



Important Information for Parents About Residential Camps @ Phoebe Needles 2025

1. Camp Check-In and Pick-Up

All residential camps start on Sunday and end on Friday.

- **Check-In is Sunday from 6:00 – 6:30 PM. Please plan to arrive during this timeframe.**
- All check-ins and pick-ups will occur in **McCauley Community Center** unless you **are otherwise notified prior to check-in. This is the large building with the wraparound porch.**
- **Please feed your child dinner before bringing them to camp on Sunday.** We will not be serving Sunday dinner but will have snacks available later in the evening.
- **Pick-Up will be Friday afternoon from 4:30 – 5:00 PM.**
- **We are not able to accommodate early arrivals/check-ins.**
- **Early pick-ups must be scheduled in advance by contacting the Office Manager at 540-483-1518 or officemanager@phoebeneedles.org.**

2. What to Bring to Camp

Please use the “What to Bring to Camp” list on our website (phoebeneedles.org) as a guide for packing for camp. This list also includes a list of things that are not allowed, along with instructions for packing medications your child will need during camp.

3. Label Your Child’s “Stuff”

At the end of camp each year, we are usually left with a large quantity of clothes, shoes, and miscellaneous personal items left behind by campers without name labels. ****IF YOU WANT IT BACK, LABEL IT!**** The Phoebe Needles Center is not responsible for campers’ belongings, including anything of great personal or financial value that may be lost while at camp. (Rule of Thumb: If the item is of high monetary or sentimental value, leave it at home!)

4. Outdoor Camping

Campers in Senior Camp, Middler Camp, and Big Adventures Camp should expect to spend at least one night camping outdoors in a rustic camping environment.

5. Emergencies

Your youth is not accessible by phone during the camp week unless it is an emergency. ****CELL PHONES & SMARTWATCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SUMMER CAMP****We ask all parents/guardians & campers to please respect this policy. **To report an emergency that requires you to speak with your child:**

- During camp office hours, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, call **Camp Office Manager Stacey Sink at 540-483-1518.**
- Outside of the camp office hours listed above, call **Executive Director Inge Terrill at 540-488-4403.**
- **All NON-EMERGENCY inquiries** should be directed to Office Manager Stacey Sink during the normal camp office hours listed above, via phone call or email.

6. Situations in Which You Can Expect Us to Call You

All decisions to contact parents/guardians will be made by the Executive Director or her designee. It is our policy to only contact parents/guardians if one of the following situations occurs:

- Camper contracts a contagious illness.
- Camper is homesick for more than 24 hours and requests to go home or speak with parents.
- Camper requires treatment from the local Emergency Medical Service.
- Camper is taken to the Emergency Room or Hospital.
- Other Emergency Situations.

7. Mail For Your Camper

You are welcome to write to your youth while at camp. The mailing address is 732 Turners Creek Road, Callaway, VA 24067. Please do not send food to your camper, other than home-baked goods including an ingredients label that will be shared immediately with others. All other food items, including packaged candy and gum will be sent home with your camper. Please do not send any money or other valuables. Also, please note that we are rural and our mail can be slow, so you may want to consider using the USPS Priority Mail Service (usually 2 days) to ensure that letters/packages mailed are received prior to the end of the camp week.

8. Directions to Phoebe Needles

The Phoebe Needles Center is located at the intersection of Rock Ridge Road (Route 640) and Turners Creek Road (Route 748). Our physical address is **732 Turners Creek Road, Callaway, VA 24067**. If you are not familiar with our location, we suggest bringing printed directions with you, as cellular service may not be reliable for GPS navigation. Email Office Manager Stacey Sink (officemanager@gmail.com) if you need help with directions.

9. What are the Objectives of Summer Camp @ Phoebe Needles?

- To serve youth by providing them with a communal, outdoor residential camp experience where they can learn to live in community, take risks (physical, emotional, and spiritual) in a safe environment, reflect on their life, and enhance their self-image and esteem.
- To help campers make connections between life at camp and life at home, in school, and in their communities.
- To give campers the skills to work as a team.
- To give campers a place where they feel respected, valued, and loved.
- To encourage and enable the campers to articulate their faith in relation to God.
- To expose campers to a variety of activities and experiences that will provide a context for them to gain the knowledge, skills, and values listed above.

10. Equal Opportunity

Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. is committed to the principles of equal opportunity and makes its programs and employment opportunities available to all people without regard to race color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, or national origin.