



### **What to expect**

Attending summer camp is a very exciting experience for both campers and parents! It is very natural for both to be a bit anxious and nervous about the camper leaving the comforts of home, adopting new routines of daily activities, and meeting new friends. We want to familiarize you and your camper(s) with our procedures, policies and philosophies. We want to take the time to explain this and share some information with you.

### **Goals of Wabanna**

We have three simple goals for every camper that comes to camp. They are:

1. Learn more about God
2. Have Fun
3. Make a new friend

### **Staffing**

Camp Wabanna recruits highly skilled individuals whose warmth, maturity and compassion will add to your camper's experience. Our diverse summer staff consists of counselors from many different states. All camp staff members go through an extensive screening process including interviews, multiple character references, fingerprinting, CPS and FBI checks. Our staff also goes through an intensive training before campers arrive at camp.

### **Fees**

All fees are payable as follows: Non-refundable deposit of \$150 per camper per week is due at time of registrations that occur before May 1<sup>st</sup>. The balance of all camp fees is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to make full payment by May 1<sup>st</sup> will result in the loss of camp session(s). Any registrations that occur on or after May 1<sup>st</sup> will require full payment.

### **Forms to be completed**

All forms must be filled out by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Form 7 needs to be completed a week before your camper attends camp. Forms 2-6 are online forms located on the camper dashboard in the "Forms" box. Form 8 is a printed form located in the "Forms" box in the "Download Forms" tab.

1. A recent photo of your camper can be uploaded through Campwise.
2. Cancellation Policy
3. Allergies Form
4. General Health History
5. Summer Camper Waiver
6. Over the Counter Medications
7. Camper Pick Up Authorization Form (this only needs to be filled out if anyone other than the listed 2 Guardians will be picking up. Everyone picking up will need to show their photo ID to our staff every day at pick up.
8. Medication Authorization Form signed by the camper's doctor. (You only need this form if you are bringing medication both prescribed and over the counter, vitamins, supplements, epi pens, inhalers, or anything that will be administered by our health room supervisor).

### **Cancelling your camp session**

Cancellations must be made in writing by email to Wabanna. Cancellations before June 1<sup>st</sup> will result in the loss of the non-refundable deposit of \$150. Any portion of the balance paid, less \$150, will be refunded. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, there are no refunds for cancellation for any reason. If a camper is unable to attend camp or misses days of camp for any reason, including illness, there will be no refund or credits given for missed days. You may also see this policy in our Cancellation Policy Agreement that was signed at registration.

### **Snack Shop/Gift Shop**

The snack shop offers many snacks and drinks. Campers have a chance to visit the snack shop once a day and will be able to choose one drink and one snack. The gift shop has apparel and souvenirs and will be open for families to purchase items on Monday and Thursday evenings during pick up from 5:00pm-5:30pm. These will be the only days it is open.



## **Clothing**

Please send appropriate clothing for your camper, taking into consideration the weather forecast and camp activities. We encourage you to send old clothing to camp, as your camper will be in a natural environment, playing sports, and participating in outdoor activities. For girls: One-piece bathing suits or Tankinis that cover the belly completely are okay and recommended as they make bathroom breaks easier. No "Speedo" type bathing suits for boys. While packing, please review the list of things you are sending to camp with your camper so they know what clothing and personal items are theirs. It is also helpful to have their name on all items, in case they are lost or misplaced.

## **What not to bring**

Camp is a natural setting to retreat from electronic technology and to get more in touch with God's creation and people. Electronic games, cell phones, iPad/tablets, and other electronic devices do not fit into this setting. As our society becomes increasingly more dependent on cell phones, and with the growing abilities of today's cell phones, we ask that campers do not bring them to camp. Cell phones brought to camp will be confiscated and stored with our management staff. Wabanna is not responsible for lost or damaged items. It goes without saying...but we have to say, please leave firearms, weapons, matches, lighters, knives, tobacco products, illegal drugs, and money at home. Camp does not allow pets, so please leave your pets at home when dropping off and picking up your camper(s).

## **Specific personal needs**

If your camper has any special needs or requests, please let us know. The Summer Camp Director and the Day Camp Coordinators are great resources for any concerns that you may have. We are only able to accommodate specific personal needs if the camper is able to keep up with their assigned group and are able to comply with safety commands and basic instructions. We do not have the staffing capabilities to have a one-on-one camper/counselor ratio. If a camper is not able to meet these criteria, they may not be permitted to finish their week of camp. Please be thorough and honest when filling out the camp forms so our staff can be prepared for the arrival of your camper.

## **While at Camp**

### **Check-In**

Check-in will be Monday-Friday from 8:30am-8:50am. Front gates open at 8:30am. If you are going to be later than 9:00am please email our Day Camp Coordinators at [cwdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:cwdaycamp@gmail.com). Please note that we are located in a neighborhood. Please drive slowly and cautiously when coming to and from camp.

### **Before Care**

You may choose to purchase or cancel before care up until two weeks before your camper's session begins. It is \$75 a week and begins at 7:30am and includes a hot breakfast.

There are no refunds for unused before care. (We do not offer any after care.)

### **Medications**

All medication whether prescription or over the counter, ointments, epi pens, or inhalers must be:

1. In the original container or packaging and turned in and dispensed by our nurse as required by Maryland State Law.
2. Accompanied by a "Medication Administration Authorization Form" that has been signed by their doctor. This includes over the counter medication, ointments, EpiPens and inhalers. Camp Wabanna may not administer anything without this signed form.
3. In a gallon size zip lock bag.

We have a 24-hour on-site nurse who is on call at all times. All of our staff are trained in emergency procedures and many are certified in First Aid and CPR.



Wabanna stocks most over the counter medications needed at camp (you can find a list of these medications from your camper dashboard online) so it is not necessary to bring these items. You may call us at any time to see if we keep a particular medication in stock. It is Wabanna policy that the Day Camp Coordinators keeps a camper's inhaler or EpiPen during camp. They can be obtained at a moment's notice. However, if a parent requests in writing that an inhaler or EpiPen be kept by the camper, we will honor that request provided the camper can demonstrate proper responsibility for the use and possession of it. Any misuse or misplacement of the inhaler or epi-pen during the camp session will be cause for the inhaler to be kept by the Day Camp Coordinators. Please be sure to pick up any medication from our staff at the end of your camper's week. Any left or forgotten medication will be stored at Wabanna for one week. If the medication has not been claimed by August 13<sup>th</sup> the unclaimed medication will be disposed of.

### **Sign in**

1. Campers should arrive at camp already in their swimsuits under their clothes and with sunscreen on.
2. Please stay in your vehicle.
3. Sign in with our staff.
4. Make sure your doors are unlocked and our staff will help your campers exit the vehicle.
5. You will follow the cones to make a u-turn and exit.

### **Cabin Assignments**

A "cabin" is what we call the group of 8-10 campers.

Tadpole campers ages 4 & 5 are in one program and are grouped by gender and have 10 to a group with two counselors.

Campers ages 6-13 are in a program and are grouped by gender and age with 8-10 per one counselor.

We allow for three cabin/friend requests per camper as long as they are in the same program, the same gender, and within 12 months in age (unless ages 5 & 6, see above for the program ages. In some cases, we are able to move a 5-year-old up to be with a 6-year-old you will just need to contact our office at the time of registration. We are unable to move campers or make accommodations if there is no space in the 6 year old program or if the request is not made at the time of registration). Our data system allows you to make up to 3 friend requests. We cannot guarantee more than 4 friends together in a cabin/group, because we have found this number to be the best way to ensure friendship-making opportunities for everyone in the cabin/group. We will do our best to honor requests, however, requests cannot be guaranteed.

### **Lunch and snacks**

We provide lunch, a different prepackaged snack each day (i.e. goldfish, pirates' booty, granola bar), and a drink and a snack from our snack shop in the afternoon. No need to pack a lunch unless you have allergy or other food concerns. If your camper has any special food service needs be sure to inform us on the allergies form. Our Food Service Manager will contact you by the Friday prior to your camper's session. You may also email her directly at [wabannafoodservices@gmail.com](mailto:wabannafoodservices@gmail.com). We do our best to meet any special food service needs but you may be asked to pack a lunch and snacks for your camper if we are unable to accommodate.

### **Swimming**

To demonstrate their swimming ability, all campers have the option to take a swim evaluation test. The test is given on their first swim session on Monday. They must be able to swim a total of 20 meters, the distance to swim across our pool and back again, without touching the bottom, and be able to tread water for one minute. This helps the staff establish the safest areas in which campers may swim. All campers who pass the evaluation will receive our swim band allowing them to swim in our 5-6 ft swim area along with being able to jump off the diving board in our diving well. Campers who choose not to take the swim test or do not pass, will be able to play in the large 3-4 ft section of the pool which includes many pool toys and pool basketball.

Our 4- & 5-year-old Tadpoles, do not take the swim test and only swim in our 3 ft section of the pool. They may bring puddle jumpers with them each day for their pool time.



## **Waterfront**

Wabanna is blessed to be located on the Chesapeake Bay along the Rhode River. We keep our campers safe by requiring them to wear a life vest when participating in waterfront activities. This includes fishing, crabbing, or any activity from our pier or at our waterfront. As with all brackish waterways along the Bay, native plants and animals can be found in the water along our coast, including sea nettles (jellyfish). The population of sea nettles varies not only from summer to summer, but from week to week and day to day. The sea nettles found in our waters are nonthreatening, but will sting. Stings are nonlethal and are easily treated by our staff.

## **Discipline**

In the event that the need arises for discipline while at camp, Wabanna uses a 3-strike system. The rules of conduct are introduced to each camper upon arrival. The emphasis of behavior expectation at camp is RESPECT. Strikes are given in the event that a camper continues disrespectful behavior after being counseled to change behavior. The first strike is given by the counselor in writing. The second strike is given by the counselor and head counselor and the parent/guardian will be informed. A third strike may only be issued by the summer camp director and results in the camper being sent home and your camper will not be able to return for any remaining days of that week. There are no refunds if a camper is sent home for disciplinary reasons.

## **No Refund Policy**

In the "Cancellation Policy Agreement" and "Summer Camper Waiver" you have agreed and understand that in case of dismissal, illness, homesickness, or voluntary withdrawal from camp, there will be no refund or credits of camp fees. If a departure need arises, parents will be notified. Upon notification, the parent will be allowed a maximum time of two hours to pick their child up from camp. There will be no refund for cancellations made after June 1<sup>st</sup> or if a camper is a no show. Wabanna reserves the right to refuse any applicant and to cancel any reservation.

## **What we teach**

We teach the gospel-the Good News of Jesus Christ! Our staff, chapel speakers, and counselors are all here because this message is so important. Here's a quick snapshot of what the Bible says about this good news:

### **1. Who defines the gospel?**

***The Gospel is defined by God through the Scriptures and not by man.***

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"This God - his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him." Psalm 18:30

"No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21

### **2. Who made us?**

***The entire world and everything in it, including YOU, has been created by a holy and righteous God.***

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all." 1 Chronicles 29:11

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" Isaiah 6:3

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before you." Psalm 89:14

### **3. So, what is the problem?**

***The created (us) have rebelled against the creator (God). This rebellion is called "sin" and this sin is our greatest problem. Sin has separated us from holy God and has placed us under His judgement.***

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"but your iniquities have made a separation between you and God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear." Isaiah 59:2

### **4. Did God create a solution to the problem?**

***Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth to live the perfect life that we could not live and to sacrificially die the death that we all deserve, so that our relationship with God could be made right again.***

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3-4



"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit." 1 Peter 3:18

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." 1 Timothy 1:15

#### **5. How should I respond to this solution?**

***Confess your need to God, repent of your sin and believe in the eternal promises of Jesus Christ... Turn away from your sin and turn to Jesus Christ!***

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

"For everyone who called upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

"yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2:16

"But to all who did receive him who believed in his name he gave the right to become children of God, who were born not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13

## **After Camp**

### **Check-Out**

Check-out is Monday-Friday at 5:00pm (there is a late pick-up charge of one dollar per minute after 5:30 pm). It will be the same as check-in but in addition **we will check the photo ID of the pick-up person every day**, so please have it with you.

### **Pick-up Authorization**

No camper will be released to anyone not listed on their sign-in sheet as an authorized pick-up person, or anyone who does not present their photo ID, including a parent. All campers must be signed out with our staff. If you know that there will be someone picking up your child not listed as the authorized pick-up person, please inform the office before check-out that day.

### **Early Departures**

We have a very busy schedule and we don't want campers to miss out on activities, so early departures are discouraged. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable, so we suggest one of the following times: 11:00am, 2:15pm, 4:15pm. Please inform camp in writing by email at [cwdaycamp@gmail.com](mailto:cwdaycamp@gmail.com).

### **Lost and Found**

We will make every effort to return lost and found items while your camper is at camp, but you and your camper can do more than anyone to ensure that nothing is lost. Please mark all items with your camper's name using permanent marker or a label for easy identification. Lost and found during the session is located at the pool. **On Thursday at pick up, lost and found items can be found in the pavilion. Please check this area to ensure that you have all of your camper's possessions.** If upon arrival home you find that you are missing something, please call or email Wabanna and we will try to locate the lost item. If you would like to pick up any lost and found items before August 31st, call our office to coordinate a time during office hours. Unfortunately, we are unable to send any lost and found items through the mail.



## WABANNA DAY CAMP

**Suggested Clothing and Equipment List:** (All items should be labeled with the camper's name)

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| ____ Backpack   | ____ Medications/Inhaler/EpiPen (with signed doctors note)   |
| ____ Bathing suit *   | ____ Sunscreen   |
| ____ Towel  | ____ Tennis shoes (some activities require closed-toe shoes) |
| ____ Water bottle   | ____ Water shoes/Keens/Crocs or Flip Flops                   |
| ____ Bible ** (we recommend putting it in a gallon zip lock bag. It will be in their backpack all day with wet towels and clothes.) | ____ Change of clothes                                       |

### OPTIONAL ITEMS

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| ____ Sunglasses | ____ Bug spray                                |
| ____ Hat        | ____ Puddle jumper (for our 4 and 5 yr. olds) |

\*Note: **Campers need to come in their swimsuit under their clothes and with sunscreen already on.** Campers will have time to change into dry clothes after water activities are done for the day. (For girls: One-piece bathing suit or tankinis that cover the belly completely are okay and recommended as they make bathroom breaks easier. For Boys: Swim shorts or board shorts)

\*\* Bible Note: Any Bible you currently own is great. If you are looking for a recommendation, our staff mostly use ESV or NASB. In addition to the recommendation above of sending it in a zip lock bag, we encourage you not to send your camper(s) with a Bible that is expensive or irreplaceable. If a camper does not have a Bible camp can provide one.

\*\*\*Camp provides lunch, a snack, and snack shop.