



Mar-Lu-Ridge Camper Information Confidential Form



To Be Completed by a Camper's Parent/Guardian

This form must be returned **three weeks** prior to camper's arrival!

One form per camper is required – whether the camper is new or returning to Mar-Lu-Ridge.

Why do we ask these questions?

The purpose of this form is to help us meet the individual needs of each camper enrolled in our program. Some parents/guardians hesitate to provide camps with personal information about their child's behavior or past experience. Some fear the information may be misused, while others are concerned about their child being labeled, singled out or treated differently. All want to see their child have a strong, fresh start at camp, unencumbered by past problems. Our commitment is never to misuse the information provided or to release it to unauthorized persons.

As seasoned camp directors, we appreciate these concerns. We also know how invaluable such information can be in assisting us to help your child make as smooth and happy adjustment to camp as possible—something we know all parents/guardians want, too!

Having prior knowledge about a learning difficulty, ADHD, a bed-wetting problem or a recent loss or major change in the family or child's life makes a tremendous difference in helping us be sensitive to your child's need for patience, understanding and reassurance-especially in the first few days of camp!

This is especially true for children who have an attention problem or who are nervous about new situations. Many parents/guardians fear that a camp will not accept their child if they are completely forthcoming about these situations, yet children need us to be partners with you in planning for a safe and successful camp experience.

Furthermore, children often use their behavior rather than their words to tell us something is bothering them. Having advance knowledge of areas that might be difficult for your child helps us understand the message in their actions. The better we understand your child, the more we can assure you of a better camp experience for them.

Our commitment is to use such information ONLY to help your child adjust to camp. It will never be used at camp unless necessary, and then only with the greatest discretion and your prior knowledge.

If you have any special concerns about this information or about your child, please feel free to call us: 1-800-238-9974! Remember, when faced with challenges, we can help your child have great success if you help us. We encourage you to make us a full partner in planning for your child's summer.

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ABOUT YOUR CAMPER:

Camper Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade in Fall: _____

Name camper prefers to be called/Nickname: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Is this your camper's first overnight camping experience? (Circle one): Yes No

What types of activities does your camper enjoy? _____

Briefly describe your camper's personality (please include any psychological/behavior conditions or challenges): _____

Describe any fears your camper has (e.g. darkness, animals, etc.) _____

Does your camper have any learning challenges we should be aware of? _____

HEALTH: Please describe any food allergies your camper has: _____

Please describe any dietary restrictions, concerns/nervousness, or special instructions regarding food: _____

Please describe any non-food allergies your camper has: _____

Does your camper wear glasses? (Circle one) Yes No Contact lenses? Yes No

Does your camper sleepwalk? (Circle one): Never Rarely Occasionally Frequently

If so, any suggestions? _____

Does your camper wet the bed? (Circle one): Never Rarely Occasionally Frequently

If so, how is this situation handled at home, and what suggestions do you have for camp? _____

If applicable: Has your camper menstruated? (Circle one) Yes No | If no, has your camper been told about it? Y N

If yes, is your camper's menstrual history normal? Special concerns? _____

HOME: Please list the members of your camper's household/relationship to the camper. List the ages of any siblings.

Are parents separated or divorced? _____

Is there any serious illness in the family? _____

Has there been a recent death in the family? _____

Is there anyone who is NOT allowed to pick up your camper from camp? _____

If yes, please list the name and relationship to this camper: _____

What specific suggestions do you have to make the transition to Mar-Lu-Ridge a positive one for your camper? _____

What expectations/goals do you have for your camper's time at Mar-Lu-Ridge? _____

****Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____ **Date** _____