

First Time Parent Meeting

Thank you for joining me!



CAMP SESSIONS: ONE WEEK? TWO WEEKS?

What's the difference?

| PROGRAMS | 1 WEEK | 2 WEEK |
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| Cost of meals, lodging, snacks, and activities included | ✓ | ✓ |
| General Activities * | ✓ | ✓ |
| Canteen (Snacks 2 times per day) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Opening and Closing Campfires | ✓ | ✓ |
| Care Packages <i>(provided by parents)</i> | ONCE | TWICE |
| Ceramics | All campers will choose a pre-molded bisque to paint and take home | Minors and older can make free-form clay ceramics to paint and take home |
| Special Activities  | Campers will participate in 1-2 special activities based on preference and availability | Campers will have an opportunity to participate in all special activities at least once |
| Special themed days (Carnival Day, Wacky Weekend, etc.) | ✗ | ✓ |
| Special Night Activities (Color Party, Kid Singer Jim, US vs International Soccer Game, etc.) | ✗ | ✓ |
| Arrow Awards and Challenges | ✗ | ✓ |
| Campout (Day trip for Middies, Overnight for Minors) | ✗ | ✓ |
| Majors Trip to Terrapin Adventures | ✗ | ✓ |
| Mentor Service Trip | ✗ | ✓ |

* GENERAL ACTIVITIES: Archery, Riflery/BBs, Canoeing, Stand-Up-Paddleboarding, Swim Lessons (Middies and Minors), Challenge Course, Arts and Crafts, Environmental Education, Sports, Escape Room



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Hydro, Horseback Riding, Giant Swing

What do children gain by attending Camp St Charles?

A word cloud on a white background with a green border. The words are in various shades of green and black. The most prominent words are 'independence' and 'confidence'. Other words include 'grow', 'away home', 'much', 'things', 'made friends', 'skills', 'taken new friends', 'responsible', 'independent', 'self', 'great', 'going', 'social', 'help', 'loved', 'made', 'trying new things', 'daughter', 'ability increased', 'try new activities', 'Tried new foods', 'camp', 'came home', 'friends', and 'friends'.

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trying new things
daughter ability increased try new activities
Tried new foods

Paperwork and Payments

Annual health form complete by parents

Health exam required, annual preferred

Upload completed physical

Tuition is due 30 days prior to camp

ALL CAMPERS:

- Complete pages 1 - 3.
These pages must be completed annually by new and returning campers.
- Attach a copy of your current health insurance card.
- HEALTH EXAMS** (page 4)
 - Must be completed and **signed by licensed medical personnel.**
 - Exam date must be present.
 - Parents may submit a different physical record (page 4) as long as the exam date and doctor signature are included.

TIME FRAME FOR VALID HEALTH EXAMS:

Camper has **NO Medical concerns and NO Daily medication:**

Exam date must be within
24 months
of Camp attendance

Camper takes **Daily medication and/or has a medical concern (asthma, etc.):**

Exam date must be within
12 months
of Camp attendance

RETURNING CAMPERS: Physical Forms are kept on file from the previous year. If you would like us to pull, check date, and copy this form to attach to your current pages 1 - 3, **Please let us know in advance. You are still required to submit pages 1 - 3 for the current year.**

MAILING YOUR COMPLETED HEALTH FORMS:

- **Original Documents are required. DO NOT FAX/SCAN THESE FORMS TO US.**
- **Remember to allow enough time for mail to arrive at Camp.**
- **Please send in ONE MAILING:**

- Original, Completed forms
- Copy of health insurance card

MAIL TO:
Camp St. Charles Registrar, Sheri Belisle
9692 Meadowview Lane
Newburg, MD 20664

Where in your Camp Account?

Find old emails

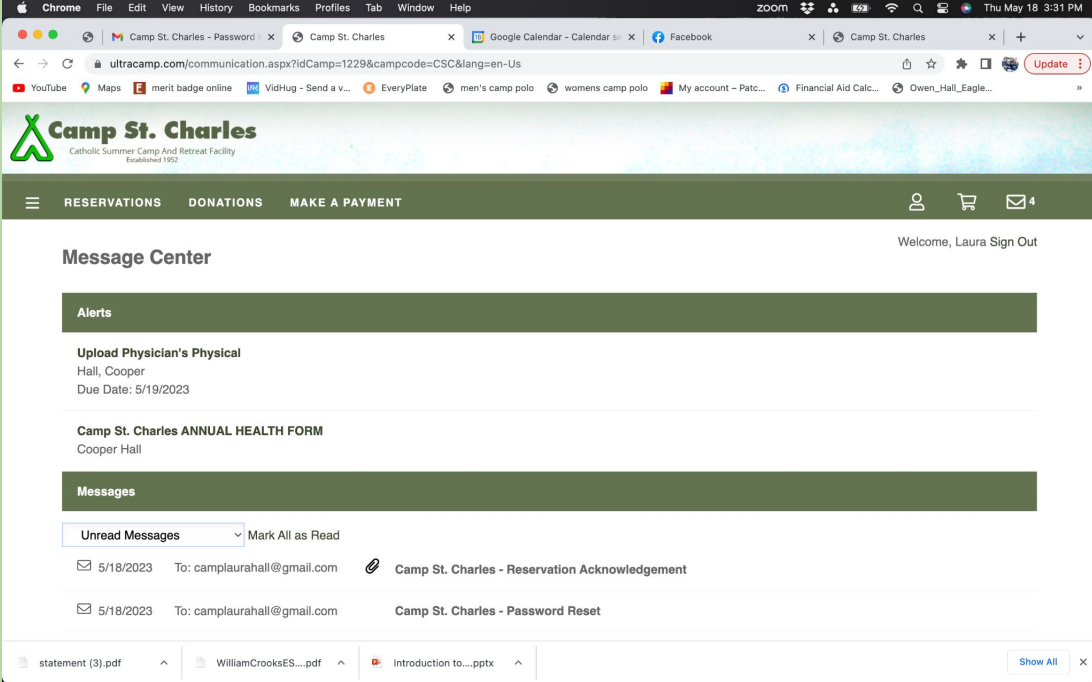
Complete online forms

View Friend requests

**alerts for missing forms will

remain until the form is reviewed

on our end

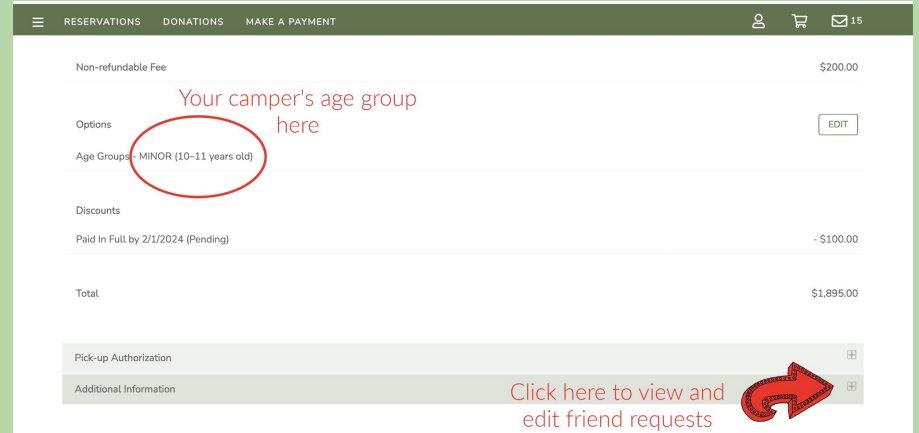
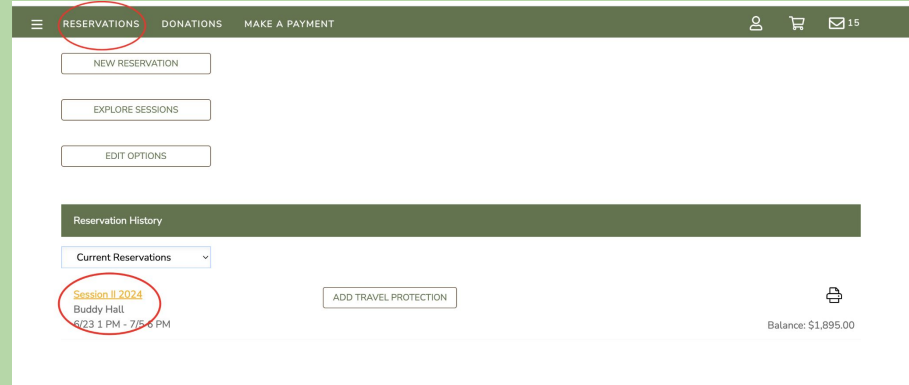


The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Camp St. Charles website. The page features a navigation bar with links for RESERVATIONS, DONATIONS, and MAKE A PAYMENT. The main content area is titled "Message Center" and includes a "Welcome, Laura Sign Out" message. Below this, there are sections for "Alerts" and "Messages". The "Alerts" section contains two items: "Upload Physician's Physical" with details for Hall, Cooper and a due date of 5/19/2023, and "Camp St. Charles ANNUAL HEALTH FORM" for Cooper Hall. The "Messages" section shows a list of unread messages, including "Camp St. Charles - Reservation Acknowledgement" and "Camp St. Charles - Password Reset", both dated 5/18/2023 and addressed to campplaurahall@gmail.com. The browser's address bar shows the URL: ultracamp.com/communication.aspx?idCamp=1229&campcode=CSC&lang=en-US.

How to View/Edit Friend Requests

Friends must be enrolled for the same session, same age group, same gender and mutually requested

Changes due 30 days prior to camp



Preparing your child for Camp St Charles

Completing camp paperwork (check contact information)

Health forms and health exams are due one month prior to camp

Talking about expectations for camp (new camper newsletter)

No phones, smart watches, etc. (reading only e-readers are ok)

Practice taking care of hygiene independently, showering, brushing teeth

Packing for camp with your camper

Prep4Camp program (complimentary for CSC families, use code SEAHAWK)

Consider Purchasing Camper Protection

Works like travel insurance, in the event that your child's time at camp is interrupted by illness, etc

Mail from Camp St Charles

For campers:

Camper Newsletter

Countdown to Camp Calendar

For parents:

Postcard with QR codes to forms

(both will be mailed soon)

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TO Camp St. Charles

SEPTEMBER

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Key Dates:

- OCT 01: 2024 REGISTRATION OPEN
- OCT 15: NEW CAMPER REGISTRATION OPEN
- OCT 22: FALL OPEN HOUSE!
- NOV 01: NEW ALCATOR APPLICATIONS DUE
- DEC 01: STAFF APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2024
- JAN 31: LAST DAY TO PAY EARLY BIRD RATE FOR TWO WEEKS CAMP SESSIONS
- MAR 10: OPEN HOUSE!
- APR 14: OPEN HOUSE!
- MAY 01: ONLINE TRAINING DUE FOR CAMP STAFF
- JUN 08: STAFF TRAINING BEGINS

campstcharles.org

Shopping for Camp

Follow the CSC packing list for your child's session length (mini or two week)

Shorts can be worn for more than one day to help reduce pre-camp shopping

Crocs or other closed toed shoes that can be worn wet

Sneakers (old pair pls)

LABEL everything for camp (sharpie or Mabel's Labels) with full name, not initials

Trunk, footlocker or other sturdy container that a child can sit or stand on (We recommend Everything Summer Camp brand trunks)

Mesh or fabric laundry bag

We recommend Everything Summer Camp Brand trunks



Linked on the Camp St Charles website on the camp forms page

Trunk/Footlocker must be sturdy enough for campers to sit or stand on

A toolbox style can be a good option



My adult daughter's truck with CSC stickers. Each camper receives a sticker for the season

Not recommended, particle board trunks break easily and have weak hinges



Shoes for Camp



Most campers wear crocs



Pro tip: take a photo of your child's shoes, in the event that they leave a pair behind, we are better able to find them

Most boys wear black sneakers and black or navy crocs, pls label well



Help your Camper to stay organized at Camp

Simplify products when possible (3 in 1 shampoo, conditioner, body wash)

Small size products in a manageable shower caddy

Showers are near cabins but in a different building so campers will go with counselors to shower time. (a cover up or lightweight robe is helpful)

Practice wrapping up in a towel in a modest way

Practice applying sunscreen, provide a sunscreen that your child likes/tolerates

Practice asking for help from a counselor

Shower Caddy Options

Practice carrying caddy while wrapped in towel, to prep for walking to and from the camp showers

Recommended



Recommended



Difficult to keep upright



Examples of Cover Ups



Perfect for young campers

Preferred by older girls



Ideal for all ages



Sides are open so can be challenging for kids

Pack with the Bag Method

Pack each day's clean clothes in a one gallon zip lock bag

Put dirty items in the laundry bag (mesh or fabric)

Leave expensive items or items of strong sentimental value at home

Select a small comfort item for bedtime

**encourage your child to store comfort

Item in pillowcase to avoid misplacing it



Care Packages

Bring to check in day, labeled with child's name and cabin

Package day will be on wednesdays each week

2 week session families may leave two packages

A large envelope or small shoe box is an appropriate size.

Some items that you might opt to include: book to read, crossword puzzles, sudoku, deck of cards, journal, coloring book, magazine, sealed snacks, letters, photos, small toys

Please no slime, open food, gum or other items not permitted at camp



Check In on Opening Day

Staff will direct the flow of traffic

Our gravel road is narrow

Pack items in trunk and laundry bag

(avoid loose items)

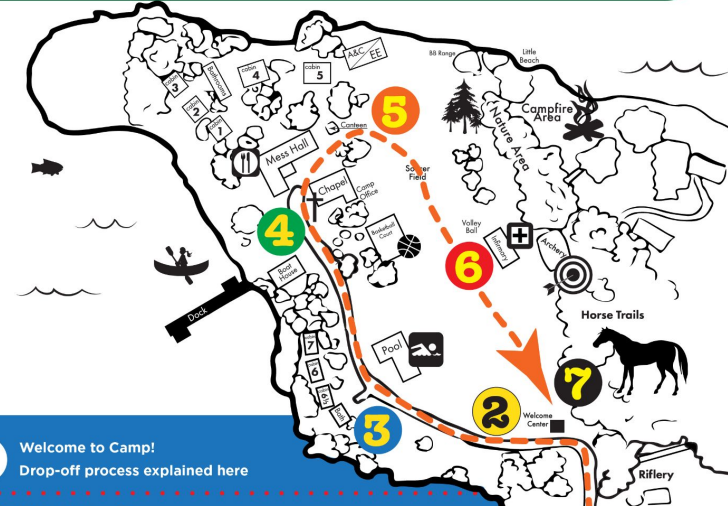
Have any medications in hand

(not packed in child's belongings)

Sunday 1-3pm

Camp St. Charles Camper Drop-off Parade

PARENTS: Please plan to remain in your car during the process. This will help us to keep the line moving smoothly.



- 1** Welcome to Camp!
Drop-off process explained here
- 2** Check In with
Camp Director
- 3** Bathroom Stop *(if needed)*
Restroom will be cleaned frequently
- 4** CABINS 1, 2 & 3 DROP OFF
- 5** CABINS 4 & 5 DROP OFF
- 6** Camp Nurse: Drop off medications
- 7** Mail Drop and Double-check your car!
DEPART



Bunknotes and Bunk replies

App is Camp St Charles by Bunk1

Access to photo gallery is complimentary

Bunknote credits are an optional additional fee

A typical family may opt to purchase 3 credits per camp day, per child

Campers receive bunk notes daily after lunch

Messages from parents are batched daily at 11am to send to CSC

Campers can write back with a bunk reply sheet

Many parents set up their bunknotes after they get home from drop off day

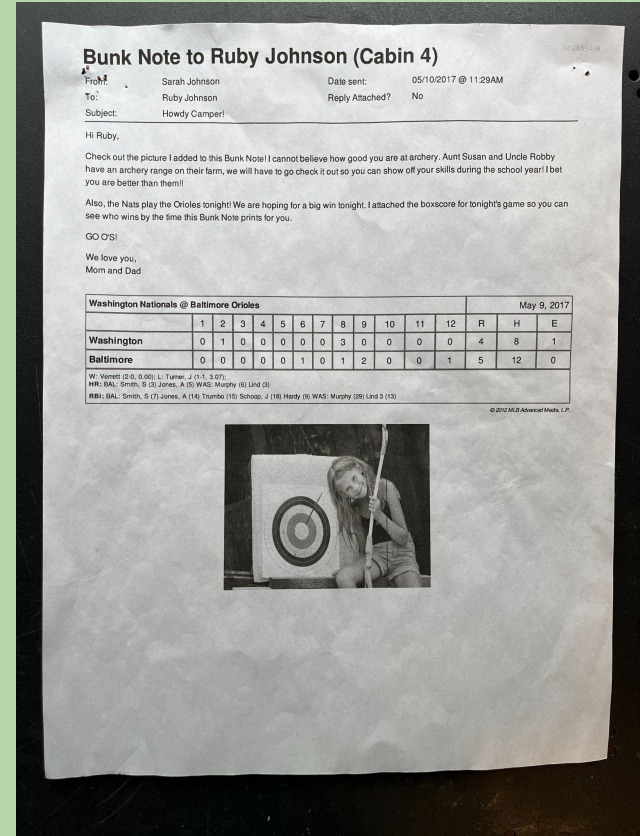


Will show sample bunk notes here

Bunk notes are handed out during siesta

Bunk notes are printed in black and white

Parents may opt to add photos or borders for additional credits



Campers can ONLY write back with a bunk reply

Bunk replies must be sent with a bunk note

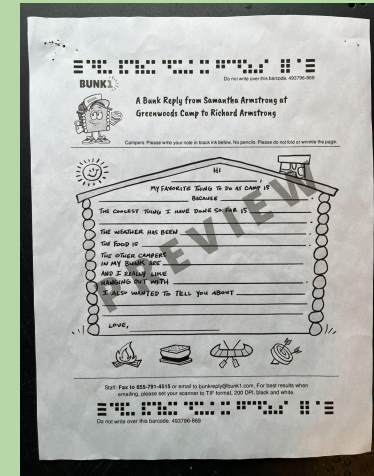
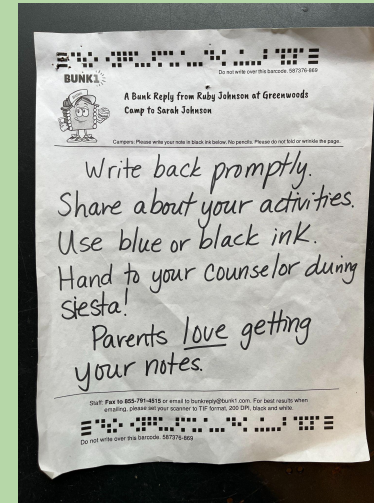
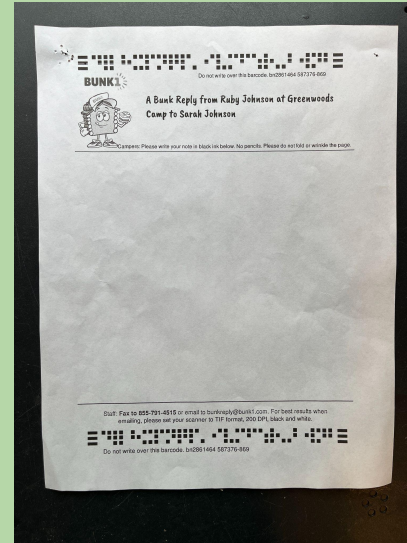
Bunk replies come in different styles, the fill in the blanks are great for younger campers or reluctant writers

Campers are encouraged to write back

Completed bunk replies will reach you by email

Replies are sent in the afternoon and will reach parents by 4pm

Some kids are too busy having fun to write



Viewing Photos during Camp

Photos are shared on the Camp St Charles app

Our goal is to take a selection of photos daily

Not a photo of every child at every activity

Save favorites to view with your camper

Some campers love photos, others not so much

Can opt to use facial recognition to search more easily

One photo per day is our goal

Reach out if you haven't seen a photo for 2 days so our photographer can be sure to seek out your camper



Contacting Camp St Charles

Camp Office 301-934-8799

Laura Hall, Camp Director director@campstcharles.org

Sheri Belisle, Registrar, registration@campstcharles.org

Arthi Ravikumar, Assistant Director, asstdirector@campstcharles.org

Camp Nurse (RN or physician) different each session, call camp office

Camp leadership may contact you for other numbers, cell phones, google voice

Check Out, Friday Evening 6-8pm

Drive through, similar to check in

At my station, have your ID ready, medications will be returned and return slip signed

Campers will be collected from the same place as the drop off

Counselors will help campers to pack up to be ready to head home

Stop by the lost and found area (near volleyball court area)

**at the lost and found stop, take a look at your child's items to check for laundry bag, shoes, ceramic, etc. You can circle back around if needed.

If you cannot pick up on Friday evening, you may schedule an early pick up with the Director

If the weather is a challenge during check in/check out

I will share updates by email as promptly as possible

Signal may be challenging if you have Verizon

Typically, weather is great and check in/out is smooth sailing

A summer storm or heavy rain can present challenges and will make the process slower than we'd like

Thanks for your patience