

Express Camps Pine Creek Camp

Q. Why is it called “Express”?

A. We basically provide the same camp experience that our week long Impact camp offers, but put it in an express package. A shorter time frame to meet the needs of busy kids without missing out on any of the fun is what Express is all about.

Q. What if my child gets homesick?

A. A little homesickness is to be expected of most campers. Most times it stems from being in a new environment and being unsure of what will happen. Most of the time, as they become fully involved in the camp experience, the homesickness subsides. Occasionally, homesickness may continue, and counselors are trained to help campers at times when they are particularly missing home. For campers who experience extreme homesickness and all our best methods of providing comfort and distraction have not worked, the spiritual director or program manager will call you and let you know what is happening. Together you can work out a plan that is best for your child. There are also steps you can take to minimize homesickness your child may feel. Assure her that she’s going to have a wonderful time at camp, and that you’ll be praying for her to have a great week. Don’t tell her over and over that you’ll miss her, because that may make her feel responsible to be at home for you. Maybe send a little care package in her suitcase that has a small note or a note for her to open each day she is at camp. You can also get friends and family to send postcards or letters while she is there. Most of all pray for your daughter

Q. How are the sleeping accommodations at Pine Creek Camp?

A. Pine Creek has a rustic feel with cabins that are one room with 6 bunk beds to accommodate 10 campers and 2 counselors. The bathhouse is centrally located in a cluster of 6 cabins.

Q. What if my child has medications they need to bring to camp?

A. Our camp medic will be at check-in and will need any medications in the original container with the child’s name clearly marked. The medic will then distribute medications at the appropriate time.

Q. Will I be notified if my child gets sick/injured at camp?

A. We will contact parents if a child becomes injured or ill and needs medical attention.

Q. Does my child need spending money at Pine Creek Camp?

A. The Pine Creek Camp Store will be open at Check-In and Celebration. So there is not a need for campers to have money with them during the week.

Q. What activities are offered at Pine Creek?

A. Climbing wall
Goliath the giant swing
Swimming in the pool
Muddy creek walk
Arts n crafts
Nature activities
Hiking
Horse activities
Cookouts
Adventure Trail
Messy games
Vertical Challenge course
Teambuilding activities
Slip n slide
Soccer
Volleyball
Water games
Tubing on Pine Creek
Scavenger Hunts
Talent Show
Skit Night
S'mores

Q. Is it acceptable to bring our camper early or have her stay late?

A. Our staff is busy with duties and responsibilities prior to check-in and after celebration; therefore, we ask that you follow the times on your confirmation letter for the start and end of your camp experience.

Q. Where are your staff members from and how are they selected and trained?

A. It's always great to see how God brings together a wonderful group of staff members each summer. They come from all over to serve at Pine Creek Camp. Last summer our staff was primarily from the Midwest, but also included a missionary's kid from Africa and a "peach" from Georgia. Staff members are carefully selected through an intense application process which includes an interview and background check. We look for those who are teachable, honest, compassionate, safety-conscious and most important who love Jesus Christ and want to tell campers about Him. Staff members must arrive two weeks before that campers do for an intense two week orientation and training program that includes sessions on safety and emergency management, as well as specialized training for those leading activities like adventure or waterfront.

Our counselors are hand selected each week by the spiritual leadership team. These volunteers are from churches and are background checked and trained for their responsibilities in the cabins and with the campers.

Q. Can my child call me if they want?

A. No, phone calls are not allowed because they are disruptive to the camp experience. Camp is an opportunity for youth to develop some independence within a safe setting. Please do not send a cell phone to camp with your son/daughter.