

Maryland Parent Arrival Information

June 13, 2025

Dear Parents and Campers,

Our staff is preparing Camp Veritas for your children with the goal of making camp this summer a life-changing experience. **Please read carefully!**

Location: Summit Lake Camp, 7610 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, MD (*we suggest saving the directions on your phone, service is very spotty when you get close to camp*). Pictures, directions and information about [Summit Lake Christian Retreat Center](#) can be found on the Facilities page of the website as well.

**Please note, the pool is still under construction, to combat the heat we will be renting a large blow-up water slide for a couple days and doing a slip and slide on the hill. Further info about the facility can be seen on their website.*

Dates: July 13 - July 19, 2025

Arrival: Registration will be at 3:00 PM. (*there will be staff helping direct arrivals*).

Pick-up: July 19th after a 10:00am Mass for campers AND parents which you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Due to strict Safer Spaces policies, we are unable to allow parents to enter the bunk or cabin areas until after Mass. Dismissal will be approximately 11:30 after Mass, closing remarks and a final check of the cabins.

Registration: will be located in the Cafeteria located adjacent to the main parking lot. Signs will be posted and personnel will be there to guide you.

- Parents are welcome to help your child settle into their cabins and are free to tour the campus with your child afterwards.
- We will NOT have Mass on Sunday evening camp opens so please arrange to go to Sunday Mass prior to your arrival.
- **There will be T-shirts and Sweatshirts available for purchase**, cash or check will be accepted, we will also have QR codes for our Venmo and PayPal accounts (*though reception is extremely poor, so we recommend bringing cash or check*).

FORMS: You should download from the forms and documents section of your Camp-In-Touch Account (or see the links below).

- [Camp-In-Touch Account Login](#) (Please fill out the Health History form if you have not done so yet, even if you did it last year, as it helps our nurses prepare and us inform the kitchen of any food allergies).
- [Camper Packing List-All Camps](#)
- [Camp Rules](#) Please note our dress code in the camp rules!
- [Camp Policies](#)

TRAVEL: We, (the staff with our cars,) will be taking all campers to the shrine at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, on Wednesday, July 16th. This is an approximate 5 mile car ride. All campers will be

belted. Parental transportation consents have already been obtained in the original paperwork so there is no need for more paperwork upon your arrival. If there is any problem with this scheduled plan, please let us know as soon as possible.

PACKING TIPS: Please remember that the camp will not be supplying bedding or bathroom supplies (except toilet paper). The cabins are air-conditioned. Please pack all linens/sleeping bag and pillow. There are no toiletries or towels provided either (we recommend bringing 2 towels). Do not forget to pack a rosary if you have one.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Cell phones and all other electronics including iPods, iPhones, iPads, DS's, etc. for campers are PROHIBITED and will be confiscated. The volunteers will all have cell phones and the campers will be able to use them for emergencies – that is if we can get a cell signal. ***Most phones do not have service at Summit Lake but a landline is available for emergencies.*** We will discuss this at length during orientation, but please refer to our camp policies for a complete list of prohibited items..

MEDICATIONS: Medications should be clearly labeled with your child's name and instructions for use in a marked ziplock bag. There will be a nursing table at registration for delivery of these medications (including ANY over-the counter medications such as Advil) and for clarification of any necessary medical instructions with our registered nursing staff. The children are not allowed to self-administer medications at any time for any reason except epipens, inhalers or insulin.

If you have not done so already, please log in to your Camp-In-Touch account (under Forms and Documents) and complete the Health History form for each camper even if things have not changed since last year to allow our medical team to prepare for your arrival.

CONTACT INFORMATION: The regular and emergency phone numbers for the Camp itself are found on our website within the "Contact Us" tab, and are also included here. Emergent communication will always be possible through the Camp administration although *cell service is very unreliable on campus.* Please allow time to return your call since we have to drive off the mountain to check our messages. To reach the central number (landline) of Summit Lake, call (919) 630-4432.

The parent liaison for general questions during cam is Jane Franzcak and her phone number is (775) 690-1211. You will often need to leave a message because of the poor reception, but she will check her messages periodically, please speak clearly and be sure to include the full camper name about whom you are calling. This can be streamlined easier if you **send her a text first!** If you will need to drop-off or pick-up your child(ren) outside of the specified times, please respond to this email to see if it can be accommodated. If so, Jane will be your contact for that.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: Financial Information about your stay with us can be found in your Camp-In-Touch account in the financial Management section. Accounts must be paid in full by July 1 to reserve your spot. You should have received an invoice with details about your account several weeks ago. If you are participating in a Parish Payment program, we will collaborate with your parish. Please contact us if you need to make special payment arrangements. Also, please let us know as soon as possible if you do NOT plan to attend so that we can assign that spot to someone else.

If you have additional questions or comments, you can reply to this e-mail or send a message directly

to admin2@campveritas.com.

Our volunteer and religious staff at Camp Veritas are excited about providing each camper with an opportunity for a fun-filled, life-changing experience. We look forward to seeing you at the foot of the Cross!!

In Christ,

The Camp Veritas Core Staff

P.S. We are still in need of volunteers, please spread the word!