

CAMP 2026 NEWS

For Campers, Parents and Staff

August 2-7, 2026

Celebrating 70 + Yrs

Tar Hollow State Park



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Check your

Information Please login to your account, and make sure that all your camper's information is correct (grade in fall, email etc.)

<https://campsself.active.com/StaffFriendsAlumniofCAMP>

CLASS SIGN UP

Around July 15th, you will receive an email that has a link where you can choose your morning (AM) class and an alternate class (should your 1st choice be full.) Many classes have limits and classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Make sure you sign up as soon as you receive the email!

Emergency Medical Consent and Health Forms

Medical forms will be sent via email in the next week. They will need to be printed and completed and turned in to the First Aid Director along with any prescribed medication in their original containers at check in on August 2nd.



Dear Parents and Campers,

In a few short weeks, we will be traveling to the rolling hills of Southeast Ohio and enter the pine tree lined roadway of Tar Hollow State Park. Many of the veteran staff slow their vehicles, lower their window and take in the fragrance and cool entryway of this beautiful park in which CAMP has called "home" since 1970. It is a welcomed memory and if you are a first-time camper or an old hand at this trip, take the time to appreciate mother nature's gifts.

In this Special Edition of the CAMP Newsletter, you will find a variety of information to assist you in preparing for your week at CAMP.

Please read through it carefully. If you have any questions, please contact us at: info@sfacamp.org.

Information for you includes:

Suggested items to bring (and items not to bring)

*****IMPORTANT*****

DO NOT PACK WITH OTHER

You may not be in the same cabin or on the same hill. You will be responsible for carrying down the hills. Make sure all items are labeled, especially luggage and sleeping bags.

UNPLUGGING AT CAMP

Cell phones are prohibited at CAMP. Cell phone service is poor and we have a phone available in the lodge in case of an emergency. CAMP gives your child the opportunity to unplug and they will be able to focus on the activities our program has to offer. Also, we request no laptops, iPad, media players, earbuds, headphones, electronic games, apple watches etc., or any other electronic device. These items will be collected if brought to CAMP and returned at the end of the week.



Map to Tar Hollow

Later in this newsletter you will find driving directions from the Columbus and Cincinnati areas.

Great News:
The Main Gate to the Park is open!
NO DETOUR

Once you arrive, a CAMP Staff member will direct you to a parking location.

Please check our website www.sfacamp.org before you leave for any last-minute road closures.

Check In PROCEDURE! For August 2

CAMPers may start to check in at **3:00pm** on Sunday, August 2nd. Please do not plan on arriving any sooner. The staff will still be preparing for a great week!

Parents, make certain your child(ren) have their Emergency Medical Consent and Health Form along with any physician prescribed medication to be turned into our First Aid Director at check in.

We also need to know who is picking them up on Friday, August 7th along with a contact number.

Last minute inquiries after Aug 1st, 8am should be emailed to: info@sfacamp.org or by phone at Tar Hollow's resident camp: (740-887-4815) After 12:00p (let phone ring).

Going Home Info

Parents are invited to join us for our Closing Ceremony Friday August 7th. Arrival time for parents or adult picking up CAMPer is 1:00

Closing ceremony starts at 1:45.

Campers will be required to check out before leaving for home by 1:00pm.



Suggested Items to Bring

***All personal items should be marked**



Below you will find a list of items to bring and NOT to Bring.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Please, Do not pack with a friend; Campers may not be in the same cabin or even on **THE SAME HILL!**

New campers and parents should be aware that you are responsible for carrying your own luggage up a **very steep HILL** to get to your cabin. Heavy bags and footlockers are difficult to carry up the hill and are not recommended.

Clothing

Attire must allow for easy, comfortable movement for camp activities. Pants and shorts must completely cover underwear and stay up without the use of hands. Shirts should cover torso and be void of unfriendly or inappropriate artwork or words. Closed-toes shoes must be worn at all times in camp. Water shoes are suggested for transit to and from shower house or waterfront. For sun protection, all campers and staff must wear cover-ups to and from the waterfront. Males must wear shorts or swim trunks and females must wear modest one-piece or two-piece swimsuits. No see-through clothing is permitted. Along with lightweight shirts or tops, shorts, jeans, a sweatshirt or light jacket, and undergarments. We recommend rain gear (poncho), PJs and robe, hat or bandanna and a dressy outfit for Thursday's Awards Dinner.

Personnel Care

Soap (*liquid soap is recommended*)

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Wash clothes and towels

Deodorant

Shampoo

Brush and/or comb

Sun screen

Flashlight w/batteries

Bug Repellent

Feminine needs

Miscellaneous (optional)

Notepad / pencil

Bible

Camera (not on a phone)

Clip on fan

Reusable water bottle

Bedding

2 flat sheets (*1 to cover mattress*)

2 blankets or sleeping bag and blanket & Pillow

Campers with Cars

Campers are strongly discouraged from driving themselves to CAMP.

Any camper who feels they must drive should contact us for approval.
info@sfacamp.org

Campers with vehicles will have to surrender their keys upon arrival. Keys will be returned only upon emergency & to start car a few times during the week.

Personal Sports & Musical Equipment

Many campers like to bring their own sports gear and instruments for classes and talent night. CAMP encourages this practice and offers to store your equipment in a safe environment; however, CAMP will not be liable for any lost, stolen or damaged equipment.

DO NOT BRING

Laptops, I-pads/Tablets

Notebook Computers

Cell/Smart Phones

Media players, TVs

Electronic Games

Apple Watches etc.

Rollerblades/skates

Skateboards/scooters

Pets/animals

Food (*Includes candy or snacks*)

Money

Tobacco or lighters,

Alcohol, Drugs or

Drug Paraphernalia,

Weapons of any kind

Walkie-Talkies

Motorized Devices

Must Bring For Check In

- ✓ Health Form
- ✓ Emergency Medical Consent Form
- ✓ Prescription Meds
- ✓ Name and phone # of person who is picking up Camper on August 7th?

NOTE:
CAMP is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items !

PARENTS: Please review the CAMPer Rules with your camper!



CAMP Staff ready to greet you!

Reminder to Parents:

Countless photos are taken the week of CAMP. Many will end up on our website and Facebook sites. Please feel reassured that we take care in the selection of photos that will appear on our sites.



Driving DIRECTIONS

Tar Hollow State Park Runs off Rt 327 between Adelphi and Londonderry



FROM COLUMBUS

*From I 270 go South on Rt 23 into Circleville.

*Take Rt 56 (south) through Circleville to Rt 180

*Take Rt 180 into Adelphi (*Just west of Laurelville*)

*Go straight through the 4 Way Stop (*Rt 327 south*)

*The park entrance is approximately 7 miles.

FROM CINCINNATI

*Rt 50 (east) through Chillicothe

*(@12 miles) Turn Left (north) onto Rt 327 (*in Londonderry*)

*(@10 miles) turn left in the Park Entrance



***GPS Address:**
16396 Tar Hollow Rd
Laurelville OH 43135

***Once inside the park, follow signs to the "Resident Camping Area"**

WATCH YOUR SPEED INSIDE THE PARK!!

Mail Call

Parents, your postcards, letters or emails from home are always welcome. Mail and emails from home are delivered and distributed to campers once each day.

US Mail Address

Camper's Name & Cabin Number, c/o Tar Hollow State Park Resident Camp
16396 Tar Hollow Rd.
Laurelville, OH 43135



Email address:

tarhollowcamperemail@gmail.com

In the subject line, please put your **campers name & cabin number**

Due to our schedule, CAMPer emails might not be received after noon on Thursday. Please keep emails to one (1) a day! No reply emails are available.

DO NOT SEND PICTURES or ATTACHMENTS

Phone Calls

The lodge phone is for emergency use only. In case of an emergency and you must reach your child; the lodge phone number is 740-887-4815.

Please let the phone ring, there is always someone in the lodge.

Let's PARTY!

Themed Events include:

Our CAMP Party:
Christmas at CAMP



Who says you have to wait until December to celebrate? Join us for a holly, jolly Christmas party filled with festive fun, and don't forget to wear your most merry holiday outfit: ugly sweaters, Santa hats, pajamas, reindeer antlers, or anything that shows your Christmas spirit!

CAMP PICNIC

Join us as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with a patriotic picnic! Wear your red, white, and blue to help make this special celebration even more festive.



Thursday Evening Banquet

Celebrate an unforgettable week at CAMP with our annual Banquet! Campers are invited to dress in their "camp fancy" attire with nice, comfortable clothing that's a step up from everyday camp wear and enjoy a special sit-down meal as we reflect on the friendships, memories, and adventures that made the week so special.

2026 & Beyond

CAMP (continues to move forward, providing a faith-based, positive program for today's youth.

Our Motivators in Training program is designed for high school graduates and gives first-time staff the opportunity to build leadership, motivation, and problem-solving skills as they grow into responsible adults.

Keep this in mind for anyone looking for a high energy experience.

To prevent missed emails, Please add our email info@sfacamp.org to you contact list.