THANK YOU:

Thank you for entrusting the care of your child to us for his/her camp experience. We want to do everything in our power to warrant that trust and to provide an exciting and challenging learning experience for your child.

We have tried to anticipate your questions. Please feel free to call Twin Pines if you have any additional questions. If you would like to visit the camp prior to your child's camp experience, give us a call so we can be sure someone will be available to give you a personal tour of our facilities.

FEEDBACK DESIRABLE:

If, at the conclusion of your child's camping experience, there is anything that you would like to communicate to us, please put it in writing and send it to the attention of our Executive Director. He will respond to your written feedback!!! You can email him at <u>feedback@twinpines.org</u>.

DIRECTIONS TO TWIN PINES

From Interstate Route 80 Travelling East - exit at the Snydersville Exit (#302A) onto Route 33: proceed south to the Snydersville Exit; turn right at the top of the exit ramp and go to the Snydersville Diner; turn right across from the diner parking lot onto Pensyl Creek Road; turn right at the first intersection onto Neyhart Road and follow the signs to camp.

From Interstate Route 80 Travelling West - exit at the Snydersville Exit (#304); proceed on Route 209 south to the Snydersville Exit; turn right at the top of the exit ramp and proceed to "T" intersection; turn right and follow the signs to camp.

From Route 22/78 - West of Allentown, take the Route 22 Exit off of Route 78; follow to the Route 33 North Exit; follow Route 33 about 20 miles to the Snydersville Exit; turn left at the top of the exit ramp and proceed to "T" intersection; turn right and follow the signs to camp.

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ABOUT TWIN PINES

Twin Pines camp, conference and retreat center serves the Delaware and Susquehanna Regions of the Evangelical Congregational Church along with numerous other denominations and independent churches. Its 205acre facility is located eight miles southwest of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania in the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

Twin Pines is the continuation of a camping program which began in Allentown, Pennsylvania in the early 20's. In 1964, due to a need to expand the program and to get away from a growing metropolitan area, the Twin Pines property was purchased.

Twin Pines operates all year long with more than 20 different programs offered during an extended summer schedule with the remainder of the year used for both weekend and mid-week retreats. Our busy schedule ministers to more than 4,000 people per year comprising more than 10,000 camper-days.

Twin Pines is also the home for the Arvel H. Sweigert Memorial Nature Resource Center. Our nature program includes displays of both live and mounted specimens with 21 African animals and over 40 North American animals. This "awareness" center is used to augment both summer and retreat programs and offers a full environmental education program where God's creative genius is seen in every part of His world.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ both taught and practiced the need to "get away" for spiritual reflection and inspiration. Twin Pines is dedicated to providing a place where people of all ages can get away to a quiet place and find renewed strength.

Jesus said this to His disciples, "Let's get away from the crowds for awhile and get some rest." (Mark 6:31 - NLT)



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PREPARING FOR CAMP

Helpful Information



.... do I have EVERYthing?"

Dear Parent or Guardían,

Please take a minute to read through this brochure; it will answer most of your questions and will help to avoid some awkward situations at camp. Thanks!

~Shawn Fetterhoff, Executive Director



REGISTRATION AND DISMISSAL:

Registration for each week of camp is held from 2:30 - 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. (Please, no earlier than 2:30!) Camp dismissal is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning!!! Deviations from these times create major problems for the entire camp program. Arrival time for Moms 'n' Gals and My First Camp is Wednesday evening between 7:00-7:30 pm; dismissal follows the regular Saturday morning time.

WHAT TO BRING:

Suitable clothing (not best clothing - this is camp), wash cloth, towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, other toiletry items, linens and blankets for single bed (sleeping bag is better), pillow, Bible, notebook, pen or pencil, suitable raingear, and a flashlight. The following items, if brought along will enjoy a week of rest in the camp office: Nintendo DS or any variety thereof, radios, TV's, CD players, MP3 or similar players, DVD players, and **cellular phones**.

CLOTHING AND SHOES:

Twin Pines is a Christian camp; clothing that is in any way "suggestive" will not be tolerated. Due to serious foot injuries at camp, FLIP FLOPS, SANDALS, OR CLOGS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED except to and from the pool. Please bring shoes that will be comfortable and provide protection when walking and hiking. Girls will only be permitted to wear one piece bathing suits. <u>Please mark personal items with the camper's name</u>. We cannot be responsible for items left at camp more than thirty days. Lost and found items must be picked up.

MAIL, EMAIL AND TELEPHONE:

Camper mail should be addressed using the address on the front of this brochure; be sure to include the camper's name and program attending on the outside of the envelope. Emergency calls can be made to the camp at 570-629-2411 - campers will not be called to the phone messages will be relayed to them. Campers are not permitted to make telephone calls (including cell phones)! Campers are encouraged to write home during the week. Email may be sent through our web site. Email is printed out and delivered daily to the campers the same as U.S. mail. **Email is a one-way process campers cannot send email.**

VISITATION:

Visitation by parents and relatives is discouraged. This interferes tremendously with the camp program and tends to aggravate problems of "homesickness" either with the camper visited or other campers not visited. Your cooperation in this area will be greatly appreciated.

WEB SITE PHOTOS AND EMAIL:

Photos of camp are posted daily to the summer photo section of our web site. Go to <u>www.twinpines.org</u> and click on the summer photos area—you will be prompted for a username and password (these were supplied with your camper confirmation). Photos are grouped by camp program. You can also email your camper from this area.

PACKAGES FROM HOME:

Camp policy does not permit campers to receive foodstuffs, candy, etc., from home. Please help us to help your child not get sick by overtaxing his/her stomach with "goodies" from home. Our camp menu is very adequate and our Snack Shoppe provides more than enough "goodies" to meet our campers' cravings for sweets.

SPENDING MONEY:

Spending money is only needed for optional handcraft projects and snack shop purchases. A small gift shop is also available.

MEDICAL ATTENTION:

A registered nurse is on duty at camp twenty-four hours per day for the entire time your child is at camp. A wellstaffed hospital emergency room is just 15 minutes from camp.

PERSONAL MEDICATIONS:

Special medications and injections should be curtailed, if possible, while your child is at camp. The camp nurse cannot be responsible for an inoculation program. If injections or medical attention by a physician are required for your child because of a condition existing prior to coming to camp, these will be administered by the emergency room staff at a local hospital and the parents will be billed. ALL oral medications must be deposited with the nurse upon arrival at camp. Possible exceptions may be for asthmatics with inhalers. If you are asthmatic and have an inhaler, even if only used occasionally, please bring one (with a current date) along to camp where it just might be needed due to more strenuous activity. The nurse on duty must know if an inhaler is brought to camp. All prescription medications must be sent to camp in the original prescription container with proper instructions listed on them and must contain the doctor's name and ID number. Any over-the-counter medications must be in the original manufacturer's container with dosage instructions located on the box or bottle.

A special "medications form" must be completed online for all prescription medications. This form must be completed by the camper's parent or guardian All Medications must be given to the nurse upon arrival at camp.

HEALTH REPORTS:

If your child should become seriously ill or meet with an accident, either of which require them to be taken to the hospital, you will be notified by camp personnel. If such information is not received, rest assured that "no news is good news" and you need not be concerned. Please do not call the office or the camp nurse for daily reports on your child.