



Dear Camper Parent,

Hooray! Camp is almost here! I am sure you are all anxious to know about Opening Day Check-In and what to pack for your camper.

## **OPENING AND CLOSING DAY**

### **Opening Day Check-In**

- Check-in is from 2-4 p.m. at Camp Firwood.
- There is no Swim Challenge this year.
- Any change or emergency that affects drop-off or pick-up time or location will be emailed to you.
- No pets are allowed.

### **Directions to Camp Firwood**

- From I-5 North or South; upon entering Bellingham take the Lakeway Dr. Exit #253. Turn east [left] onto Lakeway Drive and continue about three miles. Lakeway becomes Cable Street, then becomes Lake Whatcom Blvd, which travels southeast along the Lake Whatcom. The Sudden Valley Golf Course is on the left one-half mile before the Firwood turn off. Continue on Lake Whatcom Blvd. watching for the camp sign. The entrance is on the left.
- Please consider carpooling with other families if possible. Parking is extremely limited at Camp Firwood.

### **Closing Day Pick Up**

- Pick Up is on Friday between 9:15 a.m and 10:00 a.m.
- All campers are to be picked up at The Firs.
- Do not come directly to Camp Firwood and please be on time.
- There will be multiple bus and van trips with larger camps, so please be patient.

### **Directions to Closing Day Pick Up [The Firs]**

- Coming from either north or south, take Lakeway Exit #253. Turn east [left] onto Lakeway Dr. and continue for approximately 4 miles. Lakeway turns into Cable Street and parking is right past the Fire Station on Geneva (by the big ball field). Pick-up is in the parking lot.

## **HEALTH FORMS**

Please make sure that your camper's Health History Form has been filled out and mailed in or completed online. Campers will not be admitted without a current Health History Form on file. If you have medication to check in with the Health Aid, please have them out of your camper's luggage when you arrive.

## BALANCE DUE

All balances were due on June 1st; if you have not paid your balance please do so immediately. Your camper will not be admitted into camp if you have not paid your balance. Campers are welcome to register after June 1st, but must pay the full balance when registering.

## PACKING LIST

What to Bring
Bible
Pen / Pencil
Flashlight / Batteries
Sunscreen
Rain Jacket
Towel & Toiletries
Sleeping Bag / Pillow
Swim Suit [No Bikinis]
Camp Appropriate Clothes
Closed toe shoes and long pants for Climbing Wall and Paintball

Do Not Bring
Cell Phone
iPod / MP3 / CD Player
Laptop Computer
Knife or other weapons
Drugs or Alcohol
Pets of any kind

## CELL PHONES

- Camp Firwood has a strict “No Cell Phone” policy due to the safety of staff and campers. If brought to camp, cell phones will be confiscated for the week and returned on Closing Day. Please leave cell phones at home.
- Please contact the Firwood Office at (360) 733-0959 in case of an emergency.

## LOST & FOUND

- Please have name identification on all items brought to camp. We cannot assume responsibility for lost or stolen possessions. Please do not bring items of value to camp.
- For lost items, please contact The Firs office at 360-733-6840 or email [barb@thefirs.org](mailto:barb@thefirs.org).
- All items unclaimed by October 1, 2011 will be donated to a local thrift store.

## PAINTBALL

- Paintball (Single Session \$25, Weeklong \$65) are pre-paid classes.
- Sessions are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Paintball can be added as an activity on Opening Day, if available.
- Do not bring personal gear; we will provide all the necessary equipment.
- Please pack clothes that can get dirty for this activity.

## **CAMPER EMAIL & PHOTOS**

- To email your camper, send an email to [camper@thefirs.org](mailto:camper@thefirs.org).
- Please include the campers and counselors name in the subject line.
- Photos can be viewed at <http://campfirwood.smugmug.com>.

## **HONEY HUT**

- Funds can be deposited on Opening Day at the Honey Hut.
- We accept cash, check, Visa and Mastercard.
- Please do not add funds online after the Thursday before your session, as reports are uploaded on Friday morning.

## **CARE PACKAGES**

- Please bring your care packages with you on Opening Day and drop them off at the appropriate care package station.
- Limit care packages to one per camper per week and make sure they are no bigger than shoe box size.
- You can also mail a care package through the US Postal Service or send it with your camper in their luggage. On the package, please print the camper's name and camp session.
- Due to concern for campers with peanut allergies, please do not send foods containing any peanut/tree nut products in care packages.

## **UPDATES**

For the most current updates at Camp Firwood check out the following sites:

- Camp Firwood Website - <http://campfirwood.org>
- Facebook - <http://facebook.com/campfirwood>
- Twitter - <http://twitter.com/campfirwood>
- Or Call 360-733-0959 for an automated message

We look forward to another exciting summer serving your kids and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Get ready for another great adventure!

Sincerely,

Angie Brionez

Firwood Registrar