

Dear Senior Session campers and parents,

It's almost time for Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois 2017. The staff and I are planning some exciting activities for the week. So we are all on the same page before we arrive at camp, I want to share the following information and rules with you.

1. Camper registration will be on Sunday, July 2 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. Please do not arrive before 1:00 as staff will just be returning from lunch.
2. Parents/families are encouraged to remain at camp after registration. At 3:30 PM we will have a short all-camp staff commissioning service and we would love to share this with parents. This service will be held at the Ark (the covered building in the Maples camp area). After the service, parents will leave and campers will go to dinner.
3. Camp ends with Holy Eucharist at 9:45 AM on Saturday, July 8 which will also be held at the Ark. Parents and families are encouraged to attend this service as well. Senior campers **must** return to the Aldersgate area to be signed out before they may leave. Campers should be picked up by 11:30 AM.
4. Campers will have limited cell phone use at camp. All camper phones **must** be turned in to the session director for safe keeping. If all campers cooperate, there will be a brief time for checking messages, etc. each day. **Do not plan to use a phone for you alarm clock, camera, mp3 player, etc. The exception is if your phone has a removable SIM card. You may turn in the SIM card and keep your device for other uses.** If an emergency comes up and a camper needs to be reached at camp, parents can call the East Bay Camp office number (309)365-7531.
5. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Camper Name
ECC/Aldersgate
23248 Ron Smith Memorial Highway
Hudson, IL 61748-7552
6. You can see photos and updates throughout the week by following our blog at eccillinois.org
7. Suitcases and any items brought to camp may be examined by counselors or camp staff to ensure that prohibited items were not brought to camp.
8. If you bring music to camp, an mp3 player or iPod is recommended. These will only be used during staff designated times and may NOT be brought to Eucharist, teaching, meals, etc. If a staff member asks you to turn your music down or off and you do not comply, your music player will be confiscated. Also, music must be appropriate for a Christian camp.
9. You do not need to bring lots of money to camp. There is a soda machine in our session that takes dollar bills and quarters. These drinks cost 75 cents each. Free ice water will be available at all times, but if you want soda please bring small bills or change. This year we will have the chance to visit the East Bay gift shop each day. Items for sale include East Bay sweatshirts, t-shirts, stuffed animals, etc. They also have candy, ice cream bars, and soda. If you plan to visit the gift shop, bring an appropriate amount of cash.
10. East Bay's policy is that everyone must wear MODEST swimwear to swim in the lake or pool. For females, this means a one-piece suit or a two-piece suit that completely covers the stomach (like a tankini). For males this

means trunks, not tight-fitting Speedos. Other clothing for the week needs to be modest and appropriate for a Christian camp. Clothing that promotes smoking, drinking, gambling, immoral life styles, vulgar language, violence, or hate will NOT be permitted. Some campers also like to bring a nicer outfit for the Friday evening party.

11. Senior campers may bring snacks to camp but they must be in re-sealable containers (plastic containers or Ziploc bags). Open food and drinks in cabins can attract ants and critters. Spills need to be cleaned up immediately and trash must be disposed of properly. Snacks and drinks will not be consumed in front of Junior or Middler campers and will not leave the Senior session area.

Church camp is a very unique experience. I believe that God provides this chance for us to escape from our daily lives so we can focus on Him. Camp is the time to show your true self in a loving environment. Campers and staff must all treat each other with respect so everyone is comfortable. I plan on having a great week with each of you. If you have any questions or concerns before camp you can text or call me at:

309-453-9337

Or email me here: katrinahonnold@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing you at camp!

Blessings,



Senior Session Director

Items to Bring to Camp

Modest clothing for 7 days

Two pairs of long pants or jeans

Sweatshirt or jacket

Umbrella or raincoat

Two pairs of shoes (at least one pair that aren't flip-flops)

Modest swimsuit

Nicer outfit for Friday party (if you wish)

Bible

Multiple towels for swimming and showering

Sleeping bag or sheets/blankets and pillow

Soap/Shampoo/Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Flashlight

Insect repellent

Reusable water bottle or cup

Any medication you take regularly

If you want to tie-dye, bring a white shirt (100% cotton that has been prewashed works best). We will not be able to dye large items like sheets or towels

Senior Session Rules

1. **No illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco may be used or possessed at camp.** Violators will be sent home immediately.
2. **No intimate contact is permitted.** Couples shall not go off alone or be in intimate positions. If you wouldn't be comfortable doing something in the presence of your parents or priest, then do not do it at camp. Violators will be sent home immediately. Sexual harassment is also prohibited.
3. **No physical, mental, or spiritual harm is to be done to yourself or others.** Violators will be sent home immediately. Also, do not engage in dangerous activities such as climbing on roofs or running in the dark.
4. No pornographic or obscene materials are permitted.
5. Raids between cabins and between sessions are prohibited.
6. Campers shall not be closer than six feet to the doors or windows of cabins of the opposite gender. The same rule applies to the boys' shower house. Nobody shall be pushed, pulled, or carried into a cabin, rest room, or shower facility designated for use by the opposite gender.
7. Everyone **MUST** attend Holy Eucharist as well as noonday prayer, evening prayer, compline, and teaching sessions unless specifically excused by a staff member. Be reverent during worship sessions. There is plenty of other time to socialize.
8. Everyone will go to out-of-session activities (pool, beach, dining hall, etc.) as a group.
9. No camper shall leave the senior session area without the permission of the senior session director. Visits with campers in other sessions may take place at all-camp activities. If you need to leave camp during the week for any reason, you **MUST** speak with the senior session director when you leave and when you return. Also, nobody shall go to the beach or lake area unless specifically allowed by a staff member for a valid reason.
10. If you drive your own car to camp, your keys must be turned in to the session director after you unpack your gear on Sunday. The keys will be returned Saturday morning. You will not have access to your car during the week.
11. After dark, campers shall remain in the lighted areas designated by the senior session director. These will be pointed out at camp.
12. Wesley Lodge is for staff use only. Campers may only enter if invited by a staff member. The Gatehouse is completely off limits except for the soda machine on the porch.
13. Shoes must be worn at all times around the camp grounds. Flip flops and sandals are allowed but please know that there are trees with huge thorns in our camp area. **NO BARE FEET.**
14. All medications must be given to your counselor who will dispense them as needed. If you need medication with you (inhaler, epi-pen, etc.) it must be specified on the medication form filled out at camper check-in.
15. Campers are expected to listen to and obey directions from counselors (including counselors from other sessions) and East Bay staff. If a counselor or East Bay staff member asks you to do something that you believe to be improper, illegal, or otherwise harmful please come to ME immediately.