

FIREFLY CAMP 2017

PARENTS - Do the following:

- Turn in Health/Waiver Form by **June 19**
- **ARRIVE** at Tremont **between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM.**
- **DEPART** by **12:00 PM.**

NEED TO KNOW:

HEALTH/WAIVER FORM

Please fill out the Health/Waiver Form, one form per person, and send it back to us by June 10. If you have special needs—dietary (visit

<http://www.gsmit.org/Food.html> for more information), medical, or otherwise—we need to know prior to the start of camp. It will be challenging to accommodate special dietary needs if they are not communicated to us in advance. This form must be filled out and turned in to us for you to participate in the program. Please note that food is not allowed in the dorm.

ARRIVAL

Stop by our office/gift shop and you will be instructed on where to proceed from there. As long as you arrive between 11 AM and 12 PM you will have plenty of time to move into your living space before 12:15 lunch.

WEATHER

Here in Walker Valley, the average daily high in July is 87°F and the average daily low is 64°F. Come prepared for cool mornings and hot afternoons. Rain gear is always necessary, so bring it with you at all times.

ACTIVITIES

Our activities will take place in the forest, in the river, and on the trail. Come with a spirit of adventure and openness to experiencing new things and making new friends. Our activities typically *won't* depend on the weather. We have fun outdoors rain or shine! Bring a small backpack each day filled with the following items for you and your child: Good walking shoes (with closed toes and a secure heel—*not* Crocs), river shoes you can get wet, a raincoat or poncho, a flashlight, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Time is built into the schedule to change into swimsuits prior to swimming period. However, you may simply wear swimsuits during other activities if you choose.

LOGISTICS

Please download and read "Your Visit to Tremont." This includes important packing information. Along with linens and toiletries you may want to bring a mattress pad to ease the firm mattress. You also may want to bring an alarm clock, binoculars,

notepad and pencil, field guides, camera, and a garbage bag for storing wet clothes. Rain gear and a hat are also important for your comfort.

PHONE CALLS

Because telephone calls interrupt the magic of the camp experience, we are not able to field incoming telephone calls on your behalf except in case of emergency. Likewise we ask that you "disconnect" during the short time you are here and plan not to use the telephone. Rest assured, your loved ones not hearing from you is a sure sign that you must be having fun! **If your family must absolutely reach you**, instruct them to contact us by calling our office Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. When our office is closed, they can leave a message on our answering machine and we will get it first thing in the morning. If it is urgent to contact us immediately when our office is closed, call the National Park Service Dispatch at 865-436-1294.

SAFETY

We are proud to report that we have an outstanding safety record when it comes to kids in the outdoors. However, we do take the concerns of parents very seriously and have provided some insight into risk factors during summer camp. Please call or visit our web site if you're interested in learning more about precautions we take to ensure that you and your child have a safe experience.

LOST AND FOUND

Make sure you take home anything you bring with you! We are able to keep items for only a brief period due to the large amount of lost and found items left behind. If you wish any items to be returned to you, you must notify us immediately following the end of camp and we'll send you instructions to arrange for a UPS pick up.

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS INSTITUTE AT TREMONT
9275 Tremont Road
Townsend, TN 37882
Phone: 865-448-6709
Fax: 865-448-9250
www.gsmit.org ~ mail@gsmit.org