

Journey's End Farm Camp

364 Sterling Road, Newfoundland, PA 18445 T: 570.689.3911

January 26, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians of prospective Journey's End campers,

Thank you for your interest in our camp program. Journey's End Farm Camp has been providing safe, age appropriate and memorable experiences for children for 73 years. The 2012 season will be our 52nd year in the village of Sterling, Pennsylvania. The Curtis Family and staff are grateful for the warm connections with camp families, and we have every intention of continuing to care for your children with the same concern, interest, and energy in the coming years. It is with this goal in mind that we write to ask you to work in harmony with us.

Our camp community is a microcosm of society at large. We see the effects of the "entertainment" to which children are exposed. We see how the lack of boundaries has affected children. We also see positive responses to kindness, joy at being accepted, and the spontaneity that shines through when campers realize the freedom of being themselves and being youthful. We foster these interactions by maintaining a simple, spiritually rich lifestyle at camp that focuses on non-violent response to conflict, recognition of responsibility, making good choices, respect for all life on our planet, healthful food, and wholesome activities. We believe that these elements are essential to living a satisfying and productive life, at any age.

For Journey's End to hold true to its legacy, it is vital that you support our philosophy and that we can rely on you to communicate your alliance with us to your children. We wish to offer each camper a wonderful experience with pleasant memories. For this reason we want to state our expectations for campers clearly enough to facilitate a good match between our program and potential campers. Our most basic expectation for all members of our camp community is positive and safe behavior. We cannot accept violence, profanity, disrespect, or any unsafe behavior that is potentially harmful to your child or to others.

We also expect your child to stay the full session – if someone leaves camp early it leads to the impression that it's OK to leave camp whenever you need to or want to, and it creates unrest. No matter how understandable a reason may be, having a camper leave the session early tears at the fabric of our community. Please keep this in mind when you are planning your child's summer so that he or she will be able to stay for the duration of the 2- or 3-week session.

Please send your child to Journey's End because he or she loves what we have to offer, not simply because a friend has signed up. **We continue to encourage families to visit camp during our spring Open House** or while camp is in session. It is important for you and your child to feel comfortable with the surroundings and the staff.

In fairness to our counselors, staff, and campers, we need to make informed decisions about all of the young people we invite into our community and family. We need to have pertinent health information, both physical and emotional, in order to best serve each child. We also need to know ahead of time if your child has fears, wets the bed, has allergies to foods (or will not eat certain foods), and so on. In short, we need to know anything of importance that will enable us to provide a healthy experience for your child.

We ask that you take time with your child to complete the following agreement (two pages) and return it to us with the camper application. If you are applying for more than one child, please complete separate applications and separate parent/camper agreements for each.

It is our hope that we can provide a life-enriching experience for your child.

Warmly,

Tim Curtis, Director 2012 season
Kristin Curtis, Co-Owner

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2012 Parent/Camper Agreement

I have discussed with my child, _____, the following responsibilities of being a camper at Journey's End Farm Camp:

- respecting the farm animals and the wildlife
- respecting the farm property (land, buildings, equipment)
- respecting myself and the counselors
- respecting other campers, even if they are different from me
- listening to other people's opinions
- participating in daily chores, table setting, farm time, and activities
- writing a weekly letter home (it's okay to write more!)
- taking a weekly shower (it's okay to take more!)
- making the most of my time at camp
- understanding that I will be at Journey's End for the whole session
- being ready with a second choice for activities if I don't get my first choice
- spending time with new friends and including people I don't know
- having a lot of fun!

X

Camper Signature

Journey's End serves meals that are made from vegetables grown in the garden (as soon as they're in season); pasta; organic cereals, beans, flours and sugar; natural unsweetened peanut butter; our homegrown eggs and fruit, maple syrup, pork, and pastured chicken; our own grass-fed beef; hot dogs made locally; Smart Dogs and Nature's Burger; milk, cottage cheese, butter, and yogurt from a local commercial dairy; and commercial cheeses. We buy #10 cans of tomatoes, tuna, and applesauce and many other staples and condiments from a local restaurant supplier. We ask campers to try a portion of the main dish, even if they think they will not like it because it looks different from what they are used to. Please tell us if your child has allergies to any foods. **If your child has a severe food allergy or an eating disorder that may affect their time at camp please call to discuss this with the director and camp nurse.** If your child refuses to eat certain foods, tell us that as well. If your child cannot imagine trying new foods and appreciating the effort made to harvest and prepare the meal, perhaps it is too soon to consider sending him or her to camp. Your comments (and your child's) are welcome here:

We ask that you bring with you on opening day any special foods that your child requires due to allergies or other needs. Food must be clearly labeled with your child's name and kept in the house. Please advise us ahead of time (now) if you will be bringing food and explain the circumstances for its use to our nurse (on opening day).

Does your child have any special needs? This is the place to write anything we need to know that will enable us to provide a healthy experience for your child. Some of these things will be on the health form that your physician will fill out, but those forms come in to our nurse and we won't know the contents in time to be proactive. Please tell

us about any psychiatric problems; serious medical problems; any hospitalizations for physical or emotional reasons; family issues such as separation, divorce, or death; medication that is being suspended for the summer; fears; bedwetting. **We are able to be more responsible when you tell us about potential problems your child may face at camp.** Details and/or diagnoses will not act as a label but will give us valuable insight as to your child's needs.

Please know that we are not trained therapists, and we are here only to provide a fun and safe camp experience for your child. We often find that parents have worries, even if the child does not. You can write your fears (about camp) here, if you like. Remember that you can call the directors to ask how your child is doing, but we discourage phone calls between campers and parents as experience has taught us that it feeds homesickness.

Please answer the following questions:

Do you understand the expectations the staff has for your child's behavior at camp?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you believe that our program is a good match for your child's:	Maturity: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Personality: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Interests: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Social Abilities: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your child use profanity or violence to express himself/herself?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If your child sees a counselor or therapist, will that person be available to us for consultation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Counselor Name:	Title:
E-mail:	Phone:

I affirm that the preceding information regarding my child has been stated to the best of my ability and that I trust the Staff of Journey's End Farm Camp to keep this information confidential, using it only as a tool that will help provide a healthy camp experience for my child. I understand that if my child poses a risk to himself/herself or to others in the camp, according to the discretion of the directors, that I will need to remove him or her from camp immediately.

Name of Parent or Guardian (please print)

X

Signature of Parent or Guardian

X

Date

In closing, we wish to assure you that we are optimistic about the summer ahead and we look forward to spending quality time with your child, rain or shine. We plan on fun times!! It is a privilege to be able to play and work together in a rural setting such as Journey's End. Thank you for your confidence in sending your child to camp.

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New Camper Application 2012

Camper's Name:		Preferred nickname?		
Date of Birth:	Female: <input type="checkbox"/>	Male: <input type="checkbox"/>	Grade in school now:	Age at Camp:
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:

Applying for session:
Our second choice is session:

Session 1:	(2 weeks) June 24 – July 7
Session 2:	(3 weeks) July 8 – 28
Session 3:	(2 weeks) July 29 – Aug. 11
Family Camp:	(1 week) August 13 – 19

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Parent:		Occupation:				
E-mail:		Home phone:				
Is it OK to send you e-mail regarding camp?		Mobile phone:				
Address (if different from camper):		City:	State:	Zip:		
Parent:		Occupation:				
E-mail:		Home phone:				
Is it OK to send you e-mail regarding camp?		Mobile phone:				
Address (if different from camper):		City:	State:	Zip:		
Camper lives with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Both parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Equal custody	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
How did you hear about Journey's End?	<input type="checkbox"/> Camper Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff/Former Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Metro Kids Ad	<input type="checkbox"/> National Green Pages		
<input type="checkbox"/> JE Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Website	<input type="checkbox"/> Friends Journal Ad	<input type="checkbox"/> Friends Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Friends School	<input type="checkbox"/> Waldorf School	
Name of friends enrolling or applying:						
Is camper considered:	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin American	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian (white)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Religion/Faith:	<input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/> Muslim		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Quaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		

What interests you about Journey's End?

What do you hope your child will gain from a session at Journey's End?

What will your child add to our camp community?

Housing requests, suggestions, or limitations:

Remember to complete the parent/camper agreement with your child and return it to us with this application.

It is agreed that any dispute or cause of action arising between the parties, whether out of this agreement or otherwise, can only be brought in the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas located in Honesdale, Wayne County, PA, and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Pennsylvania.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ \$300 deposit requested, refundable until 5/15/2012 (less \$50 processing fee)

Please have your child complete the second page before returning the application. Thanks!

This page is for campers to write in their own words.

What would you like to be called at camp?

Why do you want to come to Journey's End?

Tell us what you like to do in your free time at home.

What do you want to learn at Journey's End Farm Camp?

Thank You!