, you'll get a notification on your phone! If you don't want to sign up for the face detection, that's totally fine! You can still see each day's photos at the link below.



# WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE PINES!



