

DAY CAMP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION
PLEASE READ THIS PREPARATION GUIDE CAREFULLY!

Time to Get Ready!

Wanake suggests that day campers wear appropriate clothing each day for camp activities and bring a swimsuit, towel, and other items that may be needed in a small bag or backpack. Please label all clothing and equipment with the child's name or initials. This will assist Wanake in keeping your child's property "found."

Dress your child for each day as follows:

- Comfortable outdoor clothing that can get dirty.
- Clothing in layers, as it may be chilly in the morning and heat up during the day. (For example, shorts under sweatpants, a t-shirt under a jacket, etc.)
- Shoes or comfortable boots that cover the entire foot with socks.

Dress Code: We ask that all clothing be modest and free of mottos, sayings, or advertisements that conflict with a spirit of Christian community. (offensive language, drug promotion, sexual innuendo, etc.) All clothing should cover one's underclothing completely and be of a proper fit for active wear. Swim trunks are required for males and one piece swimsuits (tankinis are fine) for females. Your cooperation will aid in a successful week.

Remember: camp is a place for exploring and playing hard. Campers should be able to get wet and dirty without undue concern for clothing. Old clothes are the best option.

Send a small backpack each day with the following items:

- Water bottle
- Jacket
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Hat or visor
- Sun screen
- Insect repellant*
- Rain gear
- Bible*
- Extra socks
- Wanake Nametag

On Sunday remember to bring:

- Health Form — if you didn't fill these out online.
- Any Medications that will be taken on site during day camp
- Alumni campers: Wear Your Wanake Nametag with Pin(s)

Wanake and the Wanake staff are not responsible for the loss or destruction of campers' personal property/vehicles/sports equipment/ animals. Please do not send valuable items with campers to camp

Your child may wish to bring:
 Sunglasses Camera/Film
 Items for the mission project* or craft cabin*

Please do not send:
 Electronic Devices, Cell phone/Valuables, Money, Food/Candy/Snacks, Weapons/Fireworks, Expensive clothing/Bikini, Vehicles/Animals, Tobacco/Drugs/Alcohol products, Other items which detract from your full participation in camp

Check-In Days and Times

- Check-in is on Sunday at 3:00 PM and will take anywhere from half an hour to an hour. The Day Camp program begins with welcome activities and supper for your camper. Be ready to pick up your camper at 6:30pm.
- At check-in, you sign your camper(s) in and participate in health screening and lice check.
- All medications will be checked in.
- The camp store will be open during check-in
- If you register online or filled out your forms online, you have paperless check in. If not, remember to bring health and permission forms and medications with you.

Daily Sign-In and Sign-Out

- Each child is signed in and out each day. For the safety of the children, those transporting children to and/or from day camp are asked to come in person to the sign-in, sign-out location each day.
- Campers are signed in each day (Monday-Friday) at 9:30 AM and signed out each day (Monday-Thursday) at 5:30 PM. Friday's procedures are outlined below.
- **Sunday activities** are from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- **Parents/Guardians or a parent-designated person must sign the camper out.** Campers will not be released to individuals other than the person(s) designated on the sign-in form without prior notice.

Campers are signed in each day (Monday-Friday) at 9:30 AM and signed out each day (Monday-Thursday) at 5:30 PM.
 Friday's procedures are outlined below.

If you will need to arrive earlier or later for check-in or check-out, please make special arrangements with the Wanake office at least 48-hours in advance or notify Wanake staff at check-in or check-out. Please call if your child will not be in attendance.

Parent Program and Friday Check-Out

- Day Camp has a closing program Friday from 4:30-5:15 PM.
- **Parents/Guardians or a parent-designated person must sign the camper out.**
- The **Camp Store** will be open during check-in and check-out.

A Note About Insect Repellent and Mosquitoes—All insect repellent is not created equal! Purchase insect repellent that has deet content and does not smell "fruity or flowery." We find that good smelling repellent attracts rather than repels! Bounce dryer sheets work well to keep mosquitoes away! Try drying clothing coming to camp in Bounce and placing dryer sheets in your camper's luggage. Repellents do not have like effects on each person, so Wanake has other options available for campers at no charge. Know that Wanake takes many steps, including working with Ivy Oaks Analytics to help control the mosquito & tick population and coordinating with community, county and state agencies, to alleviate mosquitoes but the best protection for your child is to use mosquito repellent.



Health Care At Wanake



- Health care is provided through the on-site health director and all staff have training in their health care responsibilities. The staff follow the Camp Doctor's standing orders for minor illness & injury, including first aid and over-the-counter medications.
- A parent/guardian will be contacted when the Health Director determines that a camper requires treatment outside the camp's Health Center. The camp will attempt to contact a parent/guardian prior to transporting campers but will not delay urgent care if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. A parent/guardian will receive notification if their camper receives any injuries or contracts any illnesses which may require further treatment/follow-up care after camp.
- All medications are kept locked in the Health Center or a medical lock box and are administered by camp staff. The Health Director monitors campers to make sure medications are taken as prescribed and that health care needs are met.

All medications (prescription & non-prescription) are collected by the Health Staff at check-in. All medication, whether prescription or over-the-counter (including vitamins), must be in the original container labeled with the camper's name or bubble packed by a pharmacy.

- If a camper exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease, they will be removed from the camp population and a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick them up as soon as they are able.
- Wanake reserves the right to change practices and procedures related to communicable diseases based on the latest guidance and recommendations from public health professionals, the American Camp Association, or the CDC.
- Even with Wanake's best efforts, someone may contract a communicable disease while at camp and spread it to someone else at camp. A camper could return home as an asymptomatic carrier of some of these illnesses.

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Medical, Behavioral, Dietary and Social/Emotional Needs at Wanake

Please notify Wanake now, if your camper has any of these needs. This will give Wanake staff and your family time to plan and prepare together for an excellent experience.

- **Medical Needs or Routines** beyond daily medications
- **Dietary Requirements** (food allergies, gluten-free diet, vegetarian/vegan, Lactose intolerance, etc.)
- **Social-Emotional Needs**
- **Behavioral Needs or a Behavioral Plan**
- **Other Needs** that may affect your camper's adjustment to camp

Wanake is able to accommodate special medical, behavioral, dietary, and social/emotional needs for which the camper is able to provide some self-care and self-regulation with a pre-arranged plan.

Wanake can provide a balanced diet for those with special diets and/or food allergies (gluten-free, vegetarian/vegan, lactose intolerance, etc.) with a pre-arranged plan.

If a camper is on medication or follows a behavioral plan during the school year, Wanake recommends that the camper continue the same medication or behavioral routine while at camp. Part of the fun of camp is adapting to a new environment and daily routine. Since campers experience so many changes it is generally not a good idea to alter normal medication or behavioral routines during a stay at camp. Wanake asks that campers on psychotropic medication who have had a change in medication or dosage within three months prior to their arrival at camp notify Wanake.

Get Acquainted, Permission, and Parent-Staff Information Forms

- If you registered online, you have already completed these forms. Thank you!
- If you registered by mail you can still go into the online system at least 2 weeks in advance of your camper's arrival at camp and fill out the get acquainted and parent-staff information forms.
- If you have received this by US mail, please take a few minutes to read and fill out the enclosed forms about your camper and send them to Wanake 3 weeks *prior* to your child's arrival at camp. If it is less than 3 weeks prior, bring it with you.
- If you are more comfortable sharing information by phone or in person, please contact Julie Lautt or Amy Ecklund at Wanake.

Visit Wanake and See Camper Living Spaces

The Resurrection Egg Hunt & Summer Camp Preview Day is Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2-6 PM.
This is a great time to visit.

You may also schedule a visit & tour any time. Contact the Wanake office by phone or e-mail to schedule.
Visit Wanake on the web for photos, camper living information, and more!



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Cancellation and Waitlist Policies

You can view the East Ohio Camp’s cancellation policy on our website: www.campwanake.org
Contact us with questions.

Consider Wanake for your next family reunion, group event, school trip, or church retreat.

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Parents: What To Do The Week Of Camp

- **Pray for your child's experience.**
- **Write letters.** Remember, it can take a few days for a letter to get to the site, so write letters early — even before your camper leaves home. **Wanake is happy to receive letters on check-in day to be delivered later in the week!**
- Send an **e-mail** to your child at camp. Wanake has a Camp App for sending emails. Look for details this spring and at check-in about how to email your camper. There is a nominal fee to send emails.
- See photos of your camper having fun at camp through your phone! Viewing photos is free of charge.
- **Please do NOT send packages**, especially food, candy, or snacks, as they disrupt camp and attract rodents & insects.
- Please **don't call** your child as contact with home tends to heighten adjustment problems. If there is an **emergency**, your message will be conveyed through the Director. Likewise, staff will contact a parent/guardian if there is an emergency or particular concern about the camper.
- **Visits** may be made ahead of camp to see the site and tour living locations. Visit Wanake this spring to see camper spaces during the Resurrection Egg Hunt on April 25 from 2-6 PM or call and schedule a tour of camp.
- Unfortunately, no one may visit camp or walk the grounds during the summer camp program week. Families may visit camp and hike after check-out on Fridays.

Homesickness — is part of the adjustment some children make in being away from home and family. **We are sensitive to homesick campers and “camper sick” parents, and work hard to support families through the adjustment. As camping and youth development professionals, we want your child to develop independence in a healthy, safe way. Working together we can make your camper’s experience a successful one.**

- **Encourage** your camper by sharing with them how much fun their week of camp will be. Tell them how proud you are of them for taking this step. Share with them that their counselor and camp director are here to help them have fun, make new friends, and grow in their faith. Encourage them to discuss their feelings with the camp staff, if they are feeling scared, homesick, or bad in any way. Tell them you are looking forward to seeing them on the last day of camp for pick up.
- Studies show, that campers who practice being away from home experience fewer or less dramatic symptoms. **Wanake has found that bringing a favorite stuffed animal is also helpful.**
- Let your camper know that we are unable to allow campers to call home. **Please don't tell a camper, “If you want to come home, call me and I'll come get you.”** This negative empowerment teaches children to run from problems.
- A Wanake staff member will call parents if homesickness becomes a concern.



Wanake Alumni Reconnect.

Are you a Wanake alum? Were you a camper, a volunteer, a summer staffer, or involved at Wanake in some other way? If so, YOU are an important member of Wanake's alumni! And Wanake wants to reconnect! Scan this QR code, choose the "contact" menu, and scroll down to the alumni reconnect form under the map.



Mission Projects 2026

- This summer, Wanake is raising funds for relief support through the United Methodist Committee on Relief for Jamaica and the Caribbean after the impact of Hurricane Melissa. Our campers have had and will have the unique opportunity to have counselors from Jamaica! Here is an opportunity to support them and their communities in this time of recovery. <https://umcmission.org/disaster-responses/hurricane-melissa>
- Donations may be made at a curbside drop box or the mission donation box at the camp store during check-in or check-out in the form of cash or check.
- In 2025 Wanake campers raised \$250 to assist Mercy Ships in providing treatment for children and teens. Globally, billions of people lack access to safe surgery. Since over 50% of the World's population lives near a coast, Mercy Ships are the best way to reach people in need with personalized, state-of-the-art medical care. Thank you!
- We will also be collecting school supplies for local school students. These donations may be brought to check-in or check-out or left at the camp store or office any time.
- Wanake can always use paint, embroidery floss, yarn, bailing twine, paper, tuna cans, and new/old/used candles.
- Families may also give monetary and in-kind gifts to Wanake online, by mail or on Amazon: <https://a.co/>

The Wanake Camp Store and Money

The Wanake Camp Store sells a variety of items and is open during check-in & check-out

Please note: The Camp Store will be open only when parents are present.

Campers will not need to have cash or bank money at check-in.

