

Greetings Campers and Parents!

In just a few short days, we will be gathering for Wilderness 10th-12th Grade Trailblazers. On behalf of the camp staff and volunteers, I want to welcome you in advance. We very much look forward to seeing you again if you attended our camp last year. If this is your first year with us at Trailblazers, then we look forward to meeting you. I love Wilderness Camp and have been serving at Round Lake's Wilderness Camp for about 20 years; it is one of the best, most blessed weeks of the summer.

We have been very busy preparing for our week and making sure that nothing is forgotten so that we will have an awesome week together. We have been praying for you and for our week of camp since the day camp ended last year. Parents- we covet your prayers for our campers and staff; please pray for safety and for the Lord's blessing to be on all.

You should have all received an email from Round Lake with the **Wilderness Information Packet**. This packet includes a suggested packing list and instructions. You will want to read this over as it has very good suggestions and will make the week more enjoyable for you. It can be viewed at <https://roundlake.org/sites/default/files/deans-info/Wilderness%20Information%20Packet-compressed.pdf>.

My simple list, in more-or-less order of priority, includes: Bible, great attitude, water bottle, insect (& Big Foot) repellent, sunscreen, meds (nurses will keep these for you during the week of camp), bathing suit for bathing in the river, clothes (modest, sensible, comfortable; this is no fashion show), toiletries, comfortable shoes for hiking (lace up shoes, NO flip-flops for hiking), water shoes (again not flip-flops, remember, bathing in the river with rocks and leeches and fish and such ☺), sleeping bag, pillow, camera optional, flashlight, brownies for the Dean (optional, or is it?). **We will NOT be using cell phones or electronics of any kind please during this week of camp.**

We will be sharing with you a special mission and receiving an offering to support the mission, so please come prepared.

Parents- please bring your campers directly to Wilderness Camp. Plan to **arrive at or slightly after 5:00 pm for check-in on Sunday**. Prior to that time, camp staff is finalizing all the last-minute preparations and will not be ready to check-in campers. Also note that **check-out is at 2:30 pm on Friday**. Please be prompt in picking up your campers.

Please note that we will have one off-site trip to the beautiful Hocking Hills State Park for an exciting day of hiking and rappelling. If all goes well, we will do an 80 ft rappel in the morning followed by a 120 ft rappel in the afternoon. It is one of the highlights of the week.

We will be taking lots of pictures and some videos during the week of camp and plan to make these photos available to campers and parents after camp. Once camp is over, we will send out a message explaining how and where you may access these photos and videos. **If you do NOT want your camper included in any photos or videos, please let us know at check-in.**

Please feel free to call, text, or email me directly with questions. During the week of camp, reception is limited so response time may be delayed.

For emergencies during camp, please call my mobile (740-263-1572) or Jill Carroll (740-263-9651). Additionally, you can contact Round Lake's main office at 419-827-2017.

See you all soon.

With the love of the Lord,

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