

# Parents

You can be assured that your child or teen will experience one of the greatest Summers' of their lives in a safe, caring and Christ-centered environment with Godly counselors and staff.

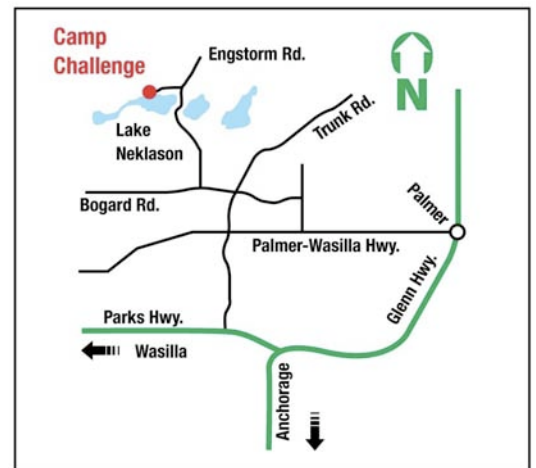
Please read below, if you have any questions whatsoever please call (907) 745.3731 or email us at [admin@campchallengeministries.com](mailto:admin@campchallengeministries.com)



## Camp Challenge Location

Camp Challenge is 43 miles northwest of Anchorage and 9 miles east of Wasilla and 7 miles west of Palmer. The camp's 57 acres are surrounded by snow capped mountains, forests, and sits on the shore of Neklason Lake.

Go to [www.CampChallengeMinistries.com](http://www.CampChallengeMinistries.com) for more detailed directions and maps.



## Sleeping Arrangements

All campers stay in nice warm cabins. Each cabin is equipped with electricity, heat, and bunks. The cabins are located in close proximity to the dining hall and shower facilities. Four of our cabins sleep 14 very comfortably, which usually includes 12 campers and 2 counselors and one cabin sleeps 22, which usually includes 4 counselors and 18 campers or 3 counselors and 19 campers.



## Cabin Requests

Once a camper's registration is received, the camper is placed in the proper grouping and cabin according to school grade, age, and development. Each camper is allowed one (1) cabin request of another camper they would like to be with. Every effort is made to place campers according to their cabin preference, but final placement is left up to the Camp Director.

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## Medical Emergencies

Every session Camp Challenge has a full time registered nurse on property. A full service medical center is located in Palmer just 12 minutes away.

## Camper Medication

We take meticulous care when dispensing your child's medicine. Please help us by carefully preparing it in the following way:

- Make sure your camper's full name is on the medication.
- Place all medicine in its original container in a zip lock style plastic bag. Unless medication is in its original container with prescription label, it will not be given.
- Enclose complete written instructions.
- Give it personally to the Camp Challenge nurse when you check in.

## Communication With Your Camper While At Camp

Campers love to get mail! It is delivered to and picked up from camp Monday-Saturday. You may also E-mail your child (Sorry, but they can't E-mail you back).

Tip: Send snail mail a few days even before your camper's session begins so they will receive it during their session. Please DO NOT send a cell phone with your camper. If you need to reach your camper, please call our camp office. 907.745.3731. All camper electronics are not permitted on camp property.



Take advantage of our eCamp. eCamp provides parents peace of mind and a chance to feel like they are participating in camp. Learn more by going to [www.campchallengeministries.com](http://www.campchallengeministries.com)

## Parental Visits & Calls During Camp

In order for your child to have the full experience of camp, we do not encourage parents to call or visit. We ask that parents call to speak to their campers only in the case of an emergency. Campers are seldom near a phone and it is challenging to coordinate calls and visits with the camper's schedule. In addition, visits and calls from parents can cause homesickness in a camper or jealousy among cabin mates. We highly encourage cheerful letters, faxes or emails from family and friends throughout your camper's session. In case of an emergency please call the camp office and we will arrange for a time for your camper to return your call as soon as possible.

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## Camp Food

One of the highlights of a week at Camp Challenge is the food prepared by our head cook. We provide three nutritionally balanced meals each day - whether it is presented buffet style, family style or cookout style. **Note:** Campers may not receive any food via mail while at camp to keep critters out of the cabins!! We will work with any camper who may be allergic to certain foods.

## Opening Day Schedule

**Check-in time is between 3:00pm and 5:00pm** on the opening day of your session. Feel free to stay awhile, meet your camper's counselors, and get your child settled into their cabin. We ask that you do not show up any earlier on the opening day of camp, because the staff is still preparing for your campers to arrive.

## Picking Up Your Child

Pick up on the last day of camp is at noon. We request that you do not come to pick up your child any earlier due to finishing up of our final programs. Campers leaving camp will be released only into the care of their legal parent or guardian. This applies to campers leaving the last day of camp or at any other time. This is another example of Camp Challenge's level of thorough care for your child. No other person may pick up your child without written permission from YOU, the legal parent or guardian. You may be required to show your drivers license or picture I.D. on Closing Day. We do this in order to keep your children safe - please come prepared.



## the HUB (camp store)

A \$10.00 HUB punch card is included with each camper's registration. You may purchase extra HUB punch cards at the time of registration or on the first day of camp. Each HUB punch card is \$10.00. The punch card will be returned to your camper at the end his or her camp. This card does not expire! The HUB stocks: sodas, bottled water, sport drinks, specialty coffee, candy and snacks. In the HUB you'll find souvenirs, new camp clothes, gift items, stationery, T-shirts, and much more.



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## What to bring to camp

### Seasonal

#### Summer

- Insect repellent
- Swim suit – **no bikini's**
- Rain gear
- Hiking boots

#### Winter

- Winter coat
- Boots
- Long underwear
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Extra blanket

### Necessities

- Bible
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Flashlight
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sleepwear
- Long / short sleeve shirts
- Sweatshirt
- Shorts / long pants
- Extra clothes for rec. time
- Boots / shoes
- Notebook
- Pen/Pencil

### Toiletries

- Towel
- Soap
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Brush
- Sunscreen
- Deodorant

### Optional

- Camera
- Sunglasses

## Expectations and Guidelines

We are very pleased to be able to provide our guests with continuing improvements to our facilities and equipment. Please impress upon your camper the importance of showing respect to our facilities and equipment. Damages owing to abuse or misuse of equipment or facilities incurred by guests will be billed to the parent/guardian of the camper responsible.

- Smoking is not permitted.
  - Alcoholic beverages or non-prescription, illegal drugs are not permitted on property.
  - Guns, knives or other sharp objects are also not permitted.
  - All electronics are prohibited. This includes cell phones, iPods, video games, etc.
  - All female cabins are out of bounds for males and all male cabins are out of bounds for females.
- Any camper that disregards any of the outlined rules will be sent home immediately and the parent/guardian of the camper will be billed for damages incurred as well as the transportation cost to return home.