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To: All Participants and their parents/guardians
Re: Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp at Camp Nawakwa
Saturday, June 16- Friday, June 22, 2018
From: Pastor Cindy Brommer, Director (Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp)

I look forward to an inspirational camping experience with all who will attend the 2018 Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp. The staff and I expect that our week together at Nawakwa will be a time of new learning, inspirational worship, great joy and deepening faith.

The focus of our camp experience is the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Each person will be encouraged to consider the gift of faith given to us at baptism and what that gift means for us in our daily lives.

We have many areas of learning at camp:

- 7th Graders - **Pathfinders** with a focus on learning about the Apostle's Creed.
- 8th Graders - **Saints** with an area of focus on learning about what it means to live as a baptized child of God.
- 9th Graders - **God's Gifted People** with an area of focus on learning about Spiritual Gifts given to us in baptism.
- 10th Graders - **Maturing in the Body of Christ** with a focus on learning about deepening our faith and discerning God's call.
- 11th Graders - **Leadership Training** whose focus is service in Church and world by offering each person's unique gifts and talents

You will find enclosed several pieces of information:

- * A page entitled "Baptismal Conversation" for the eighth-grade track "**Saints**" only. Please complete this sheet along with your parents / guardians and bring it with you to camp to use during the week.
- * Directions to Camp Nawakwa
- * What to Bring to Camp
- * Camp Rules

Parents and friends are encouraged to communicate with their campers via email or regular mail since there is limited or no cell coverage available at Nawakwa. You will notice that our community rules state that no cell phones are allowed so that we can focus on listening for God's voice and learning about ourselves and one another during our week of camp. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**

The contact information for Camp Nawakwa is:

Camp Nawakwa / Arendtsville, PA 17303 / (717) 677-8211
Email: nawakwa@lutherancamping.org

Plan to arrive at Camp on **Saturday, June 16, between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M.**

Please do not arrive prior to 2:00 P.M. Directions for registration will be given at the parking area.
Procedures for Check-In/Check-Out

1. Parents/Guardians will sign the check-in form, transferring supervision of the camper to the Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp. You will receive your cabin assignment at this time.
2. All medications will be turned over to the camp nurse, who will dispense the proper dosages at the proper times during the week.
3. Parents/Guardians will complete the *Release of Camper* card which indicates to whom the camper shall be released at the conclusion of the week. **Arrangements for early or mid-week release must be made at the time of registration.** In the case of youth who have driven themselves to camp and who expect to leave early, written permission from their parent/guardian should be submitted upon arrival.
4. Please Note: No one will be admitted to Camp who has not submitted a properly signed copy of the revised "Acknowledge of Risk/Release and Waiver Form".
5. As soon as registration is completed, the parents/guardians may accompany their child to the assigned living area.
6. Following the departure of parents/guardians, campers shall remain in the company of their counselor until camp activities begin.
7. **Campers will be released to authorized persons only.**
8. If an unauthorized person requests release of a camper, the parents/guardians shall be immediately notified.
9. A camper's ability to identify a person picking him/her up is **not** authorization. Many youth will go willingly with a parent or relative without custody even though that person is not authorized for pick up.
10. **All campers scheduled for early release or mid-week release shall be picked up at the Staff Lodge in the presence of the Director of the Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp or designated staff person.**

The first meal at Camp will be dinner at 5:00 P.M. Saturday, and the last meal will be breakfast on Friday. The Camp week concludes on **Friday, June 22, at 12:30 P.M.**

Please do not plan to pick your camper up prior to that time unless indicated at registration.

However, we invite you to come a little early and join us for our closing worship service which begins at 11:15 a.m. in the upper camp pavilion.

If you attend the closing worship, please understand that camp does not officially end until the close of worship and campers are asked not to leave early. All campers must be checked out by their cabin counselor. This is a firm and strict rule to protect the safety of all our campers.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you at Camp Nawakwa. We trust that Confirmation Camp will be a rich experience for you filled with many memories. I will pray for each of you as the week of Confirmation Camp draws near.

May God be with you in the weeks before camp and provide you with safe travels to and from camp.

What to Bring to Harrisburg Area Confirmation Camp

- Bible** (Yes! We really mean it! Please bring your Bible!)
- Clothing and toiletries for seven (7) days. Include clothing appropriate for:
 - * Hiking (long pants and shoes)
 - * Swimming
 - * Outdoor games and recreation
 - * A dance
 - * **Cool evenings** (we hold evening camp fires, so you will want a sweatshirt or jacket for evening activities)
 - * Rain gear (Rain does not stop our fun at camp so come prepared if you like to stay dry – however, we are very cautious in the case of thunder storms.)

Please note: Campers are to use good judgment in selecting clothing for a church camp setting. Clothing that is too revealing, too short or having inappropriate messages will not be acceptable and will require change. We are living together as a Christian community so please keep that in mind as you pack your clothing for camp.

- Extra Shoes (Pathfinders shoes will get wet!)
- Bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blankets)
- Pillow
- Flashlight
- Something to sit on for evening activities!** Such as a cushion, Blanket, or Beach towel for outside use. Evening activities occur every day and no chairs are provided.
- Water bottle
- Sun Screen
- Bug Spray (Especially for Ticks!)
- Camera (Cell phones are generally not available for pictures, but you will be allowed to have your phone for pictures at the dance on Thursday).
- A small amount of money for purchases in the camp store. Snacks and Nawakwa merchandise will be available.
- There will be a coffeehouse during the week of camp. Youth who desire to participate are encouraged to bring their own supplies or music.
- Youth who play musical instruments and who are willing to share that talent with the camp are invited to bring their musical instruments. (9th graders and older who are interested in being part of the camp worship band should contact Ben Williams at 717-512-0079)

Please note: Do not bring food to camp. There is no food allowed in cabins at Nawakwa! This rule will be strictly enforced.

HARRISBURG AREA CONFIRMATION CAMP RULES

1. Respect and protect the ecology of Camp Nawakwa.
2. All participants will attend **all** events on the agenda of their respective curricula unless excused by the nurse.
3. All participants will not wander beyond the boundaries prescribed by their respective curricula.
4. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs (including all nicotine products), possession and/or use of weapons, possession and/or use of alcohol, abuse of inhalants, and/or being outside cabins after “lights out” will result in a quick trip home.
The Staff will call Parents/Guardians at 3:00 A. M. if necessary.
5. **The following items may not be brought to camp and will be confiscated if discovered:**
 - A. Food and beverages
 - B. All Nicotine products
 - C. All Electronic Devices (Counselors will provide music and alarm clocks)
 - D. Electronic games
 - F. Alcohol
 - G. Illegal drugs
 - H. Cigarettes, matches, fireworks
 - I. Skateboards or any wheeled item
 - J. Weapons
 - K. Pets or animals
 - K. Other items designated by Staff as need arises
7. ***Please note: No cell phone use or text messaging during camp will be permitted.*** We realize that electronic devices are a big part of our lives, but we also feel strongly that it is important to the camp experience that we give our total attention to the camp community. Cell phones usage will be allowed before and after camp and during the dance for pictures but must be packed away for the duration of camp unless permitted by camp leadership.
6. Respect and protect fellow campers and their property.
7. Boys may not visit girls’ cabins, girls may not visit boys’ cabins. Boys and girls are defined as people 17 years of age and younger.
8. Because we celebrate all the gifts of our staff and acknowledge that many and various ministry opportunities are available to us in this unique experience and setting, it shall be understood, for the safety and welfare of campers, counselors, and staff, that:
 - A. Staff visiting cabins must be accompanied by a staff member of the same gender as the residents of the cabin, or that a cabin counselor, 18 years of age or older, be present.
 - B. The resident cabin counselor has final say whether his/her cabin will be visited.
 - C. Staff visits shall not exceed one hour beyond the end of the Camp Program day, which occurs when camp meetings are completed.
9. Visitation of camp during the week by persons other than family members of the Staff is not permitted.
10. During the week of camp, cars may not be moved except in the event of an emergency.
Cars will move only with the permission of the director or the assistant directors.
11. At the close of camp, the cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed cabin contents and camp equipment will be divided among the persons responsible for the damage or destruction.

Camper Baptismal Conversation

(for 8th grade Saints Track - to be completed before camp)

Campers are encouraged to talk with their parents/guardians before camp and reflect on their baptism. Please fill out the conversation below and bring it to camp. We will be discussing our baptisms during the week and this reflection sheet is helpful.

Name:

Birth Date:

Baptismal Date:

Place of Baptism:

People Present:

Godparents/Sponsors:

Special Service:

Form of Baptism (sprinkling, pouring, immersion):

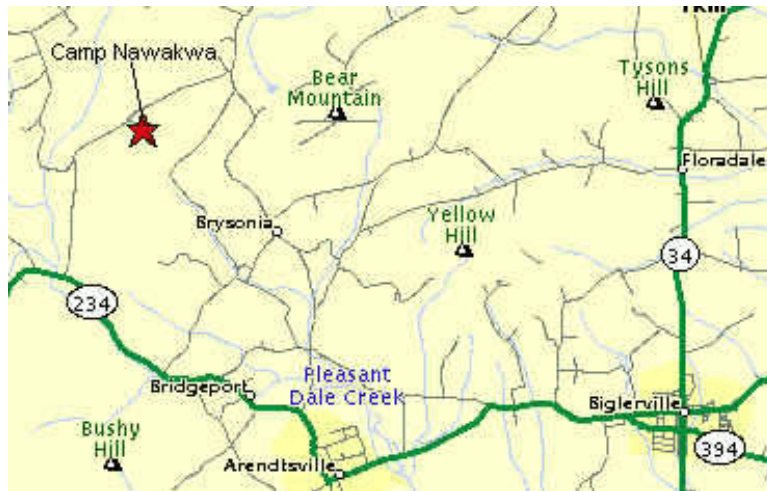
Special Music:

Type of Clothing Worn:

Do you still have it?

Special Family Celebration:

Any Other thoughts or remembrances:



Directions to Camp Nawakwa

Take route 15 south toward Gettysburg. Take Heidlersburg / East Berlin/ Biglerville exit. Make right turn onto 234 west. After passing through Heidlersburg and Biglerville, begin looking for the “Apple Bin” restaurant found on your left. Look for a stop sign approximately (.2 miles) from restaurant. At stop sign you will see the “Oyler’s Fruit and Vegetable” stand. Stay right through stop sign. You are now on “Heckenluber Road”. At next stop sign / intersection, make a right turn (you will see a “Nawakwa” sign). At the “Y” in the road stay left (yet another “Nawakwa” sign). You will soon be traveling up steep hills and winding roads through apple orchards. Look for your next “Nawakwa” sign and make left onto Nawakwa Road. Camp Nawakwa is (.6 miles) on your left.

F.Y.I. - “NAWAKWA” is an Indian Word meaning “Camp in the Woods”.

From Harrisburg: Take Rt. 83 South to Rt. 581 West; exit onto Rt. 15 South toward Gettysburg. Exit onto Rt. 234 West (a right turn) and follow through Biglerville. Approximately 1.5 miles beyond Biglerville, watch for a 3 way stop. Bear right at the stop sign onto Heckenluber Road. After 1 mile you will reach a stop sign at Brysonia Road. Turn right on Brysonia Road. Go approximately two miles and turn left on Nawakwa Road. The camp entrance is approximately a half mile from Brysonia Road. It sits on both sides of the road.

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike: Exit at Exit 17 and go south on Route 15 towards Gettysburg. Exit onto Route 234 West (a right turn) and follow through Biglerville. Approximately 1.5 miles beyond Biglerville, watch for a 3 way stop. Bear right at the stop sign onto Heckenluber Road. After 1 mile you will reach a stop sign at Brysonia Road. Turn right on Brysonia Road. Go approximately two miles and turn left on Nawakwa Road. The camp entrance is approximately a half mile from Brysonia Road. It sits on both sides of the road.

From Carlisle: Take Rt. 34 South to Biglerville; turn right onto Rt. 234 West. Approximately 1.5 miles beyond Biglerville, watch for a 3 way stop. Bear right at the stop sign onto Heckenluber Road. After 1 mile you will reach a stop sign at Brysonia Road. Turn right on Brysonia Road. Go approximately two miles and turn left on Nawakwa Road. The camp entrance is approximately a half mile from Brysonia Road. It sits on both sides of the road.

From Lancaster and York: Take Rt. 30 West through York. Just beyond West York, make a right onto Salem Church Road (look for a large Rutter's Market at the traffic signal); follow to Rt. 234 (approx. 1.5 miles). Turn left on to Rt. 234 West and follow through Biglerville. Approximately 1.5 miles beyond Biglerville, watch for a 3 way stop. Bear right at the stop sign onto Heckenluber Road. After 1 mile you will reach a stop sign at Brysonia Road. Turn right on Brysonia Road. Go approximately two miles and turn left on Nawakwa Road. The camp entrance is approximately a half mile from Brysonia Road. It sits on both sides of the road.

From Chambersburg: take Rt. 30 East toward Gettysburg. Approximately 3 miles beyond Caledonia, turn left onto Rt. 234 East; follow Take to Nawakwa Rd. (it's the first left after crossing over the Conewago Creek). Turn left onto Nawakwa Rd. Proceed about 2 1/2 miles. The camp sits on both sides of the road.

From Gettysburg: take Rt. 30 West to Herr's Ridge Road. Make a right onto Herr's Ridge and travel approximately 1 mile to Mummasburg Road. Make a left; follow Mummasburg Rd. in to Arendtsville. At the stop sign in Arendtsville, turn left. At the next stop sign, turn right following Rt. 234 West. Just outside of Arendtsville turn right onto Brysonia Road. Go approximately four miles and turn left on Nawakwa Road. Travel a half mile. The camp sits on both sides of the road.