

Hello and welcome to Camp Norse 2024!

We are all looking forward to a **WICKED AWESOME** week of outdoor adventures revolving around this year's theme "Unlock Your Imagination".

Upon arriving at Camp, your camper's first adventure will be to receive their camp T-shirt and den assignment at check-in.

Here is a list of helpful items you should know to help your child's adventures at Day Camp run smoothly:

1. **Camp Program Hours** are Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, rain or shine (see below for extended care details).
2. **Driving through Camp:** Please do not exceed 10 MPH while driving in camp and be mindful of campers along the camp roads. When picking up or dropping off, please follow the curve of the parking lot and join the line of cars. Other than Monday morning, we ask that you do not get out of your car to ensure that the line moves along safely and smoothly. Please be sure to follow any directions given by the parking lot attendant.
3. **Check-In** begins at 8:30 AM, campers may not arrive earlier, unless they are registered for the Extended Care program. Check-in is right out in front of our Welcome Center. Here campers will be given their Den assignment for the week, as well as their T-shirt. **The camp program starts at 9 AM SHARP, please make sure you have checked in your camper before 8:50 AM so that the fun can start on time!**
4. **Afternoon Pick-up:** **Monday – Friday** Camper dismissal **begins at 4:00 PM**. Please do not arrive at camp before 3:50 PM. Pickup will occur at the Welcome Center. Campers will be released only to those named on their Authorized Dismissal Form unless **changes are cleared through the Camp Director**. This policy will be strictly enforced to ensure all campers' safety. If a camper needs to be dismissed early, this must be communicated with the **Camp Director**. The latest any camper will be dismissed early is 3:15 PM.

****NOTE: Photo ID is required upon dismissal. NO camper will be dismissed without proper photo identification. ****
5. **Extended Care-** Extended care is available for those campers who signed up at registration. Check-In for Extended Care is no earlier than 8:00 AM and pickup is anytime between 4:00-6:00 PM. **There is no afternoon Extended Care on Friday.** All campers must be picked up at 4:00 PM on Friday afternoons.
6. **What to Bring to Camp-** The camp uniform is shorts (many campers wear their swimsuits to camp), a camp shirt, a hat, and sneakers. No open-toed footwear is allowed. Campers will be outside all day regardless of the weather and must dress accordingly. Packing a change of clothes, backpack, rain gear, and an extra sweatshirt or jacket is recommended. Additionally, Sunscreen and non-aerosol bug repellent that your child can self-apply are highly recommended. **Please label all items.** Valuables, umbrellas, toys, and knives of any kind are not permitted at camp. A lost & found area is located outside the office each day. Items unclaimed at the end of the week will be donated to a worthy cause. **Campers are responsible for each item they bring to camp**, and Camp Norse is not responsible for any misplaced or broken items.
7. **Lunch:** A bag lunch and a reusable water bottle are required every day; please avoid perishable items such as mayonnaise. Water will be available at each program throughout the day. **Campers are expected to carry their backpacks, including their lunch with them, throughout the day as refrigeration is not available.** Due to allergies, we request that scouts and staff do not share their lunch and avoid common highly allergic foods such as peanut butter.
8. **Medications:** All medications should be given to the Health Officer at check-in in the original packaging. Exceptions are made for emergency medications, (i.e., Epi-pens). If these medications are needed during camp, the child should be taken to the Health Officer for evaluation as soon as possible.
9. **Trading Post:** We have a Trading Post that is open at different times during the day. The trading post offers

snacks, drinks, Day Camp gear, and small gifts. You can send your camper with money to enjoy the trading post, but please note that the staff are not responsible for any lost money. It is recommended that campers place their money in a safe place in their bag/container such as a wallet or coin purse. Money should stay put away until the camper is at the Trading Post. We now have a **Square device; credit and debit cards are now accepted with a \$5 minimum, and for adult use only - please do not send your camper to camp with your credit card!**

10. Please be aware that Trading Card Games (Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, etc.) are acceptable to bring to Camp. Trading Card Games have multiple purposes during waiting times and poor weather. They also involve critical thinking, reading, social skills, and even math! If your camper intends on bringing such games to Camp, please do so in a labeled container or bag with their name on it. All trading cards are the camper's responsibility and Camp Norse is not responsible for any damaged or misplaced cards.

11. The theme this year is "Unlock Your Imagination!", but did you know that each week has its own subtheme? The theme for this week is "**CHANGES WEEKLY**"!

12. We will be hosting the **Magee Family Campfire Extravaganza on Friday afternoon!** This is an opportunity for the adults of our campers to see the skit, song, or talent that their camper(s) have been working on all week. **This event is from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, but arriving early is strongly encouraged, so we can get all our visitors checked in before the show starts. **Please arrive to be checked in between 2:15 and 2:40.**

13. If you are planning on **volunteering** at camp this week - first of all, great! And thank you! Second, **please reach out to me to let me know - We need to make sure any adults volunteering at Camp Norse have been properly onboarded BEFORE they arrive at Camp on Monday morning.** We all want our campers to have the best and safest time they can while at Camp Norse, and this is one of the many ways we do that!

Lastly, let's have fun! Camp is a safe place filled to the brim with fun possibilities for everyone! If you have any questions, please respond to this message, or you can call/text me at **(774) 404-2605**. This is a Google Phone number that is connected to my personal cell phone; Please do not call outside the hours of 7 am-7 pm. You may also reach me at this email address: CampNorseKingston@gmail.com.

***Yours in Scouting,
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