

'25 BLACK ROCK SUMMER CAMP INFO PACKET



BLACK ROCK

Christian Camp & Retreat Center

We are so excited to welcome your camper to our 2025 Summer Camp! Whether they have been coming for years, or this is their first experience, we are looking forward to a week full of fun, growth, and community.

2025 Theme: True That

"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."

2 SAMUEL 22:31

Mission

Black Rock Retreat is dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthening His church. We provide quality facilities, programs, and a serving staff in a refuge of God's creation which encourages spiritual growth and restoration.

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Contact Information

BRR Main Office

717.529.3370

help@brr.org

IMPORTANT TIMES

Arrival will take place between 3-5pm on the arrival day.
Departure will take place promptly at 2pm* on the departure day.
Registration Forms and Payments are due two weeks in advance.

*Departure time is 6pm for Mini Week.

Registration:

Please have the following complete two weeks before arrival:

- Registration balance paid
- Completed Health Form
- Completed Allergy and Medication information (if applicable)
- Desired balance in Snack Shop

If you need more time to complete these items, please contact Joanne at help@brr.org to set up a plan.

Not sure if these items are complete?

Complete these items online by logging onto your online registration account. Please make sure to complete all these items in order to help you move more quickly through the registration line. Log-in to your account here: <https://www.blackrockretreat.com/camps/overnight-camps/summer-camp/>

Medications:

Please have any medications ready to be turned in labeled with your camper's name. They must be properly labeled with your camper's name, along with any instructions (i.e. taken with food, avoid, excessive sunlight, etc.). All medications (prescription and over the counter) must be in the original bottle from the pharmacy and turned into our Health Care Staff. For campers with routine medications, either over the counter or prescription, we recommend contacting your pharmacy and seeing if they offer daily dose packaging. This is not required and may not be available at all pharmacies. In the case of a serious medical condition, there may be occasions where a camper may keep medication with them (EpiPen, insulin, etc.).

****NEW ANNOUNCEMENT** Given the growing number of necessary medications we are distributing at camp, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending vitamins or supplements unless they are absolutely necessary. If your child can manage without them during their week at camp, please do not send them.**

Our nurses will be trained to check for head lice if needed, but **please check your child for lice before bringing them to camp.** Please watch the following YouTube video and follow the instructions to perform a lice check. Complete within a week of your child's arrival date.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hybe7quFRVU&t=1s>

Registration Details

Moving In:

After the screening process, campers will receive their cabin assignment, meet their counselor, and parents may drive them to their cabins. To ensure a simpler and faster drop off process, please have all forms and payments completed prior to arrival.

Parents should plan on registration taking about an hour from arrival to departure.

Pick Up:

Please bring ID with you so we can ensure campers are being picked up by authorized persons. Please make every attempt to be on time for pick-up as Black Rock Retreat does not provide aftercare services and we are not set up to provide supervision after the close of the program.

We do charge a late fee of \$5 per every 15 minutes past the pickup time.

Cancellations:

YOUR DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

As a courtesy to those on our waiting list, if you need to cancel for any reason, please inform our staff by calling 717-529-3370 or emailing help@brr.org.

Directions:

Address: (Please note that we are located on 472, not on Black Rock Rd.)

1345 Kirkwood Pike

Quarryville, PA 17566

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne at help@brr.org or call 717-529-3370.

We hope you find this information helpful!
We look forward to seeing you this summer!



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Cabinmate Requests:

On your registration form, you may request to be with one friend. However, **we reserve the right to split up cabinmate requests without prior notification and we will not be able to honor specific cabin or counselor requests.** Cabinmates **MUST** be a mutual request from both campers, be independently registered, close in age, and not siblings. **We strive to honor your requests, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate them. Cabin assignments are permanent on registration day and will not be changed.**

Homesickness:

You will be notified and kept up to date if your child is more than just a little homesick, but we highly recommend that parents allow our staff to handle it. Our counselors are highly trained and well equipped to help campers overcome homesickness. We strive to provide campers with a safe space to work through their hesitations and fears of being away from home, and fully believe that working through difficulties can be very impactful. For more information, please download "Tips for Parents to Help Prevent Homesickness" on our website under "Camps - Summer Camp - Summer Camp Forms."

Birthdays at Camp:

We love celebrating camper birthdays at camp! If your child's birthday falls within their camp session, we want to help make it special. All summer camp staff and fellow campers will sing to your camper at lunchtime on their birthday. If you would like to send a birthday note to your camper, please see the next page for information on sending letters/emails.

Lost and Found:

Please mark personal items and clothing with camper's initials in order to help us reduce the amount of lost & found. We will attempt to reconnect lost items with their owners but we are ultimately not responsible for any personal items left at camp. Please contact the camp office if you believe an item may have been left at camp. Lost & found items will be kept at camp for 30 days after the last camp session ends. After that time, any unclaimed items will be donated.



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CONTACTING YOUR CAMPER

Visitors/Phone Calls/Mail:

Black Rock Retreat does not allow campers to have visitors or make/receive phone calls from a parent or anyone else while at camp unless there is an emergency. If an emergency or difficulties with your child arise at camp, please be assured that the Summer Camp Director will be in communication with you. Summer camp is a chance to unplug, connect with those around us, and hear from God. Cell phones can be a distraction and cause campers to disengage from people and activities. Therefore, campers will not be permitted to have cell phones or any mobile device at camp. If a phone is found at camp, it will be taken and kept in the camp office until the end of the week.

Letters are a great way to communicate with your camper while they are here!

Please address letters to:

**Camper Name & Cabin
Black Rock Retreat
1345 Kirkwood Pike
Quarryville, PA 17566**

**You may also send an email to your camper!
We will distribute them once a day.**

campermail@brr.org

**Subject Line:
Camper Full Name & Cabin**

For all campers' safety, please do not send any "care packages" to your camper while they are at camp. Any packages other than letters will be returned, unopened, to the sender and there will be a shipping charge.

Please note: campers will not have access to email, but they may send letters home in response.

Follow us on social media for camp photos throughout the week!



@blackrockretreat



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Early Departures:

All early departures must be communicated at registration. At the time of early pick-up, your child will meet you along with a staff member in front of the Administrative Office (first building on the left).

Late Departures:

Please be prompt in picking up your child during the specified hour, as we are not set up to provide supervision after the close of the program. **We do charge a late fee of \$5 per every 15 minutes past the pickup time.**

Dress Code:

Black Rock Retreat does not intend to make judgments on what is morally right or wrong to wear, but we do believe that a certain standard of modesty should be upheld in the camp setting. Therefore, the following rules will be enforced, and any camper whose attire is not satisfactory will be asked to change.

1. Clothing worn at camp should not be too short, tight, or revealing. Low cut neck lines, see-through styles, spaghetti straps, yoga pants/tights, and fashion that exposes midriffs or undergarments are not permitted. White tank-top undershirts for guys are not to be worn alone, nor shirts with large holes. Guys may not wear cut off tank tops.
2. Shorts must be at least mid-thigh when standing. Pants or shorts with writing on the backside are not acceptable. Pants that are see-through are not to be worn alone. "Soffe" shorts or similar styles should be avoided.
3. Tank tops that do not completely cover undergarments may not be worn alone (ex. some racerback styles and styles worn with open backs or cutouts). Guys are prohibited from going shirtless except when at the lake or pool.
4. Swimming attire: modest one piece for girls that does not expose midriffs, cleavage, or large portion of the back. A tankini is acceptable. If only a two-piece bathing suit is brought, it must be worn with a dark t-shirt over top. Guys are not permitted to wear Speedos.
5. Clothing that promotes drugs, alcohol, smoking and tobacco use, sex, violence, death (i.e. skulls), foul language, or questionable logos are not to be worn.

Food & Drink:

To protect campers with potential allergies, any food/drink items brought to camp must be turned into the Snack Shop and the camper may eat it during Snack Shop times only. To prevent pests, food/drink items will not be permitted in the cabins. Chewing gum is not permitted on camp grounds.

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Bullying:

Harassing, hazing, instigating, name-calling, put-downs, physical aggression, gossiping, or any other form of emotional, physical, or sexual bullying is strictly prohibited and completely intolerable at Black Rock Retreat. Our staff is vigilant in stopping bullying and protecting campers. Campers will be disciplined and their parents will be notified if their child is engaged in this type of behavior. Black Rock has a no tolerance policy for physical abuse. If any campers get into a physical altercation or harm another camper they will have to be sent home immediately.

Discipline Policy:

Black Rock Retreat is committed to discipline that first seeks to reconcile, challenge, and help each camper grow through their mistakes. Consequences are a part of that process. Any camper that breaks policy or chooses to not follow the instructions of Black Rock Retreat Staff will receive a strike and/or a consequence that fits the offense. **Black Rock has a no tolerance policy for physical abuse, and any camper that gets into a physical altercation or harms another camper or staff will have to be sent home immediately.**


Strike 1: Warning, Camper will be pulled aside and talked with individually with their counselor to try and determine the cause of the offense.

Strike 2: Camper may be asked to sit out of an activity (such as a game, free time option, snack shop, etc.) with their counselor to further discuss the cause of the offense and create an action plan moving forward. Higher leadership will be notified and may be present for this conversation.

Strike 3: Camper calls home with counselor and leadership staff. Summer Camp Director may be present for this conversation.

Strike 4: Camper is dismissed from camp, BRR staff will communicate with parents/guardians to schedule a pick-up time.

Dismissed from Camp: There may be circumstances where a camper will be sent home without prior warning through the strike system. These situations may include, but are not limited to:

- Physical violence to peers or staff
 - Possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol, drug paraphernalia, or pornographic material
 - Physical fighting/bullying, verbal aggression, sexual harassment
 - Destruction or vandalism of camp property
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"What to Bring List"

We suggest you use this as a checklist as you are packing.

- **Yourself!**
- **A good attitude!**
- ***Sleeping bag** (needed for campout)
- **Twin bed sheets and blankets for bunk** (or use a sleeping bag)
- **Pillow**
- **Modest pants and shorts** (see dress code) **and undergarments**
- **Modest shirts** (see dress code)
- **Bathing suit** (see dress code)
- **Beach towel & sunscreen**
- **Rain gear**
- **2 to 3 extra sets of clothing** (in case they get wet or dirty)
- **Bible** (if you have one)
- **Personal toiletries** (toothbrush/paste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrush/comb, etc.)
- **Bath towel**
- **GRUBBY clothes and shoes** (they will get stained, wet, and dirty!)
- **Two pairs of sneakers** (one for *creek hike - or bring water shoes)
- ***T-shirt to tie-dye** (optional)
- **Long pants/sweatshirt or jacket**
- **Sandals or flip flops**
- **Water bottle** (great for campout)
- **Journal, notebook/paper, pen/pencil**
- **Hat or visor**

***Mini-Week campers will not have campout, tie-dye, or creek hike and will not need associated items.**

Please DO NOT BRING:

- Cell phones (camp is a time to take a break from technology and focus on building relationships and bonding with your cabinmates, and cell phones tend to detract from that goal)
- Clothing excluded by our dress code (see Camp Policies for details on dress code)
- Electronics such as music devices, iPods, tablets, computers, or gaming devices
- Cigarettes, alcohol, tobacco products, vaping devices, or illegal drugs of any kind
- Bikes, skateboards, scooters, unicycles, Heelys, etc.
- Items for pranking/hazing (shaving cream, toilet paper, silly string, etc.)
- Guns, knives, bows/arrows, or weapons of any kind
- Chewing gum
- Pets or wild animals
- Flashlights (counselors will have these when needed)
- Do not bring snacks or money that you intend to keep on your person or in your bags. Any snacks or money brought to camp should be turned in at registration or at the Snack Shop and will only be accessible when the Snack Shop is open.

Please mark personal items and clothing with camper's initials in order to help us reduce the amount of lost & found! We will attempt to reconnect lost items with their owners but we are ultimately not responsible for any personal items left at camp.

Snack Shop Options

Campers may visit our snack shop several times throughout the week. We sell a variety of souvenirs and food items.

Campers are limited to one sweet item, one salty item, and one drink item per visit.

Food/Drink Items:

Soda (cans): \$1.50

Gatorade: \$2.50

Candy Bars: \$1.50

Bagged Snacks: \$0.75-\$1.50

Ice Cream: \$1.00-\$2.50

Souvenirs:

Stuffed Animals: \$12.00

Flashlights: \$5.50

Bandanas: \$7.00

T-Shirt: \$12.00

Nalgene Water Bottle: \$20.00

Decal/Sticker: \$1.50

Journal: \$6.00

Prices and specific items are subject to change, but above is a general estimate of prices. On average, most parents provide \$20-\$30 for snack shop during their child's week at camp. Any remaining funds at the end of the week may be donated to Black Rock's camper sponsorship fund or refunded to you.