

**G**oing to summer camp can be exciting, maturing, and *fun*. This brochure is designed to help you—the parent/s—prepare yourself and your camper for a positive camp experience.

Parent(s) of first *time campers* pay special attention in preparing for camp. The first time away from the familiarity and comforts of home can be challenging.

Plan nights away from home before camp starts. Successful sleepovers at a friend's or grandparents' house will be reassuring.

Please do not tell your child they can call home or send a cell phone with them. Parents typically experience more feelings of anxiety than their child. Please do not call the camp and ask to speak with your child. Doing so may comfort the parent, but it often makes the camper's stay more difficult. If you have concerns, feel free to call the office. We will check on your camper and get back to you.

Promise to write, and keep the promise. Everyone loves to get mail at camp. You can email your child on our website at [www.campallegHENY.org/camperemail/](http://www.campallegHENY.org/camperemail/). Pack stamped, pre-addressed letters or post cards with their camping gear to make it easier for them to respond! **Note:** Keep it positive! Let them know that you are proud of them for being at camp and that you are excited to see them on Saturday. Letters from your camper may express some negativity. Don't fret! Emotional ups and downs can occur while learning to live away from home, and the quiet times that are conducive to writing are the most likely times to experience homesickness.

Encourage your camper to express feelings about going to camp: joys, fears, *any* concerns! Talk openly about concerns. Don't dwell on the negative, rather focus on positives; fun, activities, friends!

**Please don't introduce the idea of homesickness or tell them they can leave anytime. Yes, you can get them anytime but telling them so will assure you of a trip back the next day.** Assure your camper that the camp staff will answer questions, help campers make new friends, and have fun. *Please remember that camp policy does not allow campers to make or receive phone calls except in case of an emergency and then with permission of the director.*

When packing for camp, use the camp check off list carefully. This list is included in this "PLANNING PACKET." Include all the recommended items, and as many of the optional ones as you feel are important. **Do not send items the camp does not allow.** Go through packed items to be sure nothing is left out or added. Having possessions taken away and kept in the camp office until the end of camp is upsetting. Also, as you pack keep in mind, the camps can not be responsible for items *lost, stolen, or damaged*. Do not send valuables!

*Labeling everything* will help prevent confusion and loss. In the cabin, your camper will have items that are like others. Please do not send any foods or snacks to the campers. Food in the cabins attracts mice!

### **Important Times to Remember**

#### **Check-in:**

**Sunday Between 3:30 and 5:00 p.m.**

**Mini B camps-Wednesday 3:30-5 p.m.**

Allow time to check-in and help your camper get situated in the cabin before you leave. However, it does not help to come very early. You will just have a long wait before check-in starts. The person who brings the camper to camp will need to tell the dean who is picking up the camper at the end of camp.

#### **Check out:**

**Saturday 9:30 a.m. (except July 8-13)**

There will be a special closing for parents and campers. It will only last about 15 minutes. Please be there if you can.

**Camper's email:**  
[campallegHENY.org/camperemail/](http://campallegHENY.org/camperemail/)

**Camper's Mailing address:**

**Camp Allegheny  
Campers Name & Event Number  
100 Camp Allegheny Drive  
Stoystown PA 15563**

Please visit our website for even more information and answers to additional F. A. Q.  
**[CampAllegheny.org](http://CampAllegheny.org)**



Camp contact information:

**Camp Allegheny  
100 Camp Allegheny Dr  
Stoystown PA 15563**

Office Phone:

Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm.  
814-754-4336 or 814-754-5122

Office email: [info@campallegHENY.org](mailto:info@campallegHENY.org)

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations need to be in writing and sent to camp by mail or e-mail from the person responsible for the original registration. All cancellations are subject to a \$50.00 processing fee.

**There will be no refund after June 1<sup>st</sup> except with a medical excuse.** Camp Allegheny must be notified ASAP in the event of an accident or illness just prior to camp. In order to receive a refund (minus processing fee) we must receive a written request AND a written statement/excuse from your doctor within a week of the event's start date. No exceptions.

Event Change-if you find you need to change your event to another date after registering there will be a \$25.00 fee.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Register for a second full week of camp at 1/2 the regular event price after your child completes their first full week of camp. You will be able to take advantage of this great offer only when you pick up your camper after their first full week. You must register at camp before departure and the complete 1/2 price payment is required upon registering that morning. Call-ins will not be accepted.

## Notes

Event Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event # \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

End Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions to Camp

The camp entrance is located on Rt 30, 80 miles east of Pittsburgh, midway between Ligonier and Bedford, and just 5 miles east of Stoystown, PA.

**From the Johnstown area** -Take US 219 South to Rt 30 East, then proceed on Rt 30 about 10 miles to the camp entrance on the right.

**From the PA Turnpike** -- Take the Somerset exit and follow Rt 281 North to US 30 East. Turn right onto Rt 30 east. Proceed east 5 miles, the camp entrance is on your right.

**From US 30 West** - Go to Reels Corners on Rt 30, (the cross roads of 160 and 30) proceed west on Rt 30 2.8 miles, camp entrance is on your left.

**From US 30 East** Proceed on Rt 30 past the town of Stoystown approximately 5 miles. The camp entrance is on your right.

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### PICK UP TIME:

**9:30 a.m.**

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# Frequently Asked Questions



...and other good stuff you need to know before coming to **CAMP ALLEGHENY.**

Save this flyer for reference.